

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020110008

Project Title: Sonrisa Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2025-003-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project site is located in an unincorporated area in western Fresno County, California, in the central San Joaquin Valley. The nearest communities to the Project site include the unincorporated community of Tranquillity, approximately 7 miles to the east; the City of Mendota, approximately 8 miles to the north; and the City of San Joaquin, approximately 9 miles to the east.

Project Description: The Project includes construction, operation, and maintenance of 2,000 acres of undeveloped land into a 200 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility with up to 184 megawatts alternating current of battery energy storage, and other associated electrical infrastructure.

The Project is expected to result in incidental take of the State candidate western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) which is protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The Project is expected to cause permanent impacts to 1,518 acres of occupied habitat for western burrowing owl. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

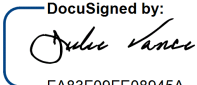
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as ☐ the lead agency / ☒ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 8/14/2025 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

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):

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- ☐ Payment is submitted with this notice.
- ☒ A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- ☒ 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.

Signature  Date: 8/14/2025

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____