

Notice of Determination

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From:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2025071278

Project Title: OMYA Lucerne Valley Solar Ground Mount Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-052-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The proposed Project would be located in the unincorporated community of Lucerne Valley in San Bernardino County. The OMYA mine and SCE interconnection point is located at 7225 Crystal Creek Road, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356, at the intersection of Crystal Creek Road and Furnace Creek Road, Lucerne Valley; Assessor Parcel Numbers: 0446-033-39, -08, -09, -17, -18, -19.

Project Description: This proposed project involves the development of a 5 megawatt alternating current (MW AC) ground-mounted solar system on approximately 29 acres of vacant land and 0.6-mile of a new interconnection line for the purpose of power generation for onsite consumption by the OMYA mining plant, located at 7225 Crystal Creek Road in the unincorporated community of Lucerne Valley.

The Project will result in incidental take of 621 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).
- 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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Signature _____ Date: 5/15/2026 _____
Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager