

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: Joshua Tree Solar Farm

Project No.: P201400482/CUP

Project Location: The 115-acre Joshua Tree Solar Farm project site is located at 5500 Sunfair Road, in Joshua Tree within Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, as mapped on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute series Joshua Tree North, California, and Sunfair, California quadrangles.

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 0607-231-19, & 0607-364-06

Project Description: Conditional Use Permit to establish a 20 megawatt photovoltaic solar energy generating facility on approximately 115 acres at the former Hi Desert (Roy Williams) Airport.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation online at: http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx and the following offices:

High Desert Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131 Hesperia, CA 92345 San Bernardino Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

The comment period on the IS/MND begins on **January 11**, **2016** and closes on **February 10**, **2016** at **4:30 PM**. Please submit comments to john.oquendo@lus.sbcounty.gov, or to:

John Oquendo, Senior Planner County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department, Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131 Hesperia, CA 92345

Public Hearing: The County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the project on a **Date to Be Determined**.