Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _2021030614	
Project Title: Mesa Wind Repower Project	
Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife	
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Project Location: 11 miles northwest of the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County	
City	County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project as approved by CDFW with adoption of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) includes construction, operation and maintenance, and future decommissioning of eight new wind turbine generators. In addition, a new free-standing permanent meteorological tower, electrical collection system upgrades, and permanent access roads will be constructed and remain for the life of the project. The new facilities will be decommissioned at the end of their estimated 30-year useful life (2053). The total overall potential ground disturbance is 98.0 acres. The 98.0 acres include 18.2 acres of permanent and 79.8 acres of temporary disturbance. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in mid-2021 and be completed in approximately 16 months.

CDFW's approval of the project under the Fish and Game Code includes the issuance to Mesa Corp of an incidental take permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act and the execution of a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA). ITP 2081-2019-048-06 authorizes incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) subject to various conditions of approval. LSAA EPIMS-RIV-16205-R6 authorizes impacts to 24 drainages during construction.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources could be potentially affected by the project; however, all potential impacts would be less than significant through implementation of the following mitigation measures (MM):

MM BIO-1: Habitat Compensation

MM BIO-2: Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy Standards

MM BIO-3: Restoration and Revegetation Standards

MM BIO-4: CVMSHCP Consistency

The full text for the mitigation measures is included in Section 3.4 of the Final Initial Study/MND.

In addition, the applicant is required to implement all applicant proposed measures listed in Section 2.8 of the Final IS/MND, including Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.
No known areas of controversy.
Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Aviation Administration California Department of Transportation
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Riverside, Certified Unified Program Agency (delegated from Cal EPA)
Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District South Coast Air Quality Management District
State Water Resources Control Board