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CEQA Submit

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*SUBJECT:* ***Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***
State Clearinghouse Number: 2024090676

**Project Title:** Yucca Valley Community Center Athletic Facility (project) (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-080-06 (ITP))

**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The project is located at 57090 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California, 92284 within the Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** This proposed project consists of the development of 4.46 acres for the construction of 16 pickleball courts; demolition and replacement of existing basketball courts and a skatepark; construction of an approximate 400 square foot restroom building and; construction of associated seating areas and shade structures.

The project will result in incidental take of 101 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is 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.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [☐ the lead agency / ☒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).
2. [☐ An environmental impact report / ☒A mitigated negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.

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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). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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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Heidi Calvert
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*Signature* *Date:* 8/13/2025

Heidi Calvert, *Regional Manager*