

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

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**SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***  
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2023050214

**Project Title:** Enterprise Solar Storage Project Amendment No. 3 to the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) No. 1927-ITP-2024-037-04.

**Project Location:** The Project is located in an unincorporated area in southeastern Kern County, California, at the western edge of the Antelope Valley and south of the community of Mojave. The Project consists of five non-contiguous sites that are located south of the unincorporated community of Mojave, approximately 2 miles southwest of California City, 8 miles north of the unincorporated community of Rosamond, approximately 8 miles northwest of Edwards Air Force Base, and 16 miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi.

**Project Description:** The Project includes the construction and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate 600 megawatts (MW) of renewable electric energy with up to 4,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of energy storage capacity (approximately 1,000 MW), on approximately 2,320 acres of privately owned land.

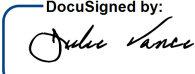
The Project will result in incidental take of 8,547 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which are protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree that may occur as a result of Project implementation. Amendment No. 3 increases the total number of WJT permitted to be impacted to 8,547, as determined by CDFW; which includes a total of 2,081 additional WJT associated with: adjustments to the Project boundary to permit the unauthorized removal of WJT associated with the Darkstar Substation Project activities, and to obtain take coverage for new WJT individuals documented during updated 2025 census surveys.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on the date signed below 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).

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- 2.  An environmental impact report /  A mitigated 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 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.
- 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 FA83F09FF08945A

6/25/2025  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*