

# Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018031027

Project Title: Crimson Solar Project

Project Applicant: Recurrent Energy

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside, west of the City of Blythe

**Project Description:** The project as approved by CDFW with the certification of the Final EIR (including Bureau of Land Management's Record of Decision (May 6, 2021), Final EIS, and Plan Amendment which are incorporated by reference) consists of a utility-scale solar photovoltaic and energy storage project that is located on up to, but not to exceed, 2,049 acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the California Desert Conservation Area planning area. The project will interconnect to the regional electrical grid at the Southern California Edison 230-kilovolt Colorado River Substation. The approved project is a 350-megawatt ("MW") photovoltaic ("PV") solar energy facility, up to 350 MW (1,400 megawatt-hours [MWh]) of integrated energy storage capacity, and related facilities. The project is located in the eastern portion of the Chuckwalla Valley near the City of Blythe in unincorporated Riverside County, California, north of Mule Mountain, and south of Interstate 10.

CDFW's approval of the project under the Fish and Game Code includes the issuance to Recurrent Energy of an incidental take permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act and the execution of a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA). ITP 2081-2021-015-06 authorizes incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) subject to various conditions of approval. LSAA EPIMS-RIV-17451-R6 conditions implementation of certain project activities on reasonable measures necessary to protect fish and wildlife.

This is to advise that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the above described project on June 11, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

(date)  Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/documents/ContextDocs.aspx?cat=R6-Habcon>

Signature (Public Agency): Leslie MacNair Title: Regional Manager, Inland Deserts Region

Date: 6/11/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_