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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022110558

Project Title: Pelicans Jaw Hybrid Solar Project (Amendment No. 2 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-48486-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur at nine discreet Work Areas within an approximately 3,371-acre hybrid solar development located in northwest Kern County, directly north of Twisselman Road and approximately 0.65 mile east of U.S. Interstate 5.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-48486-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant Pelicans Jaw Solar, LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the reinforcement and widening of eight existing access roads and the removal of one abandoned irrigation pipe within the greater solar development footprint. Changes to the Project associated with Amendment No. 2 include adding one additional Work Area (Project Work Area 9) to the Agreement to include the removal of one irrigation pipe. In addition, the Avoidance and Minimization measures, as well as Reporting measures have been revised to reflect the issuance of Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-055-04).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 11/3/2025 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:* 11/3/2025

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____