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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021020513

Project Title: Aratina 1 Solar Project by 64NB 8ME LLC, 91MC 8ME LLC, and 103KB 8ME LLC (Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-25818-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at 19 different work areas in streams over a 1,376-acre solar development area and within a transmission line corridor that extends approximately 6.5 miles east of the solar development area, south of State Route 58 between Borax Road and the Kern – San Bernardino County Line, in Kern County, and within the existing northeastern utilities' corridor of Edwards Air Force Base, in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-25818-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicants, 64NB 8ME LLC, 91MC 8ME LLC, and 103KB 8ME LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar generation facility over 1,376 acres and over a generation-intertie (gen-tie) transmission line that will extend approximately 6.5 miles east of the solar generation facility. Activities included in the larger PV solar facility development that will intersect Project streams include the construction of security fences, access roads, PV arrays, operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings, substations, energy storage systems (ESS), and transmission line infrastructure. Changes to the Project associated with Amendment No. 1 are inclusion of two additional permittees; change of the Project representative, contact information, and Project title; modification of Project site locations and acreages of solar development and stream impacts; and revised avoidance and minimization measures.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 8/15/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project 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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Julie Vance FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 8/15/2025

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____