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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2025090734

**Project Title:** East Ames-Reche Recharge Facility Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-057-06(ITP))

**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The East Ames-Reche Recharge Facility Project (Project) is located within the unincorporated community of Landers, San Bernardino County at Assessor's Parcel Numbers 629-211-13 and 629-211-14.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 1927-ITP-2025-057-06), pursuant to 1927.3 of the Fish and Game

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Code to Mojave Water Agency.

The Project consists of the development of 10.2 acres of undisturbed land for the construction of two 2.5-acre ground water recharge basins, a monitoring well, maintenance access roads, and water main piping.

The Project will result in incidental take of 49 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 March 19, 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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