Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013101071

Project Title: Wright Solar Park Project (Extension of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0149-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located at an unnamed ephemeral stream, approximately 2.7 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Santa Nella and approximately 6 miles southwest of the City of Los Banos in the County of Merced, California; Latitude 37° 1'37.93"N, Longitude 120°57'48.56"W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an extension to the term of Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0149-R4, issued to Wright Solar Park, LLC.

The Project is part of a larger solar development. The Project authorized under this Agreement is limited to a single access road crossing over one (1) unnamed ephemeral stream, including the installation of four (4) new corrugated metal pipe culverts and improvements to an existing native soil farm road to create an aggregate base access road for a length of 251 feet. The extension extends the Agreement expiration to October 31, 2025, and modifies the Agreement to specify work to be completed during one work season over up to 20 days.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 4/26/2021 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 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 environmental impact report 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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