



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

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an IS/MND that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: Lear Avenue Solar Project

Project No.: PROJ-2023-00170

Project Location: Generally located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Mesa Drive and Lear Avenue in southern San Bernardino County

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 0612-131-01 (one parcel)

Project Description: RPCA Solar 115, LLC, the Applicant, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct up to 9.9 megawatts of alternating current (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).

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: <https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/> 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 92415-0187



The comment period on the IS/MND begins on **November 4, 2024**, and closes on **December 3, 2024**.

Please submit comments to **David.Mack@WeAreHarris.com** or **Delanie.Garlick@WeAreHarris.com** or to:

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