Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department 2700 M Street, Suite 100 Bakersfield, California 93301 Contact: Janice Mayes

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019060259

Project Title: Sanborn 2.0 Solar Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-30500-R4)

Project Location: The Project includes activities in multiple unnamed ephemeral streams within 68 Work Areas located over an approximately 1,215-acre solar development area, in Kern County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-30500-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicants: Sanborn Solar, LLC; EdSan 1C Solar Storage, LLC; EdSan 2A Solar Storage, LLC; and EdSan 2B Solar Storage, LLC.

The Project includes the construction of 220-megawatt (MW) utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar generation facility and energy storage system capable of storing up to 4-gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy, which includes: installation of PV solar energy equipment, low-water crossings and road crossings, underground medium voltage (MV) cable, and security fencing, and the restoration of disturbed Work Areas.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on $\frac{1/5/2024}{}$ 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).
- 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.
- 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.

Signature:	Date:	1/5/2024
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager		
Date Received for filing at OPR:		