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April 1, 2019

Benjamin Torres
City of Desert Hot Springs
65950 Pierson Boulevard
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

RE: Joint Project Review 18-006

Dear Mr. Torres:

The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) has completed Joint Project Review (JPR) 18-006 for the Desert Hot Springs Wind Project to decommission and remove approximately 69 existing, antiquated turbines from the Project site and install 1 new temporary and 1 permanent meteorological, turbines in the Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The Draft JPR was distributed to the City of Desert Hot Springs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the applicant on December 21, 2018.

The project is consistent with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan as proposed if conditioned for the required Avoidance and Minimization Measures and applicable Land Use Adjacency Guidelines.

This project may perform restoration on New Disturbance as defined in this JPR according to the procedure in Exhibit A. Desert Hot Springs should contact CVCC at the issuance of the grading permit to begin the restoration process. CVCC requests that existing turbine foundations not be removed and if they are, the disturbance of this operation would be subject to a Joint Project Review.

A copy of the Final JPR is enclosed. If you have questions on this JPR, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Sullivan at jsullivan@cvag.org or 760-346-1127.

Sincerely,

Katie Barrows
Director of Environmental Resources

Cc: Heather Pert, CDFW
Ken Corey, USFWS

Enclosure