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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2025070054

Project Title: Hesperia Transfer Hub (Project) (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-056-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Project is located north of Smoke Tree Street in the City of Hesperia, County of San Bernardino, State of California. The Project is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 0410-121-05 and is approximately situated at latitude 34.42338901 and longitude -117.28703887.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 1927-ITP-2025-056-06), pursuant to 1927.3 of the Fish and Game Code to Victor Valley Transit Authority.

The Project consists of the construction of a transfer hub. The transfer hub will include: 10 bus bays with canopies; a 1,777-square foot (sf) building that includes

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a ticket office, a security office, and restrooms; a parking lot with 15 parking spaces for guests; a parking lot with 82 parking spaces for employees; passenger benches; 48,323-sf of driveway; and 30,832-sf of landscaping.

The Project will result in incidental take of 31 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 a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on January 29, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described Project:

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. A mitigated negative declaration was prepared by the lead agency for the original Project.
3. Additional 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 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: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

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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Signature: _____ Date: 1/29/2026
Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager