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SUBJECT: ***Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***
State Clearinghouse Number: 2025041056

Project Title: Lynx Cat Mountain Quarry Expansion Project (Project) (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2025-007-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Project is located 5 miles northwest of the community of Hinkley, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. The Project occurs on Assessor's Parcel Number 0496-011-76 and 0496-011-75 and is centered at approximately latitude 34.985864 and longitude -117.248436.

Project Description: This proposed Project involves the expansion of the Lynx Cat Mountain Quarry. Currently the Lynx Cat Mountain Quarry operates at a capacity of 48.5 acres, this Project would increase the quarry operation by 193.5 acres. The Project will include construction of perimeter fencing; placement of 3'-4' earthen berm directly within the fence; grubbing, grading and clearing of the fenced area, use of heavy machinery for mining operations, mining for granite, stockpiling of mined material, and construction of supporting facilities for quarry activities.

The Project will result in impacts to 193.5 acres of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassazii*) and Mohave ground squirrel (*Xerospermophilus mohavensis*) habitat; the Project will permanently remove 193.5 acres of desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel, which are designated as an endangered and threatened species, respectively, under the California Endangered Species Act. 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 September 22, 2025 and made the following determinations regarding the above described Project:

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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.
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.

Signature DocuSigned by: Heidi Calvert CAEE4779B63E4A3... *Date:* 9/22/2025

Heidi Calvert, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____