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Lead Agency (if different than CDFW)  
Same as above

## 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:** 2018031027

**Project Title:** Crimson Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-015-06-A6 Amendment No. 6 (ITP))

**Project Location:** County of Riverside, west of the City of Blythe, south of Interstate 10

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an amended ITP (No. 2081-2021-015-06-A6), pursuant to Section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoran West Solar Holdings, LLC, Sonoran West Solar Holdings 2, LLC, RE Cobalt LLC, and RE Carmine LLC.

This proposed project involves a major amendment to the ITP to include an additional generation tie line.

This amendment increases the take authorization by 37 acres resulting in overall Project impacts to 2,021.0 acres of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of desert tortoise, which is designated as an endangered species under the CESA, and western burrowing owl, which is designated as a candidate species under the CESA. The ITP

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referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation. CDFW approved the amendment relying on an addendum to the prior Environmental Impact Report.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Lead Agency, approved the project described above on April 14, 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. An environmental impact report **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 Consideration **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** 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:

The environmental impact report and addendum prepared by CDFW for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for CDFW. 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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for Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager