

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019059120

Project Title: High Desert Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-023-06 Amendment No 1 (ITP))

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located in the City of Victorville, in Township 6 North, Range 5 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian. The project site would be located mostly east of Helendale Road and west of Floreate Road/Mojave River directly north and east of the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) and to the west of the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA).

Project Description: The High Desert Solar Project will be a 108-megawatt solar photovoltaic power facility. This Amendment changes the Permittee name from High Desert Solar Incorporated, LLC to HDSI, LLC. This change to the ITP will not: (1) increase the level of take or other Project impacts on Covered Species previously analyzed and authorized by the ITP, (2) affect Permittee's substantive mitigation obligations under the ITP, (3) require further environmental review under CEQA, or (4) increase temporal impacts on the Covered Species.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [☐ the lead agency / ☒ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 11/18/19 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.
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). 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 (check one):
 - ☐ Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - ☒ A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

☒ **Responsible Agency statement:** The 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.

Signature



Leslie MacNair, Regional Manager

Date: 11/18/19

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