

Notice of Determination**Appendix D**

To: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research <i>U.S. Mail:</i> P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 <input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: _____ Address: _____ _____	From: Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife _____ Address: 3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220 Ontario, California 91764 _____ Contact: Magdalena Rodriguez Phone: 909-844-2520 _____ Lead Agency (if different from above): _____ Address: _____ _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____
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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): 2021030614

Project Title: Mesa Wind Repower Project

Project Applicant: Mesa Wind Power Corporation (Mesa Corp)

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside

Project Description: 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.

This is to advise that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the above described project on May 19, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.
 Lead Agency or Responsible Agency
(date)

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.dfa.ca.gov/documents/ContextDocs.aspx?cat=R6-Habcon>

Signature (Public Agency): Leslie MacNair Title: Regional Manager, Inland Deserts Region
Date: 5/20/2021 DocuSigned by: AFEAC2ED7258498... for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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