

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: Lockhart Solar PV II

Project No.: PROJ-2021-00029

Project Location: Approximately seven (7) miles N. of Hwy 58 at Harper Lake Rd. and Hoffman Rd.

Hinkley, CA.

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 0490-101-54, 0490-101-56, 0490-223-33

Project Description: A Zoning Amendment to change the current zoning designation to Resource Conservation (RC) from Rural Living (RL), as well as four (4) Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) to develop the Lockhart Solar PV II Project (Project), a utility scale, solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility that would produce up to 150 megawatts (MW) of solar power and include up to 4 gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy storage capacity rate in a battery energy storage system (BESS) within an approximately 755-acre Project Site. The Project is located within the County of San Bernardino (County) and is largely sited on land previously approved by the California Energy Commission (CEC) for development of Solar Energy Generating System (SEGS) X, a solar thermal power facility which was never fully constructed. The Project is bordered on the south by the approved Lockhart Solar I Facility and the existing SEGS VIII and IX Solar Thermal Plants. The Project would share existing operations and maintenance (O&M) facilities with the Lockhart Solar I Facility (i.e., O&M building, warehouse and employee building), water and septic systems, switchyard and electrical transmission infrastructure, and a new collector substation (approved and to be constructed) within the approximately 110-acre "Shared Facilities Area" to connect the Project to the existing transmission line which runs to the Southern California Edison (SCE)-owned Kramer Junction substation.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Draft EIR/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 County Library

Barstow Branch 304 E. Buena Vista, CA. 92311

San Bernardino Government Center

Land Use Services – Planning Division 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

The comment period on the Draft EIR begins on November 16, 2021 and closes on December 31, 2021 at 4:30 PM. Please submit comments to anthony.deluca@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

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