

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

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2025060809

Project Title: Desert Valley Hospital Emergency Department and Medical Surgery Building Addition Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-040-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Desert Valley Hospital Emergency Department and Medical Surgery Building Addition Project Name (Project) is located at 16850 Bear Valley Rd, Victorville, CA 92395, within San Bernardino County. The Project is north of Bear Valley Road, west of 1st Avenue, and east of the existing Desert Valley Hospital at latitude 34.471698°N and longitude -117.296158°W.

Project Description: The Project involves constructing an 83,369-square-foot, two-story addition to the Desert Valley Hospital (hospital). The first floor will connect to the hospital via a widened corridor, and the second floor will connect via a new bridge. The existing ground-level helipad will be removed and replaced with a rooftop helipad on the new structure. A service yard on the northeastern portion of the Project site will include a pump house, cooling tower, chiller room, and electrical rooms. Adjacent to the service yard, a bulk oxygen storage yard will be built, along with two underground emergency water storage tanks. Project activities include grading of the entire Project location, building construction, trench digging, pile driving, road and parking lot construction, and landscaping.

The Project will result in incidental take of 3 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.

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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.
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: 11/19/2025

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager