

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019090305

Project Title: Pastoria Solar Gen-Tie Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2025-006-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project is limited to a 1.63-acre area which is within a larger 650-acre photovoltaic solar development located approximately 4.5 miles east of Interstate 5, and approximately one mile north of Edmonston Pumping Plant Road in the city of Lebec within Kern County.

Project Description: The Project includes work along a solar generation tie line that provides connection between the proposed Pastoria Solar Project and the existing Pastoria Energy Facility Lebec switchyard east of the Project site.

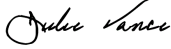
The Project is expected to result in incidental take of the fully protected and state endangered blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia sila*), which is protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and Fish and Game Code section 5050 (fully protected species). The Project is expected to cause permanent impacts to 0.14 acres and temporary impacts to 1.49 acres of blunt-nosed leopard lizard habitat. All anticipated impacts will occur within previously disturbed areas such as established dirt roads. The Permittee will purchase 1.91 acres in Covered Species credits at a CDFW-approved mitigation or conservation bank to fully mitigate these habitat impacts in a manner that meets the conservation standard required by Fish and Game Code section 2081.15.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 5/19/2025 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

5/19/2025
Date:

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____