

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
March 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** FAST TRACK CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 3602 (FTA-2008-08) – Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration - Applicant: First Solar Electric, LLC – Engineer/Representative: URS Corporation – Fourth Supervisorial District – Chuckawalla Zoning Area – Palo Verde Valley Area Plan: Agriculture: Agriculture (10 Acre Min.) – Location: Southerly of Avenue 15, Northerly of Avenue 16, Westerly of Mesa Drive, Easterly of Ford Road - 200 Gross Acres - Zoning: Controlled Development Areas (W-2-10) (10 Acre Min.) - **REQUEST:** The conditional use permit proposes to construct and operate a 21 megawatt electric generation facility consisting of a photovoltaic array facility with solar panels up to 4.5 feet in height on a 130 acre portion of a 200 acre site, with accessory operations building, switching station, storm water protection facility, and off-site extension of utilities and access roads.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**ADOPTION** of a **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** for **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 42019**, based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and,

**APPROVAL** of **FAST TRACK CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 3602**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.

**BACKGROUND:**

This fast track conditional use permit was filed in August 2008. Project issues such as visual impacts, road dedications, road improvements, drainage issues, biological impacts, development impact fees, and airport land use issues were resolved with the amended exhibits

Ron Goldman  
Planning Director

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