

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018051021

Project Title: Athos I Solar Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0208-R6) Amendment No. 1

Project Location: The Project is located on approximately 3,224 acres, across 7 groups of non-contiguous parcels in Riverside County, north of I-10 and approximately 4 miles east and northeast of the town of Desert Center, California.

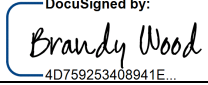
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2019-0208-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Athos Storage, LLC.

This proposed project amendment involves the construction, operation, and maintenance of a battery energy storage system that will impact 0.114 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 that was mitigated for in the original Agreement. Additionally, the term was extended, and an update was made to the Permittee during the extended term.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 13, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were not** 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** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ **Date:** 5/13/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____