

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Lear Avenue Solar Project

Lead Agency: San Bernardino County

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Project Location: Southeast corner of the intersection of Mesa Drive and Lear Avenue San Bernardino
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct up to 9.9 MWac capacity single-axis tracker ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) community solar and battery energy storage system (BESS). The Project would consist of the following components: solar modules, BESS, underground electrical conductors, Balance of System Equipment, access roads, and fencing. The Project would be interconnected to an existing electrical distribution system owned by Southern California Edison (SCE) located along the western Project Site boundary. Project construction is anticipated to be completed over a period of approximately nine months, beginning as early as January 2025 and ending as early as October 2025. Project construction activities generally fall into six main categories: (1) demolition, (2) site preparation (vegetation clearing), (3) grading, (4) paving, (5) system installation, and (6) testing, commissioning, and cleanup. The Project would operate year-round. The Project would be unmanned, and no employees would report to the Project Site daily. At the end of the Project's operational term, the Applicant may determine that the Project should be decommissioned and deconstructed. The Applicant will work with the County to ensure decommissioning complies with all applicable local, State, and federal requirements and best management practices (BMPs).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant adverse impacts resulting from the Project include air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures, based on technical studies and analyses prepared, have been incorporated into the environmental documentation and would reduce all impacts to less than significant.

Mitigation Measure (MM) AQ-1, implementation of a Valley Fever Management Plan, would ensure that the Project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

Regarding biological resources, the Project would require implementation of MM BIO-1, which requires retaining a Lead or Qualified Biologist; MM BIO-2, which requires construction personnel and employees to attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program; MM BIO-3, which addresses best management practices related to special-status species; MM BIO-4 through MM BIO-10, which address potential impacts to special-status animal species; and MM BIO-11, which addresses potential impacts to wetlands. With implementation of MM BIO-1 through MM BIO-11, the Project would not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.

Implementation of MM CUL-1 and MM CUL-2 would ensure that the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5.

Implementation of MM GEO-1 would ensure that the Project would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

Implementation of MM TCR-1 and TCR-2 would ensure that the Project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No areas of controversy have been identified.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resource Board
Caltrans, District #8
Energy Commission
Fish and Game, Region #6
Native American Heritage Commission
Public Utilities Commission
Regional WQCB #7
SWRCB: Water Quality
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Department of Water Resources
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District