Notice of Determination

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research *For U.S. Mail:* P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Region 4 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710 Contact: Sarah Paulson Phone: (559) 2417-7060

Lead Agency City of California City 21000 Hacienda Boulevard California City, California 93505 Contact: Shawn Monk Phone: (760) 3737141

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020050074

Project Title: Shepard Place Cannabis Facility (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-039-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project site is located on private land within the City of California City in Kern County, NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 32S, Range 37E, of United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Quadrangle Map Mojave NE. The Project is specifically located on the southeast side of the California City Municipal Airport on Assessor's Parcel Number 216-162-01 at approximately latitude 35.148569, longitude -118.013630.

Project Description: The Project includes the development of 0.4 acres of previously undeveloped land into a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility.

The Project will result in impacts to 0.4 acres of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and Mohave ground squirrel (*Spermophilus mohavensis*) habitat; the Project will permanently remove 0.4 acres of desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel, which are designated as threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [\Box the lead agency / \boxtimes a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on _______ and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project i will / i 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 negative declaration was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
- 3. Additional mitigation measures [X were / Were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X was / W 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.

 \boxtimes 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.

Date: 4/29/2021

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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____