

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

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
August 4, 2011

**SUBJECT: FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909 (FTA-2011-03)** — Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC – Fourth Supervisorial District - Chuckawalla Zoning Area – Desert Center Area Plan - Location: Northerly of Interstate 10 and westerly of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road rights-of-way – 22 Gross Acres - **REQUEST:** The Applicant proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line (herein referred to as the "Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]") in connection with its 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm located approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will connect the electrical output of the Solar Farm to Southern California Edison's proposed Red Bluff Substation. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to exit the southwest portion of the solar farm site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and then run south across I-10 to the proposed substation. The majority of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). Two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under County jurisdiction.

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Departmental Concurrence

*Carolyn Symms Luna*

Carolyn Symms Luna  
Planning Director

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Dept't Recomm.:  Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Policy  
 Consent  
 Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit, and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: August 16, 2011

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

Prev. App. Ref. **ATTACHMENTS FILED** District: Fourth Agenda Number:  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

1. **CONSIDER** the environmental effects of the Project as shown in the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement," prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-220** Adopting CEQA Findings, Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and Statement of Overriding Considerations (Public Use Permit No. 909/Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project) as a Responsible Agency under CEQA.
3. **APPROVE FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.

**BACKGROUND:**

Applicant proposes to construct and operate a 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating project known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project. The majority of the Project, including the solar farm itself, will be located on federal land managed by the BLM. The solar farm is not within the County's jurisdiction.

The subject proposal for an electrical transmission line within portions of the Kaiser Road rights-of-way and other areas within the County's jurisdiction not within the rights-of-way was reviewed by appropriate County departments. Public Use Permit No. 909 deals only with the two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under Riverside County jurisdiction. Under RCO No. 499, encroachment permits will be required by the Transportation Department for all work for the electrical transmission line within the Kaiser Road rights-of-way. RCO No. 499 provides that an encroachment permit may be issued if the applicant holds a current County franchise. A franchise agreement, set forth in proposed Public Use Permit No. 909, has been negotiated between the Applicant and the County and is being considered by this Board on August 16, 2011.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Environmental impacts for the entire Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project, including the Solar Farm, Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1], and the proposed substation, were addressed by the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project as part of the BLM permitting process. Portions of the Desert Sunlight project, including the solar generation facility, portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] not on lands under the jurisdiction of the County, and the electrical interconnection substation (Red Bluff Substation) are under the review authority of the BLM, as the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County of Riverside is a Responsible Agency for the Desert Sunlight project under CEQA.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-220  
4 ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS, MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN, AND STATEMENT OF  
5 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS  
6 (Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment)

7 **WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2011, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County ("Board") held a  
8 public hearing to consider the issuance of a public use permit and franchise agreement for the portions of  
9 the 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line ("Gen-Tie Line"), which is a project component of the  
10 Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project ("DSSF Project"), that traverses lands under the jurisdiction of  
11 Riverside County; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, the DSSF Project includes three main components: 1) a 550-megawatt solar  
13 photovoltaic energy-generating facility on lands administered by the United States Department of Interior  
14 Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), 2) the Gen-Tie Line, and 3) a Southern California Edison  
15 ("SCE") owned and operated substation, Red Bluff Substation; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the DSSF Project constitutes a "project" under the California Environmental Quality  
17 Act ("CEQA") Guidelines section 15378; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, on August 8, 2011, the BLM, acting as the lead agency under the National  
19 Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), adopted a Record of Decision for the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm  
20 Project/California Desert Conservation Area ("CDCA") Plan Amendment and Final Environmental  
21 Impact Statement ("FEIS")" to approve the Proposed Plan Amendment to the CDCA, and to issue a solar  
22 energy right-of-way lease/grant to Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC, ("Applicant")<sup>1</sup> subject to the terms,  
23 conditions, stipulations, Plan of Development, and environmental protection measures developed by the  
24 BLM and reflected in the Record of Decision; and,

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26 <sup>1</sup> Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC has requested that the public use permit, franchise agreement and encroachment permit be  
27 issued to Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC, hereinafter jointly referred to as "Applicant" and hereinafter  
28 jointly and severally responsible for all provisions, rights, obligations, and duties hereof.

BY: JEFFREY NORTH  
DATE: 8/16/11







- 1 ■ Lands and Realty
- 2 ■ Public Health and Safety/Hazardous Materials
- 3 ■ Recreation
- 4 ■ Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- 5 ■ Transportation, Traffic and Public Access
- 6 ■ Growth Inducing Impacts

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the even though the following potential  
8 impacts associated with the Project are considered less than significant, any potential impacts to these  
9 resources will be avoided or further reduced by adoption of the identified mitigation measures:

10 A. Air Resources

11 1. Potential Impacts: The Project does not conflict with any air quality  
12 management programs and it will comply with all applicable South Coast  
13 Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD") regulations. The Project  
14 would generate various quantities of criteria pollutants during construction,  
15 operation, and decommissioning operations, including diesel particulate  
16 emissions, but would not exceed SCAQMD significance thresholds and  
17 Project impacts related to air quality would remain less than significant. In  
18 addition, implementation of the mitigation measure would further reduce air  
19 quality impacts related to the Project. The Board finds that the Mitigation  
20 Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of approval of the  
21 PUP, will maintain the Project's impacts at a less than significant level.

22 2. Mitigation:

23 Mitigation Measure MM-AIR-1 in Section 4.2, Air Resources, of the FEIS,  
24 as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by  
25 reference.

26 B. Paleontological Resources



1 Measures listed below, which are required as conditions of approval of the  
2 PUP, will reduce the Project's significant impacts to a less than significant  
3 level.

4 2. Mitigation:

5 Mitigation Measures MM-BIO-1, MM-BIO-2, MM-BIO-4 in Section 4.3,  
6 Vegetation, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
7 hereby incorporated by reference.

8 Applicant Measures AM-BIO-1 through AM-BIO-5 in Section 4.3,  
9 Vegetation, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
10 hereby incorporated by reference.

11 B. Wildlife

- 12 1. Potential Impacts: The Project will cause direct impacts on wildlife habitat  
13 through habitat loss and through dust, lighting, and noise associated with  
14 construction activities. The Project will result in potential harm to special  
15 status wildlife species, including the desert tortoise; chuckwalla and rosy  
16 boa; golden eagles; bird nests, eggs, and young; roosting bats; and fossorial  
17 mammals such as the Palm Springs round-tailed squirrel, Colorado Valley  
18 woodrat, and American badger. These impacts will be significant, but will  
19 be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of the  
20 Applicant Measures and Mitigation Measures listed below. While impacts  
21 of the Project to wildlife movement and nursery sites are less than  
22 significant, implementation of Mitigation Measures MM-WIL-2 through  
23 MM-WIL-5, as discussed below, would maintain the Project's impacts at a  
24 less than significant level. The Board finds that the Applicant Measures and  
25 Mitigation Measures listed below, which are required as conditions of  
26 approval of the PUP, will maintain the Project's impact at a less than  
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2. Mitigation:

Mitigation Measures MM-BIO-1 through MM-BIO-4 and MM-WIL-1 through MM-WIL-8 in Sections 4.3, Vegetation, and 4.4, Wildlife, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Applicant Measures AM-BIO-1, AM-BIO-2, AM-BIO-4, AM-WIL-1, MM-WIL-7, AM-WIL-2, AM-WIL-3, and AM-WIL-4 in Sections 4.3, Vegetation, and 4.4, Wildlife, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

C. Geology and Soil Resources

1. Potential Impacts: The Project is located in a region prone to seismic events, potentially causing significant adverse impacts to people and property; including loss of property or injury or death involving rupture of known earthquake faults, strong seismic ground shaking, and seismic-related ground failure. In addition, soils in the Project area are susceptible to subsidence, wind erosion, and water erosion once the soil crusts are disturbed by Project construction and operation activities. The Board finds that the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as conditions of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to a less than significant level.

2. Mitigation:

Applicant Measures AM-GEO-1 and AM-GEO-2 in Section 4.8, Geology and Soil Resources, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

D. Noise

1. Potential Impacts: Construction activities and construction-related traffic related to the Project would generate noise levels that are within

1 Riverside County's conditionally acceptable range for land uses within  
2 proximity of the Project. In addition, Mitigation Measure MM-NOI-1,  
3 which is consistent with Riverside County's noise ordinance, limits  
4 construction activities to daytime hours. The Board finds that the Mitigation  
5 Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of approval of the  
6 PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to less than significant levels.

7 2. Mitigation:

8 Mitigation Measures MM-NOI-1 in Sections 4.10, Noise and Vibration, of  
9 the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated  
10 by reference.

11 E. Water Resources

12 1. Potential Impacts: The Project has the potential to affect water quality  
13 during construction activities due to erosion and sedimentation, which can  
14 result in significant impacts. Because the Project does not require a National  
15 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Mitigation  
16 Measure MM-WR-5 requires a comprehensive construction-period water  
17 quality control plan. The Board finds that the Mitigation Measure listed  
18 below, which is required as a condition of approval of the PUP, will reduce  
19 the Project's impacts to less than significant levels.

20 2. Mitigation:

21 Mitigation Measures MM-WR-5 in Section 4.17, Water Resources, of the  
22 FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by  
23 reference.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the following impacts associated with the  
25 Project may not be fully or partially mitigated to less than significance despite the inclusion of all feasible  
26 mitigation measures and, because they are significant and unmitigable impacts, Project approval requires  
27 that this Board adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations:







1 woodland; special status plant species, including desert unicorn plant and  
2 cacti; sensitive natural communities, including desert dry wash woodland;  
3 and jurisdictional resources. The Board finds that the Applicant Measures  
4 and Mitigation Measures listed above for Project-specific impacts to  
5 Vegetation, which are required as conditions of approval of the PUP, will  
6 reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such that it is not cumulatively  
7 considerable.

8 B. Wildlife

- 9 1. Potential Impacts: Construction and operation of the Project will contribute  
10 to cumulative impacts associated with the direct loss of wildlife habitat,  
11 including habitat fragmentation, and harming or harassment of special  
12 status species. The Board finds that the Applicant Measure and Mitigation  
13 Measure listed above for Project-specific impacts to Wildlife, which are  
14 required as conditions of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's  
15 cumulative contribution such that it is not cumulatively considerable.

16 C. Paleontological Resources

- 17 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to contribute  
18 to cumulative impacts on paleontological resources. The Board finds that  
19 the Applicant Measure listed above for Project-specific impacts to  
20 Paleontological Resources, which is required as a condition of approval of  
21 the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such that it is not  
22 cumulatively considerable.

23 D. Lands and Realty

- 24 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to  
25 contribution to cumulative impacts related to land use. The Board finds that  
26 the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as a condition of  
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1 approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such  
2 that it is not cumulatively considerable.

3 2. Mitigation:

4 Applicant Measures AM-LAND-1 and AM-LAND-2 in Section 4.9, Lands  
5 and Realty, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
6 hereby incorporated by reference.

7 E. Transportation, Traffic and Public Access

8 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to contribute  
9 to cumulative impacts related to transportation and traffic. The Board finds  
10 that the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as a condition  
11 of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution  
12 such that it is not cumulatively considerable.

13 2. Mitigation:

14 Applicant Measures AM-TRANS-1 through AM-TRANS-4 in Section 4.15,  
15 Transportation, Traffic and Public Access, of the FEIS, as described in  
16 Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the following cumulative impacts associated  
18 with the Project may not be fully or partially mitigated such that they are cumulatively considerable  
19 despite the inclusion of all feasible mitigation measures and, because they are significant and unmitigable  
20 impacts, Project approval requires a Statement of Overriding Considerations:

21 A. Air Resources

22 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to cause a  
23 contribution to cumulative short-term air quality impacts. The Board finds  
24 that the Mitigation Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of  
25 approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to the extent feasible,  
26 but that the cumulative contribution is considerable and therefore the impact  
27 remains significant and unavoidable.



1 used for wire stringing would encompass approximately 203 acres, although  
2 permanent disturbance within this corridor would be approximately 68 acres. The  
3 total length of Gen-Tie Line under this alternative would be approximately 10  
4 miles. Of the 10-mile right-of-way, approximately 9.4 would be on BLM land and  
5 approximately 0.6 miles would be on land owned in fee by the Metropolitan Water  
6 District of Southern California. The poles used for the Gen-Tie Line would be the  
7 same as those under the DSSF.

8 This Alternate Action Alternative is rejected because it will result in disturbance of  
9 an additional 55 acres of desert tortoise critical habitat which will increase  
10 significant impacts to this species.

11 B. Reduced Solar Farm Footprint Alternative with Land Use Plan Amendment-Gen  
12 Tie Route A-2. This Gen-Tie Line alternative would exit the southwest corner of  
13 the Solar Farm and would run for approximately 4,400 feet along the east side of  
14 Kaiser Road, until it intersects with the right-of-way of an existing SCE  
15 transmission line. The line would continue to the southeast, along the existing  
16 transmission right-of-way, for approximately 7.2 miles until turning south for 0.6  
17 mile. It would continue due west for approximately 0.5 mile, turn south, cross I-10,  
18 and continue for approximately 1,000 feet (not along any existing feature) to the  
19 Red Bluff Substation. The 160-foot-wide Gen-Tie Line corridor and additional fan-  
20 shaped areas at corners used for wire stringing would encompass approximately  
21 226 acres, although permanent disturbance within this corridor would be  
22 approximately 86 acres. The total length of the Gen-Tie Line under this alternative  
23 is approximately 10.5 miles, 6.5 miles of which would be on BLM land and 4.0  
24 miles would be on private land. For the portions on private land, 21 separate  
25 parcels would be crossed.

26 Alternative B is rejected because it is infeasible. In order to build Alternative B,  
27 Applicant would have to obtain site control over 21 private parcels required for this  
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1 Alternative without the consent of all the property owners. Because Applicant did  
2 not obtain the consent from all 21 property owners, it lacks the necessary site  
3 control to build Alternative B. Without that site control, it is legally infeasible for  
4 this Alternative to be approved. This Alternative is also rejected because it will  
5 permanently preclude use of 185 acres of cultivated lands, and will use 30 percent  
6 more water to construct the Gen-Tie Line than the Project.

7 C. No Issuance of a Right-of-Way Grant and No Land Use Plan Amendment: (No Action  
8 Alternative). With the No Action Alternative, the DSSF would not be approved, and the Gen Tie Line  
9 would not be built.

10 The No Action Alternative is infeasible and is rejected because it would not  
11 provide to the County the significant benefits of the Project, as detailed below, and  
12 would fail to realize the significant economic, environmental, and technological  
13 benefits from the Project. Specifically, this Alternative would not satisfy objectives  
14 related to meeting California's renewable generation or furthering General Plan  
15 goals and policies related to renewable energy.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that it has determined that there are no mitigation  
17 measures or alternatives that would avoid or lessen significant impacts and that are within the jurisdiction  
18 of the County other than those rejected herein and described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting  
19 Program.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that where the Mitigation Monitoring and  
21 Reporting Program indicates that the enforcement agency for a Mitigation Measure is other than the  
22 County, one of its agencies and/or Applicant, the Board has determined that that other entity has  
23 concurrent jurisdiction with the County to monitor and/or enforce the Mitigation Measure.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that it has balanced the economic, legal, social,  
25 technological, or other benefits of the Project against the unavoidable adverse environmental effects  
26 thereof. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15093, the Board may only approve a project that results  
27 in significant and unavoidable environmental effects upon a finding that there are overriding

1 considerations. The Board finds that the benefits of the DSSF Project, of which the Gen-Tie Line is a  
2 component, outweigh the unavoidable environmental effects on air, cultural, and visual resources.  
3 Therefore, the Board finds that the adverse environmental effects of the Project are "acceptable" in light  
4 of the following benefits.

5 A. Facts Supporting Finding:

- 6 1. The Applicant Measures and Mitigation Measures set forth above, as described in  
7 Exhibit "A" attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference as fully set forth  
8 herein.
- 9 2. The Project will reliably interconnect renewable resources from the DSSF to the  
10 Independent System Operator (CAISO)-controlled transmission grid, aiding in  
11 progress towards greenhouse gas reduction and renewable electricity goals;
- 12 3. The Project will help to meet state and federal renewable energy goals and reduce  
13 reliance on fossil fuel sources of electricity.
- 14 4. The Project will interconnect a solar energy generating facility within an area of  
15 exceptional solar resources in order to maximize the efficiency of energy  
16 production and provide clean renewable electricity.
- 17 5. An annual franchise payment of \$600,000, adjusted for inflation, will be made to  
18 the County for a 30 year period pursuant to the execution of the franchise  
19 agreement for the Gen-Tie line.
- 20 6. Applicant will provide a letter of credit to the County in the amount of  
21 \$10,755,000.00 to secure payment and the proper allocation of sales and use tax  
22 revenue to the unincorporated area of Riverside County revenue generated by  
23 construction of the 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility, the  
24 Gen-Tie Line, and the Red Bluff Substation.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the MMRP and the findings set forth and  
26 referenced herein are hereby adopted.







COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENT RECEIPT  
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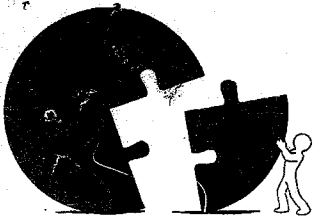
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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

*Carolyn Syms Luna*  
*Director*

## Memorandum

**DATE:** August 16, 2011  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jay Olivas  
**RE:** **Item 16.6a -- PUP00909 Desert Sunlight 250, LLC & Desert Sunlight 300, LLC**

Board of Supervisors:

Please note the following additional materials.

- 1) Change of the Name of Applicant/Permit Holder for Public Use Permit No. 909 from "Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC" to "Desert Sunlight 250, LLC & Desert Sunlight 300, LLC".
- 2) Amend Conditions "10 Planning 38 - Closure Clean-Up", "20 Planning 4 - Mitigation Monitoring"; change "20 Trans 1 -- Franchise Agreement" to Notapply and add 20 Trans 2 --Franchise Agreement.
- 3) First Solar Letter of Support to Board of Supervisors dated August 16, 2011.
- 4) Final Resolution No. 2011-220 with Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program (Exhibit A).

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**Item 1 – Change the Name of the Applicant/Permit Holder for  
Public Use Permit No. 909**

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Ms. Carolyn Syms Luna  
Planning Director, Riverside County  
4080 Lemon Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA. 92501

RE: Desert Sunlight Solar Farm-Gen-Tie Line  
Request to Change the Name of the Applicant/Permit Holder for Public Use Permit No. 909  
August 16, 2011 Public Hearing

Dear Director Syms Luna:

We are writing to inform you that the applicant/permit holder for Public Use Permit ("PUP") No. 909-- construction of the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Gen-Tie Line--will be changed from Desert Holdings, LLC to Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300. Desert Holdings, LLC filed the application for this project on March 4, 2011. Since that time, the entity's responsibility for constructing and operating the proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm has shifted to two affiliated corporate entities: Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC.

As a result of this change, we respectfully request that the applicant for and the approval of PUP No. 909 be deemed to be granted to Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC. A revised PUP application on behalf of Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC is attached for your records.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Beck".

Amanda Beck  
Project Manager, Environmental

cc: Greg Neal, Deputy Director  
Jay Olivas, Planner  
Ken Baez, Planner  
Tiffany North, Deputy County Counsel



**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Planning Department will primarily direct communications regarding this application to the person identified above as the Applicant. The Applicant may be the property owner, representative, or other assigned agent.

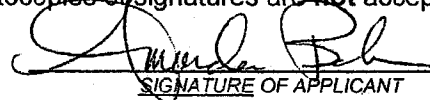
**AUTHORIZATION FOR CONCURRENT FEE TRANSFER**

The signature below authorizes the Planning Department and TLMA to expedite the refund and billing process by transferring monies among concurrent applications to cover processing costs as necessary. Fees collected in excess of the actual cost of providing specific services will be refunded. If additional funds are needed to complete the processing of your application, you will be billed, and processing of the application will cease until the outstanding balance is paid and sufficient funds are available to continue the processing of the application. The applicant understands the deposit fee process as described above, and that there will be NO refund of fees which have been expended as part of the application review or other related activities or services, even if the application is withdrawn or the application is ultimately denied.

All signatures must be originals ("wet-signed"). Photocopies of signatures are **not** acceptable.

Desert Sunlight 250, LLC: Amanda Beck  
Desert Sunlight 300, LLC: Amanda Beck

\_\_\_\_\_  
*PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT*

**AUTHORITY FOR THIS APPLICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

I certify that I am/we are the record owner(s) or authorized agent and that the information filed is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. An authorized agent must submit a letter from the owner(s) indicating authority to sign the application on the owner's behalf.

All signatures must be originals ("wet-signed"). Photocopies of signatures are **not** acceptable.

(Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*PRINTED NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)*

(Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

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*SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)*

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*SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)*

If the property is owned by more than one person, attach a separate sheet that references the application case number and lists the printed names and signatures of all persons having an interest in the property.

See attached sheet(s) for other property owners signatures.

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): (Refer to original application, 3/4/11) \_\_\_\_\_

(Refer to original

Section: application, 3/4/11) Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Gross Acreage: (Refer to original application, 3/4/11) \_\_\_\_\_

General location (nearby or cross streets): North of (Refer to original application, 3/4/11) \_\_\_\_\_, South of \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_, East of \_\_\_\_\_, West of \_\_\_\_\_.

Thomas Brothers map, edition year, page number, and coordinates: (Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Proposal (describe project, indicate the number of proposed lots/parcels, units, and the schedule of the subdivision, Vesting Map, PRD):

(Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Related cases filed in conjunction with this request:

(Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Is there a previous development application filed on the same site: Yes  No

If yes, provide Case No(s). N/A (Parcel Map, Zone Change, etc.)

E.A. No. (if known) N/A E.I.R. No. (if applicable): N/A

Have any special studies or reports, such as a traffic study, biological report, archaeological report, geological or geotechnical reports, been prepared for the subject property? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the type of report(s) and provide a copy: (Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Is water service available at the project site: Yes  No

If "No," how far must the water line(s) be extended to provide service? (No. of feet/miles) N/A

Will the proposal eventually require landscaping either on-site or as part of a road improvement or other common area improvements? Yes  No

Is sewer service available at the site? Yes  No

If "No," how far must the sewer line(s) be extended to provide service? (No. of feet/miles) N/A

Will the proposal result in cut or fill slopes steeper than 2:1 or higher than 10 feet? Yes  No

How much grading is proposed for the project site?

Estimated amount of cut = cubic yards: (Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Estimated amount of fill = cubic yards (Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

Does the project need to import or export dirt? Yes  No

**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Import \_\_\_\_\_ Export \_\_\_\_\_ Neither (Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

What is the anticipated source/destination of the import/export?  
(Refer to original application, 3/4/11)

What is the anticipated route of travel for transport of the soil material?  
N/A

How many anticipated truckloads? N/A truck loads.

What is the square footage of usable pad area? (area excluding all slopes) N/A sq. ft.

Is the development proposal located within 8½ miles of March Air Reserve Base? Yes  No

If yes, will any structure exceed fifty-feet (50') in height (above ground level)? Yes  No

Does the development project area exceed more than one acre in area? Yes  No

Is the development project located within any of the following watersheds (refer to Riverside County Land Information System (RCLIS) (<http://www3.tlma.co.riverside.ca.us/pa/rclis/index.html>) for watershed location)?

Santa Ana River       Santa Margarita River       San Jacinto River       Whitewater River

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the applicant for any development project to consult specified state-prepared lists of hazardous waste sites and submit a signed statement to the local agency indicating whether the project is located on or near an identified site. Under the statute, no application shall be accepted as complete without this signed statement.

I (we) certify that I (we) have investigated our project with respect to its location on or near an identified hazardous waste site and that my (our) answers are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. My (Our) investigation has shown that:

The project is not located on or near an identified hazardous waste site.

The project is located on or near an identified hazardous waste site. Please list the location of the hazardous waste site(s) on an attached sheet.

Owner/Representative (1) (Refer to original application, 3/4/11) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Representative (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Item 2 – Amend Conditions 10 Planning 38, 20 Planning 4,  
change 20 Trans 1 to Notapply, add 20 Trans 2

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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PUBLIC USE PERMIT Case #: PUP00909

Parcel: 808-161-001

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

10.PLANNING. 38                   USE - CLOSURE CLEAN UP                   RECOMMND

Upon surrender, abandonment, termination or forfeiture of the franchise, as set forth in Ordinance No. 909, the applicant/permittee shall, upon written request of the County and at its own expense, remove its Gen Tie Line (GT A-1) and all ancillary equipment from County roadways and rights of way, properly and lawfully dispose of all such materials and ancillary equipment, and restore the areas subject to the PUP to their original condition.

20. PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

20.PLANNING. 4                   USE - MITIGATION MONITORING                   RECOMMND

Prior to issuance of the encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the applicant/permittee shall prepare and submit a written Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15097 to the Riverside County Planning Director. The mitigation measures set forth in the MMRP that are not otherwise included in these Conditions of Approval are hereby incorporated into these Conditions of Approval and shall be enforced by the agency or agencies listed in the MMRP. These Conditions of Approval, including the MMRP, establish the timing of compliance with all conditions of approval and all mitigation measures applicable to this permit. The County shall enforce compliance with these Conditions of Approval as otherwise permitted by law pursuant to Condition No. 10.Planning.22 and as required by the procedures set forth in County Ordinance No. 348.

TRANS DEPARTMENT

20.TRANS. 1                   USE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT                   NOTAPPLY

Prior to the issuance of the encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the franchise agreement proposed for adoption as Ordinance No. 909 needs to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The adoption of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors is a discretionary act and cannot be guaranteed. The adoption of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors is a discretionary act and cannot be guaranteed, pro-committed or constrained. The County

ENCROACHMENT USE PERMIT Case #: PUP00909

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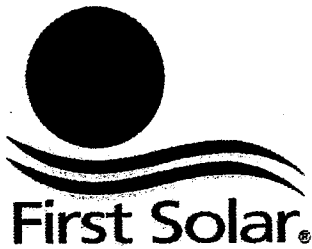
20.TRANS. 1                   USE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (cont.)                   NOTAPPLY

cannot guarantee the ultimate outcome of any public hearings before the Board of Supervisors on Ordinance No. 909. If for any reason, Ordinance No. 909 does not get adopted by the Board of Supervisors, an encroachment permit will not be issued for the Gen-Tie Line. If an encroachment permit cannot be issued because Ordinance No. 909 does not get adopted by the Board of Supervisors, no construction or use can be commenced under this PUP.

20.TRANS. 2                   USE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT                   RECOMMND

Prior to the issuance of the encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the franchise agreement proposed for adoption as Ordinance No. 909 needs to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors and a written acceptance thereof needs to be filed by the applicant/permittee with the Clerk of the Board. The adoption of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors is a discretionary act and cannot be guaranteed, pre-committed or constrained. The County cannot guarantee the ultimate outcome of any public hearings before the Board of Supervisors on Ordinance No. 909. If for any reason, Ordinance No. 909 is not adopted by the Board of Supervisors, an encroachment permit will not be issued for the Gen-Tie Line. If an encroachment permit cannot be issued because Ordinance No. 909 is not adopted by the Board of Supervisors, no construction or use can be commenced under this PUP.

**Item 3 – First Solar Letter of Support dated August 16, 2011**



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Hon. Bob Buster, Chairman  
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RE: August 16, 2011 Public Hearing Agenda  
Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC  
- Desert Sunlight Solar Farm - SUPPORT  
Approval of Franchise Agreement and Public Use Permit

Dear Chairman Buster and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This letter is submitted by Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC (together, "Applicant"), the developer of the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm, in support of the agenda items recommended for approval by County Staff at the August 16, 2011 Board meeting. These items include:

1. Franchise Agreement, identified as Ordinance No. 909 ("Franchise Agreement"); and
2. Public Use Permit, identified as PUP No. 909 ("PUP").

Applicant has worked with staff and agrees to the terms and conditions being recommended for approval. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors approve these entitlements so that it may construct and operate the Generation Interconnection ("Gen-Tie") line as part of the Desert Sunlight project, a 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy generating facility on approximately 3,800 acres of BLM land north of Desert Center along Kaiser Road ("Solar Farm"). The construction and operation of Desert Sunlight will provide substantial economic benefits to Riverside County, hundreds of jobs and help California meet its renewable energy goals.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Franchise Agreement and PUP pending before the Board will, together, allow Applicant to construct and operate the Gen-Tie line ("Project") to transmit electricity from the Solar Farm to the Red Bluff Substation. The Project will be located primarily on federal land, but will also cross County and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California land, approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Specifically, the Project will cross approximately 44 acres of land owned by the County or that are in the County's right-of-way ("ROW") for Kaiser Road. (See Exhibit A.) The approvals being sought on August 16, 2011 are needed to construct and operate the Gen-Tie line. The Franchise Agreement will provide Applicant with the right to use the County's ROW for this purpose. The PUP provides Applicant the right to transmit electricity pursuant to County Code Section 17.208.010B, which was adopted in December, 2010.

Specifically, the Franchise Agreement provides Applicant with the right to occupy and use County ROWs for the Gen-Tie line for 30 years. In exchange for that right, Applicant has, among other things, agreed to annually pay the County \$600,000, subject to annual increases ranging from 1%-4%.<sup>1</sup> The Franchise Agreement also provides that the County will issue an Encroachment Permit to allow construction of the Gen-Tie line. Under the Encroachment Permit, which will be applied for at a later date closer to Gen-Tie line construction, the

<sup>1</sup> See Ord. No. 909, Section 4(a).

Applicant will give the County Transportation Department assurances in the form of a security deposit that the required construction work will be done in accordance with County specifications and approved plans.

## II. THE GEN-TIE LINE ROUTE AND ITS COMPONENTS

The Gen-Tie line route starts at the southwest portion of the Solar Farm, runs south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turns east just north of Desert Center, and then runs south across I-10 to the Red Bluff Substation (Red Bluff Substation A). See Exhibit A. Along Kaiser Road, the center of the 160-foot transmission line right-of-way would be located approximately 120 to 130 feet from the centerline of the paved roadbed, within the county road ROW on BLM land. See Exhibit B. The access road would be adjacent to the Gen-Tie line and within the ROW.<sup>2</sup>

An additional fan-shaped area with a radius of 450 feet on County-owned lands would be required at each turn in the Gen-Tie for temporary construction. These areas would be required during construction for wire stringing along the Gen-Tie line, and would not result in appreciable or long-term disturbance or impacts.

Gen-Tie line poles will be approximately 135 feet tall. To minimize visual impacts, typical spacing between poles would be approximately 900 to 1,100 feet. Additionally, self-weathering steel would be used for the poles to further minimize visual impacts, as this finish blends with the surrounding mountains better than other potential finishes. This finish appears as a matte patina and is commonly used in environmentally sensitive areas where a shiny appearance would be undesirable.

## III. APPROVAL WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY

Project approval will result in a substantial revenue stream for the County over the next 30 years. In addition to the annual \$600,000 franchise payment required under the Franchise Agreement, direct economic benefits to the County from Desert Sunlight and this Project include sales and use tax as well as property tax revenue to the County. Sales and use taxes that benefit both the County and the Riverside County Transportation Commission are estimated to be in the range of \$15 million.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, the County will be guaranteed a \$10.755 million portion of the sales and use tax revenue with the posting of a letter of credit by Applicant.

Additional County revenue will result from property tax collections as well as the approximately 630 construction jobs at peak and 15 ongoing operations and maintenance jobs created by the Desert Sunlight and the Project. Jobs in other sectors of the County's economy as a result of the multiplier effects of the construction work will also be created and retained by these approvals. These jobs—in the construction service/materials, food service, repair and entertainment industries, among others—are a direct boost to the County's economic activity during this continuing recession. The project will have a total economic impact of \$336 million on the local economy, according to a study prepared by the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership and the Brattle Group, including \$197 million in wages. More than three-quarters of the total impact will be generated during the project construction period, with the remainder taking place over the project's 25-year operating period.

Intangible, and invaluable, social and environmental benefits are also created by approving the Gen-Tie line. These include contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the County and surrounding Southern California communities by reducing the need for fossil fuel-generated electricity. Additionally, numerous local, state and federal policies and goals to increase electricity production through renewable energy are also furthered by the Board's approval.

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<sup>2</sup> The access road is subject to an encroachment permit being issued separately by the Transportation Department.

<sup>3</sup> Approximately \$10 million to Riverside County and \$5 million to Riverside County Transportation Commission.

Unlike most large-scale projects for which economic benefits can only be estimated, this Project guarantees the County additional revenue for 30 years. That this guarantee begins during a sluggish economy makes those benefits even more valuable. Additionally, large-scale construction projects like this serve as economic engines, resulting in additional job and revenue growth. Approval of these entitlements is the rare victory of substantial environmental as well as economic benefits for the county.

#### **IV. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE GEN-TIE LINE COMPLIES WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).**

Environmental review for granting these entitlements is provided by the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for the Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment. The FEIS was prepared by BLM, acting as lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides that an FEIS can be used as an FEIR. Thus, on July 14, 2011, SCE obtained approval from the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") for the construction of the Red Bluff Substation when it issued its Notice of Determination. In so doing, the CPUC certified the FEIS as "CEQA adequate".

The CPUC's certification of the FEIS enables the County, acting as a Responsible Agency, to rely on those portions of the FEIS applicable to the Gen-Tie line to analyze its environmental impacts under CEQA. Similar to its role as a lead agency decision-making body, this Board has to determine whether the Gen-Tie line's environmental impacts are reduced by mitigation measures to less than significance. The mitigation measures that this Board is imposing to minimize its environmental impacts from the Franchise Agreement, PUP and the Encroachment Permit that will be issued by the Transportation Director for actual construction of the Gen-Tie line are described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to the Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings.<sup>4</sup> Because there are impacts from these approvals that cannot be mitigated to less than significance, the Board's Resolution includes a Statement of Overriding Considerations that applies to each of these approvals. We urge the Board to adopt the Findings recommended by staff.

#### **V. EXTENSIVE OUTREACH CONDUCTED TO A DIVERSE RANGE OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS**

NEPA, like CEQA, encourages extensive public involvement in the environmental review process. For Desert Sunlight, public involvement took many forms. These included the following official public meetings:

1. A scoping meeting held on January 28, 2010 to identify potential environmental concerns took place at the University of California Riverside, Palm Desert Graduate Center.
2. A public comment period on the Draft EIS ("DEIS") was published and ran for a period of three months, from August 27, 2010 until November 26, 2010.<sup>5</sup>
3. A public meeting on the DEIS held October 20, 2010 at University of California Riverside, Palm Desert
4. A public meeting on the DEIS held October 21, 2010 at the Lake Tamarisk Community Center in Desert Center.
5. A public meeting on the DEIS held November 14, 2010 at the Joshua Tree Community Center.

Additionally, Applicant held numerous other public and private meetings with stakeholders.

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<sup>4</sup> The Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings and the Statement of Overriding Considerations, as required by CEQA, will be made a part of the staff report for these entitlements.

<sup>5</sup> This is 2 weeks more than would have occurred under CEQA.

During the formal comment process, one hundred forty seven (147) comment letters were submitted on the DEIS. The majority of these letters focused on the information provided in the DEIS. However, of those 147 letters, a petition of support with over 200 signatures from residents throughout the eastern County was submitted. See Exhibit C. In addition to this petition, 16 individual letters in support of the Project, including one from Assemblyman Manuel Perez, were submitted. See Exhibit D.

Even though the portion of the Gen-Tie line located on County lands occupies only 1.1% of the Desert Sunlight Project area, Applicant diligently engaged in community outreach. For at least the past 4 years, Applicant has maintained an ongoing dialogue with public officials at all levels of government, numerous environmental organizations, residents, businesses, Native American Indian tribes, and various community groups and organizations. As a result of these efforts, Applicant redesigned Desert Sunlight to further avoid and reduce its potential environmental impacts. Applicant also contributed directly to economic development efforts in the County and Desert Center area. These actions demonstrate Applicant's commitment to being a "good neighbor" to the County's various stakeholders and an active member of the County's business community.

Applicant's unique contributions to the County's economic and educational well-being include:

- Establishing the Desert Center Chamber of Commerce, which assists business start-ups and existing business in the Desert Center area
- Establishing a \$350,000 community development fund to support a range of programs and services that will provide significant improvements to the quality of life for the residents of Desert Center, Eagle Mountain and Lake Tamarisk.
- Building an on-site Solar Energy Learning Center as part of the project to educate County residents, particularly school children, in the various scientific disciplines involved in producing electricity from solar energy.
- Contributing PV modules and installation training for utility-scale solar training courses at College of the Desert in the Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Community College in Blythe. To date, approximately 140 students have been trained and will have opportunities to apply for open job positions in the construction of the Desert Sunlight.

In addition to the ongoing dialogue with County residents, Applicant held regular discussions with national environmental groups. Those discussions led to project revisions that, among other things, reduced environmental impacts, such as:

- Reduced project footprint by 8%, minimizing desert tortoise impacts and avoiding sensitive habitats.
- Using agricultural farming techniques in place of grading on significant portions of the Solar Farm, reducing dust generation by 40%, thus reducing water use for dust suppression.
- Eliminating an additional 136 acres from the Phase III area of the Project to avoid potential impacts to desert tortoise connectivity habitat.

Discussions with interested Native American Tribes, including the Chemehuevi, Agua Caliente, Colorado River Indian Tribes, La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle, Ft. Mojave, San Manuel, Cahuilla, Quechan and Colorado River Indian Tribes, also resulted in minimizing project impacts. Among other things, these discussions resulted in:

- Reconfiguration of multiple project components to avoid prehistoric and historic-age sites.
- Establishing direct dialogue with tribes and tribal members to convey factual information and understand tribal concerns throughout project construction.
- Agreeing to fund archaeological studies through the BLM to facilitate greater understanding, knowledge and designation of cultural and historic resources in the larger regional area.



Recognizing the cultural, recreational and natural resource values provided by Joshua Tree National Park ("Park"), the Applicant consulted with National Park Service (NPS) and National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) staff. These discussions led to:

- Moving Desert Sunlight to approximately 1.4 miles away from the Park boundary at the closest point and eliminating its visual impacts from any trails in the Park.
- Precluding future solar development on approximately 14,500 acres of BLM land located between Joshua Tree National Park and Desert Sunlight.
- Redesigning and reducing lighting near the Park to ensure *de minimis* night-sky impacts the Park.
- Entering into a cooperative funding agreement with the NPS to conduct on-going monitoring of potential impacts on the Park from Desert Sunlight.

Applicant engaged County staff many years ago to begin the process of understanding the property permitting requirements and County needs. Over the past year, there has been continuous communication between County staff, including Planning, Transportation, County Counsel, the Assessor's office and other departments to ensure that the County's interests, policies, standards and ordinances were adequately addressed throughout project planning. By doing this, County staff was already familiar with the Gen-Tie line route when applications were submitted. Staff continued to work closely with Applicant representatives to determine the scope of the entitlements needed to construct the Gen-Tie line and to determine appropriate conditions. That familiarity and cooperative working relationship resulted in Applicant's agreement to the terms of the Franchise Agreement and the Conditions of Approval for the PUP.

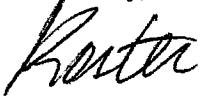
## VI. URGENCY

Applicant received a Conditional Loan Guarantee for Desert Sunlight from the Department of Energy. This requires that construction of the project commence prior to September 30, 2011. Because the Project was delayed while the County considered a solar policy at its June 28, 2011 meeting, the Ordinance implementing the Franchise Agreement must be adopted on an urgency basis so that the County can timely issue an encroachment permit. We support County staff's recommendation to adopt this ordinance on an urgency basis.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Riverside County's consideration and approval of these entitlements is one of the last steps in the process to pave the way for construction and operation of Desert Sunlight. For all of the reasons stated above and in the Project submittals, Applicant request that the Board approve the Franchise Agreement and Ordinance and the PUP for the Project.

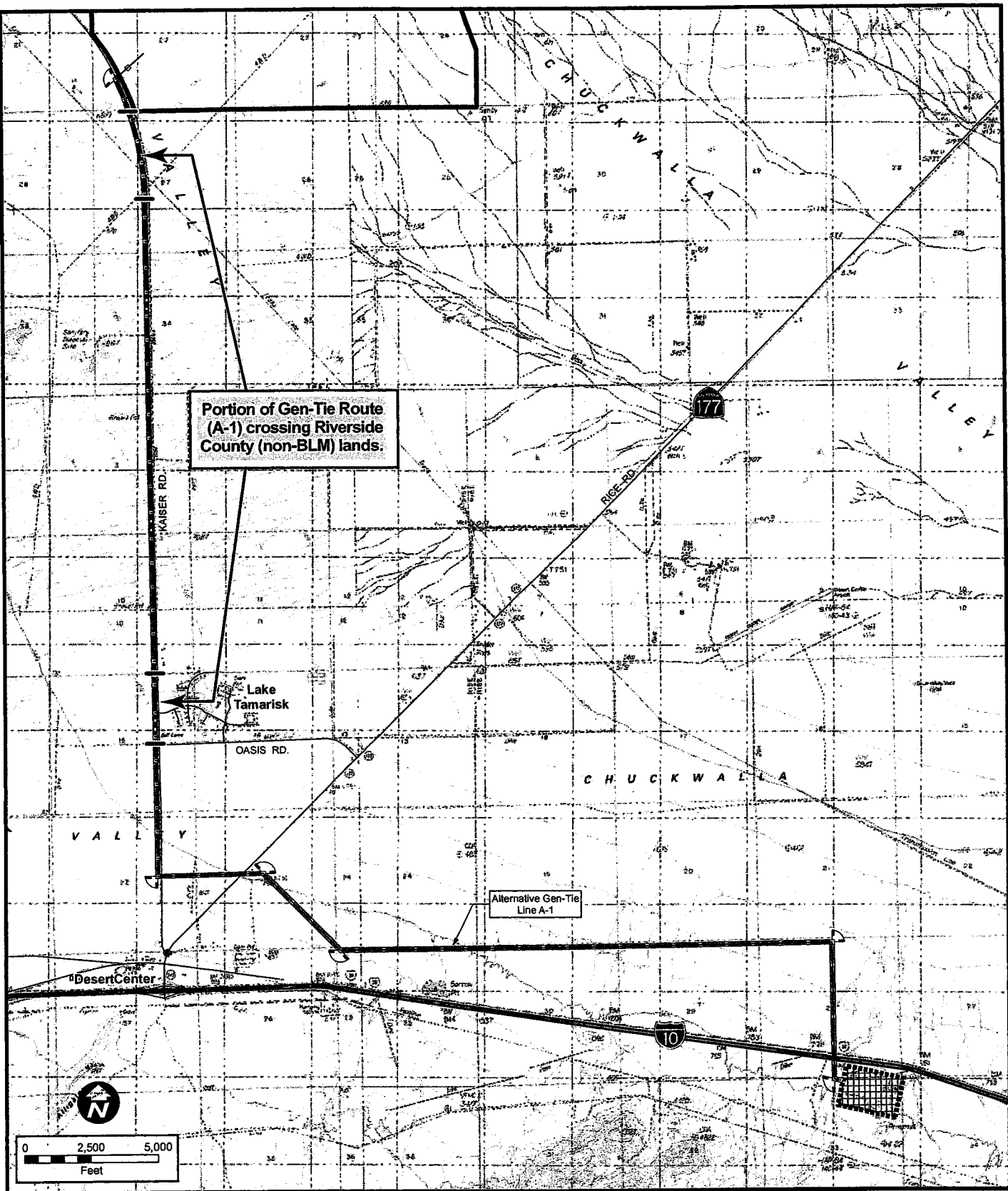
Sincerely,








Kim Oster  
Director, Development

cc: Hon. John F. Tavaglione, Vice-Chairman  
Hon. Jeff Stone, Supervisor  
Hon. John J. Benoit, Supervisor  
Hon. Marion Ashley, Supervisor  
Bill Luna, CEO  
George Johnson, TLMA

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**LEGEND**


	Solar Farm Boundary (Alternative B)		Red Bluff Substation (Alternative A)
	Permanent Disturbance Area		
	Temporary Disturbance Area		
	Alternative Gen-Tie Line A-1 Corridor		

Source: First Solar, 2010.

DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM

**Gen-Tie Line A-1**

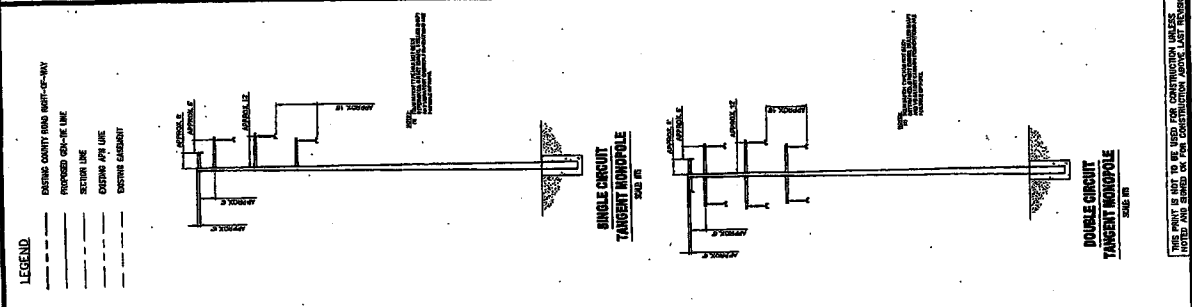
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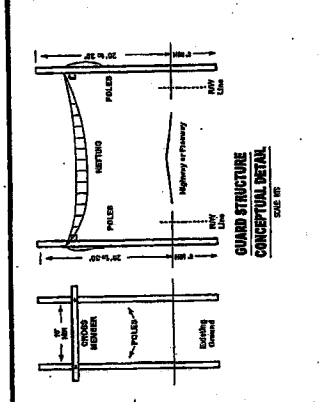
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**NOTES:**

- AREA IS CLASSIFIED BY FEMA AS ZONE D - NOT SHOWN, IT IS AN UNDESIRABLE AREA FROM FLOOD ZONING. FLOOD ZONING MAPS HAS BEEN OBTAINED.
- LAND/OWNER PERMITALS IS NOT INDICATED.
- UNDERGROUND PERMITALS IS INDICATED.
- CONCRETE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING FINAL DESIGN.
- TEMPORARY FENCING IS DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- LOCATION OF COMPASSES SHALL BE DETERMINED AT ENCLOSUREMENT POINT LOCATIONS.

APPROXIMATE AREA OF ENCLOSURE WITHIN COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY	EXCEPTION	QTY.
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TEMPORARY MONOPOLE (50 FT X 100 FT) (SEE NOTE 3)		3
TEMPORARY SPACE LOCATIONS (100 FT X 400 FT) (SEE NOTE 5)		1
TEMPORARY SPACE LOCATIONS (100 FT X 200 FT) WITH ENCLOSURE TO MONOPOLE TOWER		1



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DESERT CENTER PUBLIC MEETING

We Support Desert Sunlight

We, residents of and visitors to Desert Center, are pleased to be counted in support of First Solar's 500-megawatt Desert Sunlight Solar Farm to be built in this area. The project is expected to provide enough clean energy for about 160,000 California homes, and to be a major factor in California achieving one-third of its energy from renewable resources. Direct benefits will be approximately 435 construction jobs, more customers for local businesses, and increased sales and property tax revenues. As designed, the project will protect the environment of this area while at the same time utilizing one of our unique natural resources, abundant sunshine.

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Greg Escobedo	[Signature]	Desert Center
Cynthia Rodgers	[Signature]	Desert Center
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Gregorie Foster	[Signature]	Desert Center
Steve Ordoz	[Signature]	Desert Center
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Teresa Regalio	[Signature]	Desert Center

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**We Support Desert Sunlight**

We, residents of and visitors to Desert Center, are pleased to be counted in support of First Solar's 500-megawatt Desert Sunlight Solar Farm to be built in this area. The project is expected to provide enough clean energy for about 160,000 California homes, and to be a major factor in California achieving one-third of its energy from renewable resources. Direct benefits will be approximately 435 construction jobs, more customers for local businesses, and increased sales and property tax revenues. As designed, the project will protect the environment of this area while at the same time utilizing one of our unique natural resources, abundant sunshine.

Name	Signature	City
[Signature]	[Signature]	GLENDORA, CA
Mike Hanrahan	[Signature]	Glendora, CA
Jim Frisessques	[Signature]	IRVINE, CA
Donna Simmons	[Signature]	La Quinta, CA
Adam Simmons	[Signature]	La Quinta, CA
Daniel Harshi	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Travis Rye	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Adriana Bellon	[Signature]	Desert Center CA
Renae Castor	[Signature]	Desert Center CA
Curtis Kovary	[Signature]	DESERT CENTER CA
Dennis Hamilton	[Signature]	Blythe, CA
Harry Runyon	[Signature]	Desert Center CA
Alvora Stewart	[Signature]	CHINA CO. SMITH, CA
MIKEY GRAMA	[Signature]	DESERT CENTER
HARRY SWANEY	[Signature]	Desert Center, Ca. 92537

Date Completed 10/5/10

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Print Name	Signature	City
JOHN BEACH	[Signature]	DESERT CENTER
Bethley Pardo	[Signature]	Desert Center
Stephen Wright	[Signature]	Desert Center
[Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
Louise Clouse	[Signature]	Desert Center
Jerry Marksyer	[Signature]	Desert Center
Laura McQuinn	[Signature]	Elgin
Joe Navarro	[Signature]	Desert Center
[Signature]	[Signature]	Indio, CA
FRANK ARSENA	[Signature]	Indio, CA
ALONSO GUTIERREZ	[Signature]	San Jacinto, CA
JANIS SAGEFELER	[Signature]	ACTA, CALIF. CO.
MIKE HARRILL	[Signature]	PHOENIX, AZ
Robert Taylor	[Signature]	Beaumont, CA
El Jones	[Signature]	Richards, CA

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James [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
Gary [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
Andrew [Signature]	[Signature]	Lake Havasu, AZ
John [Signature]	[Signature]	DESERT CENTER
Paul Staller	[Signature]	Desert Center
Patti [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
Cathy [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
[Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
V.R. [Signature]	[Signature]	Chino Summit
Margie [Signature]	[Signature]	Chino Summit
Anthony [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Michelle [Signature]	[Signature]	L.H.C.
Dolores [Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center
[Signature]	[Signature]	Desert Center

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### We Support Desert Sunlight

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Thomas E. Smith	Thomas E. Smith	Youngstown AZ 85363
Ann... ..	[Signature]	Hemery CA
Dannia Lamm	[Signature]	Desert Center
John Lamm	[Signature]	Desert Center
Robert Miller	[Signature]	Hinley ca.
Nicholas Wilson	[Signature]	Desert Center
[Signature]	[Signature]	Chico, CA
Unice Ingrid	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Steve Pitzer	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Donald Tolson	[Signature]	Desert Center, CA
Brian Carter	[Signature]	Desert Center
Mike Vogelbe	[Signature]	Atlanta, MS
Kim Hestley	[Signature]	Redlands CA 92374
Suzanne Page	[Signature]	Desert Center
Ophelia Bellin	[Signature]	Desert Center

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Janifer Randall	[Signature]	Desert Center
Cungjo Randall	[Signature]	Desert Center
Michelle Randall	[Signature]	Desert Center
REGY DASHAR	[Signature]	Desert Center
Stacy Green	[Signature]	Desert Center
Keith Rogers	[Signature]	Desert Center
Shirley Rogers	[Signature]	Desert Center
Shari Saters	[Signature]	Desert CA
Bary Lambert	[Signature]	Desert Center
ALEX JONES	[Signature]	Desert Center
Anchea Wilmoth	[Signature]	29 Palms
Ylaria Ramos	[Signature]	Eagle Mountain
Liana Ramos	[Signature]	Eagle Mountain
Ivan Ramos	[Signature]	Eagle Mountain

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"James.Turney@h-tac.com"  
<James.Turney@h-tac.com>  
10/21/2010 10:52 AM

To "csp@solarrfirstsolar.com" <csp@solarrfirstsolar.com>  
cc

bcc Subject: First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project



BLM:

27-1  
Today I attended the scoping session at UCP-Palm Desert for the subject project. So far as I can see there is no reason to object to the project and every reason to support it, full speed ahead. I hope that the community will see the enormous net benefits as I do and give First Solar its unqualified support to proceed.

Jim Turney  
760-360-4765 | 760-267-8878 cell  
Law Offices of James C. Turney  
PO Box 6905  
La Quinta, CA 92248-6905

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Mike and Bebe  
<mikeandbebe@desertthink.net>  
To <CAPSSolarFlatSolarDesertSunlight@blm.gov>

cc

bcc

11/18/2010 11:09 AM

Please respond to  
"Mike and Bebe"  
<mikeandbebe@desertthink.net>

Subject: First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

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We are writing in support of the solar project at Desert Center, CA. My wife and I have owned property/home here since 1990, property that my parents owned since 1970. We have become very frustrated that a few people can manage to block any attempt of forward progress in the community. I hope you know that the majority of residents here are happy to have some industry in the area.

Michael and Bebe Silvey  
26791 Fountain Cove  
Desert Center, CA 92239

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project



Commentor Name: ALI BARBARA FALCZAK 760-272-7103  
Address: 187 SARTO TOMAS RIM CA 92270

Comment: It is time to see down some trees  
make more toward tomorrow  
I am 100 for it

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Commentor Name: Bob Hargreaves Date: 10/22/10  
Address: 8835 Minors Rd Colton CA 92331

Comment: We need this project for our  
economy and environment.

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COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



October 21, 2010

Allison Shaffer, Project Manager  
Palm Springs South Coast Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
1201 Bird Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

re: Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Dear Ms. Shaffer:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, I am writing to lend our support to the proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm project in Palm Desert.

The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) serves its investors -- including the nine cities of the Coachella Valley, the County of Riverside and over 100 private businesses -- by working to attract businesses to the region as well as to assist existing businesses with expansion. The Coachella Valley has collaborated to create a comprehensive regional strategy known as the Coachella Valley Economic Blueprint, which provides regional stakeholders the opportunity to write behind an aggressive and proactive plan for the future economic sustainability of our region.

We are supportive of the direct, indirect and induced impact of this exciting renewable energy project. We are also eager to realize both the short term and long term jobs that this project will help generate for our region.

A project like this will help to set the standard for an industry that we look forward to supporting. The opportunities are tremendous and we feel that by bringing projects like these to our region, it will help to spur our economic recovery.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wesley Ahlgren  
Chief Operating Officer

CVEP  
1201 BIRD CENTER DRIVE  
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262  
TEL: 760.325.4300 FAX: 760.325.4301  
WWW.CVEP.ORG

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process

First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Connector Name: DAVID HARNEY Date: 10/21/10  
Address: 42 SUTTER PL PALM DESERT, CA 92211

Comment: I strongly support the efforts of First Solar in the installation of solar farms in the Coachella Valley, the most scenic and beautiful area in the region.

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David Harney  
QUAN CONSTRUCTION VALLEY ANGEL NUMBER - BOND  
CSUSB - PALM DESERT - COORDINATOR  
CAREER VOUCHER PROGRAM

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October 21, 2010 Department of Public Resources, 14000 Vanowen Street, Palmdale, California 93550, 805.461.1000

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commentor Name: Gregory M. Budlong Date: 10/21/2010

Address: 24821 Metric Drive, Merced Valley, CA 95357

Comment: The project meets the Congressional intent of the EIS and is consistent with the California Desert Plan. The project site is located in a disturbed area surrounded by the Kings Park on lands designed class (McMahan). The site is zoned as three sides by the MWD Colorado Aqueduct. The Eagle Mountain Mine, company town, airport and prison while facilities are located to the north west of the project site. Agricultural use and the two nearby communities are located nearby.

The project will provide long term economic stimulus to the land and a viable providing renewable energy to California's electricity generation and industry. It saves the use of coal, gas, oil, and reserves from being used for energy production.

The project is an emission free superior power and can generate only a minor via solution. I hope all the other solar and wind projects are as well planned.

Gregory M. Budlong

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commentor Name: Gregory M. Budlong Date: 10/21/2010

Address: 24821 Metric Drive, Merced Valley, CA 95357

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commenter Name: Kathy Gotthberg Date: 10/24/10  
Address: 78-1270 Desert Fall Way

Comment: I support solar because it is  
renewable & clean energy.

By submitting a scoping comment you will receive a copy of the EIS. Please indicate the format you would prefer:

Compact Disk (CD) or  Handcopy by email: kathy@gotthberg.com

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commenter Name: Leah... Date: 10/24/10  
Address: 555...

Comment: I support solar because it is  
renewable & clean energy.

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commenter Name: LR Sanders Date: 10/21/10  
Address: 15905 Mike Tree Ranch, Palm Springs

Comment: I'm all in favor of the project  
Try to speed the permitting along  
process and approval along  
so First Solar can get the  
project underway as soon  
as possible. It will be a  
benefit to all in the  
Coachella Valley.

LR Sanders 714-939-6013  
Grubb & Ellis  
500 N State College Blvd #100 Orange CA 92668

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Form 13-1, 2007, University of California, Riverside, The Hoover Campus, 900 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92521

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Public Comment Card for Scoping Process  
First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commenter Name: Office of Asst. V. Manuel Perez Date: Oct 21, 2010  
Address: 45-677 Oasis Street, Indio, Ca. 92201

Comment: See attached letter.

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# SIGN-IN SHEET

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10/21/2010 Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Public Meeting, UCR Palm Desert

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Daniel Brennan	Laborers 1184		PO Box 155 Thousand Palms CA		
DENNIS LARNEY	CSUSB + CUAN		42 SUTTON PL PALM DESERT, CA		DLARNEY@CSUSB.EDU
JOHN HIGHT	Laborers 1184		72732 Ramon Rd TP CA		
Ronny Underwood	LOCAL 12		Palm Desert		

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October 21, 2010

Allison Shaffer, Project Manager  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
Palm Springs South Coast Field Office  
1201 Bird Center Drive  
Palm Springs, California 92262.

RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST SOLAR'S DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT

Dear Ms. Shaffer:

Thank you for conducting a public meeting in the Coachella Valley in order to gather appropriate information regarding issues which should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project near Desert Center in Riverside County.

I represent many of the communities in the greater Riverside County as their representative in the State Legislature. As the Assembly Member for the 80th District, which includes Desert Center, I want to express my firm support in the EIS process for First Solar's Desert Sunlight Solar Project. Southern California's desert region has been a pioneer for renewable energy, leading the way in wind, geo-thermal, and now solar energy production. The project is a perfect fit for our area.

Desert Sunlight will provide clean, affordable and sustainable energy for an average of 160,000 California homes. At the same time, the project will displace over 300,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions annually, the equivalent of taking almost 60,000 cars off the road. It will also generate hundreds of much needed jobs over the next few years, while generating approximately \$27 million in sales and property taxes to the local region.

We know First Solar has been sensitive to minimizing impacts in the design of the project and hopes the Bureau of Land Management will ensure proper and reasonable mitigation. California's commitment to increasing its dependence on renewable energy is critically important and can only be accomplished with forward-thinking projects.

Thank you for allowing me to issue my support. In writing, please feel free to contact my state offices if I can be of further assistance to your department related to this important project.

Sincerely,

*V. Manuel Pérez*

V. Manuel Pérez, Assembly Member  
Eighteenth District  
VMP-gc

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Sept. 7, 2010

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
1010 G ST. N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Ms. Allison McPhee, Project Manager  
BLM Palm-Springs South Coast Field Office  
1801 Bird Center Drive  
Palm Springs, Ca. 92262

Dear Mr. McPhee,

As requested earlier, we would like to submit the following comments on the proposed Desert-Light Solar Farm at Desert Center, Ca.:

- 1. Clear energy source should be encouraged and promoted.
- 2. The project will provide jobs during construction.
- 3. It will provide permanent jobs for operations after construction is completed.
- 4. The site will not be necessary to visitant of the area.
- 5. There will be tax benefits to the county estate.
- 6. The effects on agriculture will be minimal as the land is only about 1000.
- 7. Studies have been made of the use for this device, so every thing they counted and is to be restricted to its original location.
- 8. Business in the area are minimal, therefore they will be stimulated by the project.
- 9. The demand for electric power is ever increasing and will be much needed in the future.

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Yamael  
Wariner/CASOCARLMDOI  
08/20/2010 07:58 AM

To: "CAPSSolarFlatSolarDesertSunlight@blm.gov"  
cc: "CAPSSolarFlatSolarDesertSunlight@blm.gov"  
bcc:  
Subject: Fw: BLM releases Desert Sunlight Solar EIS

----- Forwarded by Yamael Wariner/CASOCARLMDOI on 08/20/2010 07:57 AM -----  
"Yamael" <yamael.wariner@blm.gov>

08/19/2010 08:27 PM  
To: "Yamael\_Wariner@blm.gov"  
cc:  
Subject Re: BLM releases Desert Sunlight Solar EIS

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I own property on Kaiser Road and am very impressed with a proposed Solar Energy Visitor Center. In addition to the Solar Energy Visitor Center perhaps it would be in good taste to have the BLM to open a desert tortoise visitor center across the street or before this project. This would be another wonderful addition to allow tourists to show them how wildlife and renewable energy can coexist side by side.

Since the Governor Arnold is retiring in January 2011 I think he said that. Perhaps a dedication to his wonderful wife would be in order. The Maria Schriver Wildlife Center and have some giant bress/bronze desert turtles in the front of the Center. This would be my suggestion.

Sincerely,

Dan Allan  
----- Original Message -----  
From: Yamael\_Wariner@blm.gov  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 3:32 PM  
Subject: BLM releases Desert Sunlight Solar EIS

The Bureau of Land Management has released the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm (DSSF) Project in eastern Riverside County, Calif.

The link to the news release and EIS is at

[http://www.blm.gov/caja/en/foia/newsroom/2010/august/CDD\\_1089p\\_DesertSunlightEIS.html](http://www.blm.gov/caja/en/foia/newsroom/2010/august/CDD_1089p_DesertSunlightEIS.html)

Yamael Wariner  
Business Support Assistant  
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**Fax**

*ALM*  
To: Allison Shaffer From: George Hepler  
Fax: 760 833 7100 Page: 1  
Phone: 760 833 7199 Date: 10/19/10  
Re: Desert Sunlight Solar  
 Urgent  For Review  Please Comment  Please Reply  Please Receipt

My name is George Hepler cell 951 323 5539  
850 River Drive Home 951 427 1301  
Morco, CA 92866 21-1  
I own 40 Acres at Palin Pass Road.  
I am very much in favor of this project.

This is without a doubt the best use  
of this land. Using solar power will  
prevent America from going to war for  
energy sources.  
Our crop will be Electrical Energy.

George Hepler  
951 323 5539 cell

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Don McNeil  
<dmcni@lin.com>  
10/19/2010 07:55 AM  
To: <CAPSSolarFirstSolarDesertSunlight@blm.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject: Desert Sunlight Solar Farm

My name is George Hepler, I am a property owner in Desert Center at Palin Pass Road. This project is probably the best thing to happen in our area in years. I believe positive impact will be on the order of WW II Training Camp or Aqueduct Construction. Put me in favor of the project.

Home  
George Hepler 951-323 5539 cell 951-427 1301  
850 River Drive, Morco CA 92860

Don McNeil  
International Line Builders, Inc.

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Alan Beattie  
alanbeattie@earthlink.net  
10/21/2010 11:32 AM

To: CAPSSolarFirstSolarDesertSunlight@blm.gov  
cc:  
bcc:  
Subject: First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project



Comments attached below:



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### Public Comment Card for Scoping Process

First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

Commentor Name: Alan Beattie Date: 10/21/2010  
Address: 41 Provence Way Rancho Mirage CA 92270  
Subject: First Solar Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project

I have to smile when asked to fill out this form, not because it's not important, it's just that the extreme measures that California goes to to try to mitigate environmental harm from clean energy projects are ludicrous compared to the "efforts" of other states and countries. Clearly, the world needs energy, lots of it, produced as cheaply and cleanly as possible.

So while California is worried about a handful of desert tortoises, West Virginia is blowing the top off of mountains and throwing all the garbage into the valleys and streams below.

While California is protesting the desert pup fish, massive earth-movers are scarring the landscape for countless miles in the Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming.

While California frets about small darters, Canadians destroy entire Boreal forests in Alberta, rape the bitumen from the sand and create huge tailing ponds that effectively poison migratory birds.

And let's not even talk about the Gulf of Mexico, or what might happen when the deep-Arctic is "developed."

So, yes, when the best, most experienced PV company in the world wants to put up a bunch of spanking clean panels that no one will really see; that won't use water, and which will most likely become a playground for the handful of tortoises that happen to stroll by -- I say yes, and I applaud, and I rue the fact that California is driving countless clean-energy projects out of state because a few folks have gotten too precious and have lost sight of the Big Picture.

#### Godspeed First Solar

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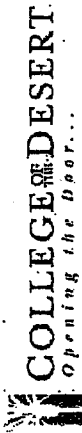
Circle 31, 3019, University of California, Berkeley, Twin Towers Campus, Trestle Street, Suite 3010, Palo Alto, CA 94304

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October 11, 2010

Ms. Allison Schaffer  
Project Manager  
Palm Springs South Coast Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
1201 Bird Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Ms. Schaffer,

BB-1

I am writing to express support for First Solar's proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm. The Desert Sunlight project will produce much needed jobs for not only the nearby community of Desert Center, but also for Blythe and the cities of Coachella Valley. The Desert Sunlight project will produce 550 megawatts of electricity without polluting the air. This will be a significant contribution to meeting California's renewable portfolio standard. It will produce more electricity for more consumers without increasing carbon emissions.

BB-2

I am also writing to express support for the company. First Solar has been working with College of the Desert and its project partners - Palo Verde College and Riverside Workforce Development - to establish training so that more workers from our communities will be eligible for the jobs created by large-scale solar projects in the desert region. From the beginning of our association, First Solar has demonstrated a high level of community involvement and support. The following are a few examples:

- Provided technical assistance and consultation on the development of a regional training curriculum;
- Participated in public information events designed to inform local communities of the job creation and training available through two area community colleges;
- Donated thin-film modules, mounting system, and balance-of-system components to College of the Desert for use in conducting its utility-scale solar energy program;
- Donated thin-film modules and mounting equipment to Palo Verde College for use in conducting its utility-scale solar energy program; and
- Provided staff support from a corporate field trainer to assist in launching the program at College of the Desert.

It is apparent to us that First Solar is committed to having nearby communities fully benefit from the projects they build. They have been a good partner to College of the Desert and, I'm sure, will be a good steward and neighbor as the project gets underway.

Sincerely,

Larry McLaughlin  
Director, Advanced Transportation Technology  
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**Item 4 – Final Resolution No. 2011-220 with Mitigation  
Monitoring & Reporting Program**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-220  
4 ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS, MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN, AND STATEMENT OF  
5 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS  
6 (Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment)

7 **WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2011, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County ("Board") held a  
8 public hearing to consider the issuance of a public use permit and franchise agreement for the portions of  
9 the 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line ("Gen-Tie Line"), which is a project component of the  
10 Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project ("DSSF Project"), that traverses lands under the jurisdiction of  
11 Riverside County; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, the DSSF Project includes three main components: 1) a 550-megawatt solar  
13 photovoltaic energy-generating facility on lands administered by the United States Department of Interior  
14 Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), 2) the Gen-Tie Line, and 3) a Southern California Edison  
15 ("SCE") owned and operated substation, Red Bluff Substation; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the DSSF Project constitutes a "project" under the California Environmental Quality  
17 Act ("CEQA") Guidelines section 15378; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, on August 8, 2011, the BLM, acting as the lead agency under the National  
19 Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), adopted a Record of Decision for the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm  
20 Project/California Desert Conservation Area ("CDCA") Plan Amendment and Final Environmental  
21 Impact Statement ("FEIS")" to approve the Proposed Plan Amendment to the CDCA, and to issue a solar  
22 energy right-of-way lease/grant to Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC, ("Applicant")<sup>1</sup> subject to the terms,  
23 conditions, stipulations, Plan of Development, and environmental protection measures developed by the  
24 BLM and reflected in the Record of Decision; and,

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26 <sup>1</sup> Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC has requested that the public use permit, franchise agreement and encroachment permit be  
27 issued to Desert Sunlight 250, LLC and Desert Sunlight 300, LLC, hereinafter jointly referred to as "Applicant" and hereinafter  
28 jointly and severally responsible for all provisions, rights, obligations, and duties hereof.





- 1 ■ Lands and Realty
- 2 ■ Public Health and Safety/Hazardous Materials
- 3 ■ Recreation
- 4 ■ Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- 5 ■ Transportation, Traffic and Public Access
- 6 ■ Growth Inducing Impacts

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the even though the following potential  
8 impacts associated with the Project are considered less than significant, any potential impacts to these  
9 resources will be avoided or further reduced by adoption of the identified mitigation measures:

10 A. Air Resources

11 1. Potential Impacts: The Project does not conflict with any air quality  
12 management programs and it will comply with all applicable South Coast  
13 Air Quality Management District (“SCAQMD”) regulations. The Project  
14 would generate various quantities of criteria pollutants during construction,  
15 operation, and decommissioning operations, including diesel particulate  
16 emissions, but would not exceed SCAQMD significance thresholds and  
17 Project impacts related to air quality would remain less than significant. In  
18 addition, implementation of the mitigation measure would further reduce air  
19 quality impacts related to the Project. The Board finds that the Mitigation  
20 Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of approval of the  
21 PUP, will maintain the Project's impacts at a less than significant level.

22 2. Mitigation:

23 Mitigation Measure MM-AIR-1 in Section 4.2, Air Resources, of the FEIS,  
24 as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by  
25 reference.

26 B. Paleontological Resources





1 Measures listed below, which are required as conditions of approval of the  
2 PUP, will reduce the Project's significant impacts to a less than significant  
3 level.

4 2. Mitigation:

5 Mitigation Measures MM-BIO-1, MM-BIO-2, MM-BIO-4 in Section 4.3,  
6 Vegetation, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
7 hereby incorporated by reference.

8 Applicant Measures AM-BIO-1 through AM-BIO-5 in Section 4.3,  
9 Vegetation, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
10 hereby incorporated by reference.

11 B. Wildlife

- 12 1. Potential Impacts: The Project will cause direct impacts on wildlife habitat  
13 through habitat loss and through dust, lighting, and noise associated with  
14 construction activities. The Project will result in potential harm to special  
15 status wildlife species, including the desert tortoise; chuckwalla and rosy  
16 boa; golden eagles; bird nests, eggs, and young; roosting bats; and fossorial  
17 mammals such as the Palm Springs round-tailed squirrel, Colorado Valley  
18 woodrat, and American badger. These impacts will be significant, but will  
19 be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of the  
20 Applicant Measures and Mitigation Measures listed below. While impacts  
21 of the Project to wildlife movement and nursery sites are less than  
22 significant, implementation of Mitigation Measures MM-WIL-2 through  
23 MM-WIL-5, as discussed below, would maintain the Project's impacts at a  
24 less than significant level. The Board finds that the Applicant Measures and  
25 Mitigation Measures listed below, which are required as conditions of  
26 approval of the PUP, will maintain the Project's impact at a less than  
27 significant level.

1                   2.     Mitigation:

2                   Mitigation Measures MM-BIO-1 through MM-BIO-4 and MM-WIL-1  
3                   through MM-WIL-8 in Sections 4.3, Vegetation, and 4.4, Wildlife, of the  
4                   FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by  
5                   reference.

6                   Applicant Measures AM-BIO-1, AM-BIO-2, AM-BIO-4, AM-WIL-1, MM-  
7                   WIL-7, AM-WIL-2, AM-WIL-3, and AM-WIL-4 in Sections 4.3,  
8                   Vegetation, and 4.4, Wildlife, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A  
9                   attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

10                C.     Geology and Soil Resources

11                1.     Potential Impacts: The Project is located in a region prone to seismic events,  
12                potentially causing significant adverse impacts to people and property;  
13                including loss of property or injury or death involving rupture of known  
14                earthquake faults, strong seismic ground shaking, and seismic-related  
15                ground failure. In addition, soils in the Project area are susceptible to  
16                subsidence, wind erosion, and water erosion once the soil crusts are  
17                disturbed by Project construction and operation activities. The Board finds  
18                that the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as conditions  
19                of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to a less than  
20                significant level.

21                2.     Mitigation:

22                Applicant Measures AM-GEO-1 and AM-GEO-2 in Section 4.8, Geology  
23                and Soil Resources, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto,  
24                are hereby incorporated by reference.

25                D.     Noise

26                1.     Potential Impacts: Construction activities and construction-related  
27                traffic related to the Project would generate noise levels that are within  
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1 Riverside County's conditionally acceptable range for land uses within  
2 proximity of the Project. In addition, Mitigation Measure MM-NOI-1,  
3 which is consistent with Riverside County's noise ordinance, limits  
4 construction activities to daytime hours. The Board finds that the Mitigation  
5 Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of approval of the  
6 PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to less than significant levels.

7 2. Mitigation:

8 Mitigation Measures MM-NOI-1 in Sections 4.10, Noise and Vibration, of  
9 the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated  
10 by reference.

11 E. Water Resources

12 1. Potential Impacts: The Project has the potential to affect water quality  
13 during construction activities due to erosion and sedimentation, which can  
14 result in significant impacts. Because the Project does not require a National  
15 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Mitigation  
16 Measure MM-WR-5 requires a comprehensive construction-period water  
17 quality control plan. The Board finds that the Mitigation Measure listed  
18 below, which is required as a condition of approval of the PUP, will reduce  
19 the Project's impacts to less than significant levels.

20 2. Mitigation:

21 Mitigation Measures MM-WR-5 in Section 4.17, Water Resources, of the  
22 FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by  
23 reference.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the following impacts associated with the  
25 Project may not be fully or partially mitigated to less than significance despite the inclusion of all feasible  
26 mitigation measures and, because they are significant and unmitigable impacts, Project approval requires  
27 that this Board adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations:





1 woodland; special status plant species, including desert unicorn plant and  
2 cacti; sensitive natural communities, including desert dry wash woodland;  
3 and jurisdictional resources. The Board finds that the Applicant Measures  
4 and Mitigation Measures listed above for Project-specific impacts to  
5 Vegetation, which are required as conditions of approval of the PUP, will  
6 reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such that it is not cumulatively  
7 considerable.

8 B. Wildlife

- 9 1. Potential Impacts: Construction and operation of the Project will contribute  
10 to cumulative impacts associated with the direct loss of wildlife habitat,  
11 including habitat fragmentation, and harming or harassment of special  
12 status species. The Board finds that the Applicant Measure and Mitigation  
13 Measure listed above for Project-specific impacts to Wildlife, which are  
14 required as conditions of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's  
15 cumulative contribution such that it is not cumulatively considerable.

16 C. Paleontological Resources

- 17 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to contribute  
18 to cumulative impacts on paleontological resources. The Board finds that  
19 the Applicant Measure listed above for Project-specific impacts to  
20 Paleontological Resources, which is required as a condition of approval of  
21 the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such that it is not  
22 cumulatively considerable.

23 D. Lands and Realty

- 24 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to  
25 contribution to cumulative impacts related to land use. The Board finds that  
26 the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as a condition of  
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1 approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution such  
2 that it is not cumulatively considerable.

3 2. Mitigation:

4 Applicant Measures AM-LAND-1 and AM-LAND-2 in Section 4.9, Lands  
5 and Realty, of the FEIS, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
6 hereby incorporated by reference.

7 E. Transportation, Traffic and Public Access

8 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to contribute  
9 to cumulative impacts related to transportation and traffic. The Board finds  
10 that the Applicant Measures listed below, which are required as a condition  
11 of approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's cumulative contribution  
12 such that it is not cumulatively considerable.

13 2. Mitigation:

14 Applicant Measures AM-TRANS-1 through AM-TRANS-4 in Section 4.15,  
15 Transportation, Traffic and Public Access, of the FEIS, as described in  
16 Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the following cumulative impacts associated  
18 with the Project may not be fully or partially mitigated such that they are cumulatively considerable  
19 despite the inclusion of all feasible mitigation measures and, because they are significant and unmitigable  
20 impacts, Project approval requires a Statement of Overriding Considerations:

21 A. Air Resources

22 1. Potential Impacts: Construction of the Project has the potential to cause a  
23 contribution to cumulative short-term air quality impacts. The Board finds  
24 that the Mitigation Measure listed below, which is required as a condition of  
25 approval of the PUP, will reduce the Project's impacts to the extent feasible,  
26 but that the cumulative contribution is considerable and therefore the impact  
27 remains significant and unavoidable.





1 used for wire stringing would encompass approximately 203 acres, although  
2 permanent disturbance within this corridor would be approximately 68 acres. The  
3 total length of Gen-Tie Line under this alternative would be approximately 10  
4 miles. Of the 10-mile right-of-way, approximately 9.4 would be on BLM land and  
5 approximately 0.6 miles would be on land owned in fee by the Metropolitan Water  
6 District of Southern California. The poles used for the Gen-Tie Line would be the  
7 same as those under the DSSF.

8 This Alternate Action Alternative is rejected because it will result in disturbance of  
9 an additional 55 acres of desert tortoise critical habitat which will increase  
10 significant impacts to this species.

11 B. Reduced Solar Farm Footprint Alternative with Land Use Plan Amendment-Gen  
12 Tie Route A-2. This Gen-Tie Line alternative would exit the southwest corner of  
13 the Solar Farm and would run for approximately 4,400 feet along the east side of  
14 Kaiser Road, until it intersects with the right-of-way of an existing SCE  
15 transmission line. The line would continue to the southeast, along the existing  
16 transmission right-of-way, for approximately 7.2 miles until turning south for 0.6  
17 mile. It would continue due west for approximately 0.5 mile, turn south, cross I-10,  
18 and continue for approximately 1,000 feet (not along any existing feature) to the  
19 Red Bluff Substation. The 160-foot-wide Gen-Tie Line corridor and additional fan-  
20 shaped areas at corners used for wire stringing would encompass approximately  
21 226 acres, although permanent disturbance within this corridor would be  
22 approximately 86 acres. The total length of the Gen-Tie Line under this alternative  
23 is approximately 10.5 miles, 6.5 miles of which would be on BLM land and 4.0  
24 miles would be on private land. For the portions on private land, 21 separate  
25 parcels would be crossed.

26 Alternative B is rejected because it is infeasible. In order to build Alternative B,  
27 Applicant would have to obtain site control over 21 private parcels required for this  
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1 Alternative without the consent of all the property owners. Because Applicant did  
2 not obtain the consent from all 21 property owners, it lacks the necessary site  
3 control to build Alternative B. Without that site control, it is legally infeasible for  
4 this Alternative to be approved. This Alternative is also rejected because it will  
5 permanently preclude use of 185 acres of cultivated lands, and will use 30 percent  
6 more water to construct the Gen-Tie Line than the Project.

7 C. No Issuance of a Right-of-Way Grant and No Land Use Plan Amendment: (No Action  
8 Alternative). With the No Action Alternative, the DSSF would not be approved, and the Gen Tie Line  
9 would not be built.

10 The No Action Alternative is infeasible and is rejected because it would not  
11 provide to the County the significant benefits of the Project, as detailed below, and  
12 would fail to realize the significant economic, environmental, and technological  
13 benefits from the Project. Specifically, this Alternative would not satisfy objectives  
14 related to meeting California's renewable generation or furthering General Plan  
15 goals and policies related to renewable energy.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that it has determined that there are no mitigation  
17 measures or alternatives that would avoid or lessen significant impacts and that are within the jurisdiction  
18 of the County other than those rejected herein and described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting  
19 Program.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that where the Mitigation Monitoring and  
21 Reporting Program indicates that the enforcement agency for a Mitigation Measure is other than the  
22 County, one of its agencies and/or Applicant, the Board has determined that that other entity has  
23 concurrent jurisdiction with the County to monitor and/or enforce the Mitigation Measure.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that it has balanced the economic, legal, social,  
25 technological, or other benefits of the Project against the unavoidable adverse environmental effects  
26 thereof. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15093, the Board may only approve a project that results  
27 in significant and unavoidable environmental effects upon a finding that there are overriding  
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1 considerations. The Board finds that the benefits of the DSSF Project, of which the Gen-Tie Line is a  
2 component, outweigh the unavoidable environmental effects on air, cultural, and visual resources.  
3 Therefore, the Board finds that the adverse environmental effects of the Project are "acceptable" in light  
4 of the following benefits.

5 A. Facts Supporting Finding:

- 6 1. The Applicant Measures and Mitigation Measures set forth above, as described in  
7 Exhibit "A" attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference as fully set forth  
8 herein.
- 9 2. The Project will reliably interconnect renewable resources from the DSSF to the  
10 Independent System Operator (CAISO)-controlled transmission grid, aiding in  
11 progress towards greenhouse gas reduction and renewable electricity goals;
- 12 3. The Project will help to meet state and federal renewable energy goals and reduce  
13 reliance on fossil fuel sources of electricity.
- 14 4. The Project will interconnect a solar energy generating facility within an area of  
15 exceptional solar resources in order to maximize the efficiency of energy  
16 production and provide clean renewable electricity.
- 17 5. An annual franchise payment of \$600,000, adjusted for inflation, will be made to  
18 the County for a 30 year period pursuant to the execution of the franchise  
19 agreement for the Gen-Tie line.
- 20 6. Applicant will provide a letter of credit to the County in the amount of  
21 \$10,755,000.00 to secure payment and the proper allocation of sales and use tax  
22 revenue to the unincorporated area of Riverside County revenue generated by  
23 construction of the 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility, the  
24 Gen-Tie Line, and the Red Bluff Substation.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the MMRP and the findings set forth and  
26 referenced herein are hereby adopted.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that within five (5) days of the adoption of this  
2 resolution and approval of the PUP and Franchise Agreement, the Clerk of the Board is directed to deliver  
3 the Notice of Determination for the Project to the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, who is  
4 thereby directed to file same, and the Clerk of the Board is further directed to deliver the Notice of  
5 Determination to the State Clearinghouse, all as required by law.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project Gen-Tie A-1

Mitigation Measure	Timing for Implementation	Enforcement Agency	Monitoring Agency	Compliance Action	Verification of Compliance	Remarks
<p><b>Air Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-AIR-1:</b> Sunlight shall develop and implement a dust control plan that includes the use of dust palliatives to ensure compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403. The dust control plan is expected to focus on reducing fugitive dust from construction activities.</p> <p><b>AM-AIR-5:</b> Sunlight shall arrange a shuttle bus program for construction workers, with assembly points in the Palm Springs and Blythe areas.</p>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop &amp; Implement a Dust Control Plan</p>		
<p><b>MM-AIR-1:</b> Sunlight shall require all on-site construction equipment to meet EPA Tier 2 or higher emissions standards according to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 1, 2010, to December 31, 2011: All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 horsepower (hp) shall meet Tier 2 off-road emissions standards. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with the BACT devices certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 2 or Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.</li> <li>January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2014: All off-road diesel powered construction equipment greater than 50 hp shall meet Tier 3 off-road emissions standards. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with BACT devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.</li> <li>Post-January 1, 2015: All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 hp shall meet the Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with BACT devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.</li> <li>A copy of each unit's certified tier specification, BACT documentation, and CARB or SCAQMD operating permit shall be provided when each applicable unit of equipment is mobilized.</li> </ul> <p>The BLM shall require all on-site construction equipment to meet identified standards according to the schedule above, unless a good faith effort to the satisfaction of BLM demonstrates that such engines are not available for a particular item of equipment. In the event that a certain tier engine is not available for any off-road equipment larger than 50 hp, that equipment shall be equipped with the next lower tier</p>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop &amp; Implement a Shuttle Bus Program</p>	<p>2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment meets EPA Tier 2 emission standards</li> <li>Use BACT devices certified by CARB</li> </ul>	
	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Equipment meets EPA Tier 3 emission standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use BACT devices certified by CARB</li> </ul>	<p>2012-2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment meets EPA Tier 3 emission standards</li> </ul>	

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Mitigation Measure	Timing for Implementation	Enforcement Agency	Monitoring Agency	Compliance Action	Verification of Compliance Initials	Date	Remarks
<p>engine (e.g., if Tier 3 is not available use Tier 2), or an engine that is equipped with retrofit controls to reduce exhaust emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and diesel particulate matter (DPM) to no more than the next available tier unless certified by engine manufacturers that the use of such devices is not practical for specific engine types.</p> <p>For purposes of this condition, the use of such devices is "not practical" for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no available retrofit control device that has been verified by either the California Air Resources Board or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to control the engine in question to the applicable tier engine equivalent emission levels and the highest level of available control using retrofit or the applicable tier engines is being used for the engine in question; or</li> <li>The construction equipment is intended to be on site for 10 days or less.</li> </ul> <p>The BLM may grant relief from this requirement if Sunlight can demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with this requirement and that compliance is not practical.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>devices certified by CARB</li> <li>Documentation - Cert tier spec</li> <li>BACK doc</li> <li>CARB or SCAQMD permit</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Vegetation Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-BIO-1:</b> A Habitat Compensation Plan is being prepared and will be implemented by the Applicant to compensate for the loss of creosote desert scrub, desert dry wash woodland, and jurisdictional resources. Compensation will be accomplished by acquisition of mitigation land or conservation easements or by providing funding for specific land acquisition, endowment, restoration, and management actions under one of several programs including the recently approved mitigation program created by SB 34 and as required under MM-BIO-2, Off-site Compensation. The Habitat Compensation Plan will be reviewed and approved by BLM, the USFWS, and CDFG. The precise details of the mitigation, including mitigation ratios, will be established in the BLM ROW grant, USFWS Biological Opinion, and CDFG 2080.1 Consistency Determination. The draft plan is provided in Appendix H.</p> <p>At a minimum, mitigation ratios required in the NECO Plan/EIS are 1:1 for permanent impacts to creosote bush scrub, 3:1 for permanent impacts to desert dry wash woodland, and 5:1 for permanent impacts to the Chuckwalla DWMA and Chuckwalla CHU). Mitigation ratios may be greater based upon the requirements of the USFWS and CDFG. Finally, areas occupied by the burrowing owl will be mitigated at 6.5 acres per occupied burrow (which will be covered by mitigation of creosote bush scrub habitat) and creation or enhancement of two burrows will be implemented for every active burrow.</p> <p><b>AM-BIO-2:</b> A Draft Integrated Weed Management Plan (IWMP) has been prepared pursuant to BLM's Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in 17 Western States (BLM 2007), and the National Invasive Species Management Plan (The National Invasive Species Council 2008), and will be</p>	<p>Prior construction</p> <p>to/during construction</p> <p>Prior construction</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, and CDFG</p> <p>BLM,USFWS, and CDFG</p> <p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, and CDFG</p> <p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop and implement Habitat Compensation Plan</p> <p>Develop and implement the Draft IWMP</p>			



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Mitigation Measure	Timing for Implementation	Enforcement Agency	Monitoring Agency	Compliance Action	Verification of Compliance
					Initials Date Remarks
<p><b>Mitigation Measure</b></p> <p>Implemented by the Applicant to reduce the potential for the introduction of invasive species during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of the Project. [The draft plan is in Appendix H of this document and will be reviewed and approved by the BLM.]</p> <p>The following measures are required in the Plan and will be implemented by the Applicant to monitor and control invasive species (details associated with these measures are provided in Section 4.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventative Measures During Construction</li> <li>• Containment and Control Measures</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Reporting</li> <li>• Success Criteria</li> </ul> <p><b>AM-BIO-3: Pre-Construction Surveys for Special Status Plant Species and Cacti.</b> Prior to construction, the Applicant will stake and flag the construction area boundaries, including the construction areas for the , Gen-Tie Line construction laydown, parking, and work areas; and the boundaries of all temporary and permanent access roads. A BLM-approved biologist will then survey all areas of proposed ground disturbance for special status plant species and cacti during the appropriate blooming period for those species having the potential to occur in the construction areas. All special status plant species and cacti observed will be flagged for transplantation. All cacti observed will be flagged for transplantation and special status plant species observed will be flagged for salvage.</p>	<p>Prior to construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stake and flag boundaries</li> <li>• Use BLM-approved biologist to conduct survey</li> <li>• Flag special status plant species and cacti</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AM-BIO-4: Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP).</b> The Applicant will implement a WEAP to educate on-site workers about sensitive environmental issues associated with the Project. The program will be administered to all on-site personnel including surveyors, construction engineers, employees, contractors, contractor's employees, supervisors, inspectors, subcontractors, and delivery personnel. The program will be implemented during site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, operation, and closure. Details of the program are provided in Section 4.3.</p> <p>The training will place special emphasis on the special status species that have been observed in the Project locations or have a high likelihood to occur, including special status plant species, desert tortoise and other special status reptile species, Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel, burrowing owl, golden eagle, nesting bird species and bat species, and the American badger. BLM will be responsible for ensuring that each construction worker at the site, throughout the duration of construction activities, receives the above training.</p>	<p>Prior to construction/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop and implement WEAP</p>	

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Mitigation Measure

**AM-BIO-5:** The Applicant will prepare and implement a **Vegetation Resources Management Plan** that contains the following components (additional detail is provided in Section 4.3):

- A **Vegetation Salvage Plan** which discusses the methods that will be used to transplant cacti present within the Project locations following BLM's standard operating procedures, as well as methods that will be used to transplant special status plant species that occur in the Project locations if feasible.

The **Vegetation Salvage Plan** and **Restoration Plan** will specify success criteria and performance standards as required per MM BIO-4, Salvage and Restoration Plan Performance Standards. BLM will be responsible for reviewing and approving the Plan and for ensuring that the Applicant implements the Plan including maintenance and monitoring required in the Plan.

**AM-BIO-5:** A **Restoration Plan** which discusses the methods that will be used to restore creosote bush scrub and [desert dry wash woodland habitat] that is temporarily disturbed by construction activities.

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**MM-BIO-1: Construction Monitoring.** A BLM approved biologist shall conduct construction monitoring during all construction activities to ensure that construction activities are contained within the staked and flagged construction areas at all times. The construction monitor shall also be present during all ground disturbing activities to either actively or passively relocate special status wildlife species, other than the desert tortoise, nesting bird species, and burrowing owl found within the construction zones to a suitable location outside of the project footprint. The construction monitor shall also inspect fencing and netting at all construction ponds to ensure that the ponds are not accessible to potential avian or canid desert tortoise predators or to wildlife that could drown or become entrapped within the enclosures. Netting and fencing must prevent the ponds from becoming water source "subsidies" to predators or from becoming hazards to native wildlife. The construction monitor shall have the authority to stop work and report directly to the Applicant's Environmental Manager (EM) to ensure compliance with the Project Description, applicant-proposed measures, and mitigation measures. The construction monitor shall provide the Applicant's EM with weekly updates and quarterly monitoring reports. After construction has been completed, the construction monitor shall provide the Applicant's EM with a field monitoring report. The Applicant's EM shall provide BLM with weekly status updates on the status of construction and monitoring efforts and shall provide BLM with copies of the quarterly monitoring reports and the final monitoring report. BLM shall be responsible for ensuring that construction monitoring is conducted during

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AM-BIO-5: The Applicant will prepare and implement a <b>Vegetation Resources Management Plan</b> that contains the following components (additional detail is provided in Section 4.3): • A <b>Vegetation Salvage Plan</b> which discusses the methods that will be used to transplant cacti present within the Project locations following BLM's standard operating procedures, as well as methods that will be used to transplant special status plant species that occur in the Project locations if feasible. The <b>Vegetation Salvage Plan</b> and <b>Restoration Plan</b> will specify success criteria and performance standards as required per MM BIO-4, Salvage and Restoration Plan Performance Standards. BLM will be responsible for reviewing and approving the Plan and for ensuring that the Applicant implements the Plan including maintenance and monitoring required in the Plan. <b>AM-BIO-5:</b> A <b>Restoration Plan</b> which discusses the methods that will be used to restore creosote bush scrub and [desert dry wash woodland habitat] that is temporarily disturbed by construction activities. The <b>Vegetation Salvage Plan</b> and <b>Restoration Plan</b> will specify success criteria and performance standards as required per MM BIO-4, Salvage and Restoration Plan Performance Standards. BLM will be responsible for reviewing and approving the Plan and for ensuring that the Applicant implements the Plan including maintenance and monitoring required in the Plan.	Prior to/during construction	BLM	BLM	Develop and implement Vegetation Salvage Plan	
	Prior to/during construction	BLM	BLM	Develop and implement Restoration Plan	
	During construction	BLM	BLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use BLM-approved biologist for monitoring</li> <li>• Conduct construction monitoring</li> <li>• Stop work if conditions warrant</li> <li>• Provide weekly status updates to BLM</li> <li>• Provide quarterly monitoring</li> </ul>	

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<p>all construction activities.</p> <p><b>MM-BIO-2, Off-site Compensation:</b> The project shall comply with Mitigation Measure BIO-2 of the Final Environmental Impact Report</p>	Prior to/during construction	See AM-BIO-1	See AM-BIO-1	<p>reports to BLM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide final monitoring report to BLM</li> </ul> <p>See AM-BIO-1</p>	
<p><b>MM-BIO-4: Salvage and Restoration. Plan Performance Standards.</b> Salvage will occur prior to construction in any area of the proposed Project as described in the approved Vegetation Salvage Plan (described in AM-BIO-5). Post-Project seeding and planting (revegetation) will occur at the decommissioning phase of the Project as described under an approved Restoration Plan (AM-BIO-5). Both salvage and revegetation efforts shall be monitored yearly and shall continue for a period of no less than 10 years or until the defined performance standards are achieved (whichever is sooner).</p> <p>The following performance standards must be met by the end of the monitoring period: (a) at least 80% of the species and vegetative cover observed within the temporarily disturbed areas shall be native species that naturally occur in desert scrub habitats; (b) absolute cover and density of native plant species within the revegetated areas shall equal at least 60% of the pre-disturbance or reference vegetation cover, and (c) the site shall have gone without irrigation or remedial planting for a minimum of three years prior to completion of monitoring.</p> <p>Remediation activities (e.g., whether additional planting, removal of non-native invasive species, or erosion control) shall be taken during the 10-year period if necessary to ensure the success of the revegetation effort. If the mitigation fails to meet the established performance standards after the 10-year maintenance and monitoring period, monitoring and remedial activities shall extend beyond the 10-year period until the performance standards are met, unless otherwise specified by the BLM.</p> <p>As needed to achieve performance standards, the project owner shall be responsible for replacement planting or other remedial action as agreed to by BLM. Replacement plants shall be monitored with the same survival and growth requirements as required for original revegetation plantings.</p> <p>If a fire or flood damages a revegetation area within the 10-year monitoring period, the owner shall be responsible for a one-time replacement. If a second fire or flood occurs, no replanting is required, unless the event is caused by the owner's activity (as determined by BLM or other firefighting agency investigation).</p>	Prior to/during construction	See AM-BIO-5	See AM-BIO-5		

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<p><b>Wildlife Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-WIL-1: A Draft Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan</b> has been prepared for the Project and will be implemented by the Applicant to ensure that construction monitoring will be conducted by a BLM, USFWS, and CDFG-approved biologists during all construction activities and that any desert tortoise found with the construction zone will be translocated to a suitable location outside of the project footprint. The draft plan is in Appendix H and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. The final plan will conform to the 2010 USFWS desert tortoise relocation guidelines entitled Translocation of Desert Tortoises (Mojave Population) From Project Sites: Plan Development Guidance. Unpublished Report dated August 2010.</p> <p>The Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan contains an analysis of several recipient sites for desert tortoises to be translocated from the GT project area. The final selected recipient site will be determined by BLM, the USFWS, and CDFG. Desert tortoises found along the linear components of the Project, including the Gen-Tie Line, Telecommunications site, and access roads will be relocated out of harm's way pursuant to USFWS guidance (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2009. Desert Tortoise Field Manual. Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California). Specifically, biological monitors will be present during all construction activities to ensure that active burrows are avoided, if a desert tortoise is found, the tortoise will be allowed to passively traverse the site while construction in the immediate area is halted. If the tortoise does not move out of harm's way after approximately 20 minutes, a biologist authorized to handle desert tortoise, will actively move the animal out of harm's way. Vehicles parked in desert tortoise habitat will be inspected immediately prior to being moved. If a tortoise is found beneath a vehicle, a biologist authorized to handle desert tortoise will be contacted to move the animal out of harm's way, or the vehicle will not be moved until the desert tortoise leaves of its own accord.</p> <p>During the construction and operations and maintenance phases of the Project, additional BMP's will also be implemented by the Applicant.</p> <p><b>AM-WIL-2: Contribute to a USFWS Regional Raven Management Plan.</b> The Applicant shall contribute to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Regional Raven Management Program by making a one-time payment of \$105 per acre of Project disturbance to the national Fish and Wildlife Federation Renewable Energy Action Team raven control account. A Raven Management Plan has been prepared and will be implemented by the Applicant to minimize the potential for the Project to attract ravens to the Project site. The draft plan is in Appendix H and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. Additional details are provided in Section 4.4.</p> <p><b>AM-WIL-3: A Draft Avian and Bat Protection Plan</b> has been prepared and will be implemented by the Applicant to specify necessary actions to be taken to protect nesting bird and bat species, including</p>	<p>Prior to construction/during construction</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>	<p>Implement Draft Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remit payment of \$105 per acre disturbed</li> <li>Implement Raven Management Plan</li> </ul> <p>Implement Draft Avian and Bat</p>		
	<p>Prior to construction/during construction</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>	<p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>			
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<p>burrowing owls, nesting birds, and roosting bats. The draft plan is in Appendix H and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. The final plan will conform to the 2010 USFWS avian and bat guidelines entitled Considerations for Avian and Bat Protection Plans U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service White Paper. Additional details are provided in Section 4.4.</p>		BLM, CDFG	BLM, CDFG	Protection Plan	
<p><b>MM-WIL-2: Nelson's Bighorn Sheep Monitoring and Mitigation.</b> To avoid impacts to Nelson's Bighorn Sheep, pre-construction surveys shall be conducted within 30 days prior to the start of construction. If no occurrence is documented then no further mitigation, compensation, plans or other action would be required. If effects to Nelson's Bighorn Sheep cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall consult with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to determine the appropriate level of restoration and mitigation for effects to essential habitat and/or travel corridors for Nelson's bighorn sheep by implementing the following measures:</p>	Prior to/during construction	BLM, CDFG	BLM, CDFG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with CDFG for Nelson's bighorn sheep</li> <li>• Compensation for habitat loss</li> <li>• Minimize impact to bighorn movement</li> </ul>	
<p>a) The project owner shall compensate or replace the permanent loss of Nelson's bighorn sheep habitat at a 1:1 ratio as approved by the CDFG. This may include monetary contributions or donations as mitigation which are tied to programs or activities designed to offset potential resource losses or for mitigation banking for habitat restoration, enhancement, and/or acquisition projects provided that an appropriate and cooperatively developed mitigation agreement has been finalized between the Applicant and CDFG.</p> <p>b) Compensation or replacement mitigation should be oriented within or adjacent to the project area and designed to rectify the same functions, habitat types and species being impacted wherever possible. Off-site compensation should be considered when mitigation measures cannot be applied to adjacent areas or to benefit the same species that are impacted.</p> <p>c) All final actions associated with compensation mitigation will be approved by CDFG to insure that agreements are consistent with the CDFG's Sonoran Desert Mountain Sheep Meta-Population Plan.</p> <p>d) Any roads or permanent structures built in Nelson's bighorn sheep habitat or movement corridors must be constructed in such a way as to allow continued bighorn movement. Some strategies could include under or over passes, ramps cut into steep side slopes, alternatives to continuous guard rails and/or fence specifications along roads that allow sheep movement. Plans for these structures will be developed in coordination with CDFG.</p>	Prior to/during construction	BLM, CDFG	BLM, CDFG	Consult with CDFG for Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel	
<p><b>MM-WIL-3: Palm Springs Round Tailed Ground Squirrel Protection Plan.</b> If effects to Palm Springs round tailed ground squirrel cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall consult with the CDFG to determine the appropriate level of restoration or mitigation for effects to essential habitat for Palm Springs round tailed ground squirrel.</p>					

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<p><b>MM-WIL-4. Mojave Fringed-toed Lizard Monitoring and Mitigation.</b> To avoid effects to the Mojave Fringed-toed Lizard, pre-construction surveys shall be conducted within 30 days prior to the start of construction. If no occurrence is documented then no further mitigation, compensation, plans or other action would be required. If effects to Mojave Fringed-toed Lizard cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall mitigate for direct and indirect impacts to stabilized and partially stabilized sand dunes and other Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat by compensating for lost habitat at ratios ranging from 1:1 to 5:1 depending upon (as detailed in MM-BIO-2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Species known to be present on site</li> <li>B. Habitat condition</li> <li>C. Proximity of known disturbances</li> <li>D. Vegetation type</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant shall provide funding for the acquisition, initial habitat improvements and long-term management of the compensation lands. The habitat compensation requirement, and associated funding requirements based on that acreage will be adjusted if there are changes in the final footprint of the Project. In lieu of acquiring lands itself, the Applicant may ensure funding to complete the land acquisition by providing CDFG and/or USFWS, as appropriate, prior to commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities an irrevocable letter of credit or another form of security as approved by CDFGs Office of General Counsel before ground- or revegetation-disturbing activities begin.</p> <p>The requirements for acquisition, initial improvement and long-term management of compensation lands include all, or as many as practicable in the judgment of BLM, USFWS, and CDFG, of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Criteria for Compensation Lands: The compensation lands selected for acquisition shall:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide suitable habitat for Mojave fringe-toed lizards that is equal to or better than that found in the Project disturbance area, and may include stabilized and partially stabilized desert dunes or sand drifts over playas or Sonoran creosote bush scrub;</li> <li>b. Be within the Chuckwalla Valley with potential to contribute to Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat connectivity and build linkages between known populations of Mojave fringe-toed lizards and preserve lands with suitable habitat;</li> <li>c. Be connected to lands that are either currently occupied or have high potential to be occupied by Mojave fringe-toed lizard based on patch size and habitat quality;</li> <li>d. Be near larger blocks of lands that are either already protected or planned for protection, or which could feasibly be protected long-term by a public resource agency or a non-governmental organization dedicated to habitat preservation;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM, CDFG and USFWS</p>	<p>BLM, CDFG and USFWS</p>	<p>Compensate for impacts to Mojave fringe-toed lizard</p>		

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<p>e. Not have a history of intensive recreational use or other disturbance that might make habitat recovery and restoration infeasible;</p> <p>f. Not be characterized by high densities of invasive species, either on or immediately adjacent to the parcels under consideration, that might jeopardize habitat recovery and restoration;</p> <p>g. Not contain hazardous wastes;</p> <p>h. Not be subject to property constraints (i.e. mineral leases, cultural resources); and</p> <p>i. Be on land for which long-term management is feasible.</p> <p>2. <b>Security for Implementation of Mitigation:</b> The Applicant shall provide financial assurances to CDFG and/or USFWS that guarantee that an adequate level of funding is available to implement the acquisitions and enhancement of Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat as described in this condition. These funds shall be used solely for implementation of the measures associated with the Project. Financial assurance can be provided to DFG and/or USFWS in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, a pledged savings account or Security prior to initiating ground-disturbing project activities. The Security shall be approved by the CDFG and USFWS, to ensure sufficient funding.</p> <p>3. <b>Preparation of Management Plan:</b> The Applicant shall submit to the CDFG and USFWS a draft Management Plan that that reflects site-specific enhancement measures for the Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat on the acquired compensation lands. The objective of the Management Plan shall be to enhance the value of the compensation lands for Mojave fringe-toed lizards, and may include enhancement actions such as weed control, fencing to exclude livestock, erosion control, or protection of sand sources or sand transport corridors.</p> <p><b>MM-WIL-5.</b> Prepare and implement a <b>Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan.</b> Prior to the issuance of a construction permit the Applicant shall retain a BLM-approved, qualified biologist to prepare a Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan in consultation with CDFG and USFWS. This plan shall follow the Avian Protection Plan guidelines outlined by USFWS and Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC). The plan will require monitoring of (1) the death and injury of birds from collisions with facility features such as feeder/distribution lines. The study design shall be approved by BLM in consultation with the CDFG and USFWS.</p> <p><b>Bird mortality study.</b> The bird mortality component of the Bird Monitoring Study shall include at a minimum: detailed specifications on data, a carcass collection protocol, and a rationale justifying the proposed schedule of carcass searches. The study shall also include seasonal trials to assess bias from carcass removal by scavengers as well as searcher bias.</p>	<p>Prior to construction/ During construction</p>	<p>BLM (CDFG and USFWS) County</p>	<p>BLM (CDFG and USFWS) County</p>	<p>Develop and Implement Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan</p>	

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<p><b>Mitigation Measure</b></p> <p>During construction and for one year following the beginning of the solar farm operation the biologist shall submit annual reports to BLM, CDFG, and USFWS describing the dates, durations, and results of monitoring and data collection. The annual reports shall provide a detailed description of any project-related bird or wildlife deaths or injuries detected during the monitoring study. The report shall analyze any project-related bird fatalities or injuries detected, and provides recommendations (in consultation with the County) for future monitoring and any adaptive management actions needed.</p> <p><b>Thresholds.</b> Thresholds will be determined by BLM in consultation with CDFG and USFWS. If BLM determines that bird mortality caused by GT lines is substantial and is having potentially adverse impacts on special-status bird populations, the Applicant shall be required to implement some or all of the mitigation measures below.</p> <p><b>Implementation Measures.</b> To minimize bird mortality caused by GT lines, the Applicant may be required to install additional bird flight diverters, alterations to project components that have been identified as key mortality features, or implement other appropriate actions approved by BLM and regulatory agencies based on the findings of the Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan.</p> <p>If mitigation actions are required, the annual reporting shall continue until BLM, in consultation with CDFG, USFWS, and County, determines whether more years of monitoring are needed, and whether additional mitigation and adaptive management measures are necessary. After the Bird Monitoring Study is determined by BLM to be complete, the Applicant shall prepare papers that describe the design and monitoring results of the study to be submitted to peer-reviewed scientific journals. Proof of submittal shall be provided to BLM, CDFG, and USFWS within one year after the monitoring study is complete..</p> <p><b>MM-WIL-5:</b> Avian and Bat Protection Plan (Repeat)</p> <p><b>MM-WIL-6.</b> Prepare and Implement Golden Eagle Nesting Surveys, Nest Site Monitoring, and Adaptive Management, as described below. Where details of this Mitigation Measure may conflict with Applicant Measure MM-WIL-3, this measure (MM-WIL-6) shall take precedence.</p> <p>1. For each year during which construction will occur, an inventory of all golden eagle territories within ten miles of project facilities shall be conducted to determine if any territory is active. Survey methods for the inventory shall be as described in the Interim Golden Eagle Inventory and Monitoring Protocols; and Other Recommendations (Pagel et al. 2010) or more current guidance from the USFWS. A nesting territory or shall be considered occupied or unoccupied based on criteria in Pagel (2010) or more current guidance from the USFWS.</p> <p>2. Inventory Data: Data collected during the inventory shall include at least the following: territory status</p>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p> <p>During construction</p>	<p>See MM-WIL-5</p> <p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>	<p>See MM-WIL-5</p> <p>BLM,USFWS, CDFG</p>	<p>See MM-WIL-5</p> <p>Develop and implement Golden Eagle Nesting Surveys, Nest Site Monitoring, and Adaptive Management</p>	



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<p>(unknown, vacant, occupied, breeding successful, breeding unsuccessful), nest location, nest elevation; age class of golden eagles observed; nesting chronology; number of young at each visit; digital photographs; and substrate upon which nest is placed.</p> <p>3. Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan: If an occupied nest (as defined by Pagel et al. 2010) is detected within 10 miles of any project component, the Project owner shall prepare and implement a Golden Eagle Monitoring and Management Plan for the duration of construction to ensure that Project construction activities do not result in injury or disturbance to golden eagles. The monitoring methods shall be consistent with those described in the Interim Golden Eagle Inventory and Monitoring Protocols; and Other Recommendations (Pagel et al. 2010) or more current guidance from the USFWS. The Monitoring and Management Plan shall be prepared in consultation with BLM, USFWS, and CDFG. It shall be implemented by Applicant, according to project component. The applicant shall designate a biologist, to be approved by BLM, USFWS, and CDFG. Triggers for adaptive management shall include any evidence of Project-related disturbance to nesting golden eagles, including but not limited to: agitation behavior (displacement, avoidance, and defense); increased vigilance behavior at nest sites; changes in foraging and feeding behavior, or nest site abandonment. The Monitoring and Management Plan shall include a description of adaptive management actions that are deemed by the Designated Biologist to be the source of golden eagle disturbance.</p>							
<p><b>Cultural Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-CUL-1:</b> A Cultural Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan has been included as a project design feature and BMP to minimize impacts on cultural resources.</p>	During construction	BLM	BLM	Implement the Cultural Resources MMP or Historic Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP)			
<p><b>MM-CUL-1:</b> The Memorandum of Agreement shall detail the process for activities to proceed in areas where historic properties are now known not to exist; the process for phased completion of field investigations for the evaluation of cultural resources and assessment of effects; a historic property treatment plan (HPTP); procedures to resolve adverse effects under Section 106; coordination between the CEQA process and Section 106 compliance; procedures for treatment of inadvertent discoveries; procedures for determining treatment and disposition of human remains; the process for treating human remains; compliance monitoring; dispute resolution; and tribal participation. Resolution of effects to cultural resources eligible for or listed on the NRHP may include research and documentation, data recovery excavations, curation, public interpretation, use or creation of historic contexts (especially for</p>	Prior to construction	BLM	BLM	Develop and implement the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)			

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historic landscapes and the potential DTC-CAMA historic district), and/or report distribution.  
**MM-CUL-2:** On the basis of preliminary CRHR eligibility assessments, NRHP eligibility assessments made under the Memorandum of Agreement, or existing NRHP eligibility determinations, the BLM may require the relocation of project components to avoid or reduce damage to cultural resource values. Where operationally feasible, potentially NRHP-eligible resources shall be protected from direct project impacts by project redesign within previously surveyed and analyzed areas.

**AM-CUL-7:** Archaeological monitoring shall be conducted by a qualified archaeologist familiar with the types of historical and prehistoric resources that could be encountered within the project area, and under direct supervision of a principal archaeologist. All cultural resources personnel will be approved by the BLM through the agency's Cultural Resource Use Permitting process. A Native American monitor may be required at culturally sensitive locations specified by the BLM following government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes. The monitoring plan shall indicate the locations where Native American monitors will be required and shall specify the tribal affiliation of the required Native American monitor for each location. The Applicant shall retain and schedule any required Native American monitors.

**MM-CUL-8:** In the event of inadvertent discoveries during construction, operation and maintenance, or decommissioning, procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement and the monitoring and mitigation plan will be adhered to. At a minimum, this will include stop work orders in the vicinity of the find, recordation and evaluation of the find by a qualified archaeologist, notification of the find to BLM/SHPO, and appropriate treatment measures, possibly including data recovery or avoidance.

Paleontological Resources

**AM-PR-1:** The Applicant shall be responsible for the following measures (more details are provided in Section 4.7).

- A qualified paleontologist will conduct a study to further characterize the paleontological sensitivity of the Project Area.
- Should the site characterization and or the site reconnaissance identify areas of high potential for paleontological resources, additional measures could be implemented, as determined by the BLM.
- A qualified paleontologist will develop a monitoring and mitigation plan prior to construction to mitigate adverse impacts on paleontological resources if excavation is to occur in an area of high paleontological sensitivity. The plan will include measures to be followed in the event that fossil materials are encountered during construction.

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<p>During construction</p> <p>See MM-CUL-1 County/SHPO</p>	During construction	See MM-CUL-1 County/SHPO	See MM-CUL-1 County/SHPO	See MM-CUL-1		
<p>During construction</p> <p>BLM/SHPO/County</p>	During construction	BLM/SHPO/County	BLM/SHPO/County	Archaeological monitoring Native American Monitoring		
<p>During construction/ Operation and maintenance/Decommissioning</p> <p>BLM (SHPO)</p>	During construction/ Operation and maintenance/Decommissioning	BLM (SHPO)	BLM (SHPO)	Develop and implement the MOA and HPTP		
<p>Prior to construction/ During construction</p> <p>BLM/County</p>	Prior to construction/ During construction	BLM/County	BLM/County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Paleontological study</li> <li>• Develop &amp; implement Paleontological MMP</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Geology and Soil Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-GEO-1:</b> The Applicant shall include, as part of the construction design plans for the Gen-Tie Line, the mitigation measures provided in the Earth Systems Southwest (2010) geotechnical survey. These mitigations are summarized in Section 4.8 and in Appendix F, and are subject to BLM/County approval. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing these mitigations.</p>	Prior to construction	County	County		
<p><b>AM-GEO-2:</b> The Applicant shall implement the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts from wind and water erosion to soils (additional details are in Section 4.8):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Mitigation Measures MM-WAT-6 and MM-WAT-7, discussed in Chapter 4.17, Water Resources.</li> <li>• Obtain coverage under the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (General Permit) Water Quality Order 2009-0009 DWQ;</li> <li>• Use nonhazardous dust suppressants approved by the BLM and water on an as-needed basis to suppress wind-blown dust generated at the site during construction. Dust palliatives also would be applied during operation;</li> <li>• Implement erosion control measures during construction; and</li> <li>• Use silt fences for erosion control in the event of a storm event along neighboring properties, Power Line Road and along the main drainage to the east of the Solar Farm Site.</li> </ul>	Prior to/during construction	BLM	BLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement measures from Earth Systems Southwest (2010) geotechnical survey</li> <li>• Obtain coverage under NPDES</li> <li>• Use dust suppressants</li> <li>• Use erosion control measures</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Lands and Realty Resources</b></p> <p><b>AM-LAND-1:</b> Property owners within 300 feet of the Project shall be notified of all major Project construction milestones, such as start of Project construction. Said property owners shall be provided with a detailed construction schedule at least 30 days before construction so that they are informed as to the time and location of disturbance. Updates shall be provided as necessary.</p> <p><b>AM-LAND-2:</b> The Project shall be designed to minimize disturbance or modification of existing uses such as transmission lines, pipelines, and underground cables. If disturbance or modification of existing uses were necessary, Applicant shall coordinate with the other property owners to determine an acceptable solution. Applicant shall fund any necessary avoidance measures or modifications.</p>	Prior to construction	County	County	30 day notification of project schedule	
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<b>Noise and Vibration</b> <b>AM-NZ-1:</b> Applicant shall limit most construction activity to daytime hours consistent with Riverside County noise ordinance limitations. Certain electrical connection activities at the GT site would occur at night for safety reasons, but would not require any heavy equipment operations. <b>MM-NOI-1:</b> Sunlight shall limit construction activity within a quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during June through September and from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from October through May.	During construction During construction	County County	County County	Minimize night work Minimize night work		
<b>Public Health and Safety/Haz Waste</b> <b>AM-HAZ-1a:</b> Appropriate spill containment and clean-up kits shall be kept on site during construction and maintained during the operation of the Gen-Tie Line.	During construction/ operation	County	County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain appropriate spill containment and clean-up kits</li> <li>Develop &amp; Implement a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC)</li> </ul>		
<b>AM-HAZ-1b:</b> In accordance with the Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act, the Applicant shall supply the local emergency response agencies with a <b>Hazardous Materials Management Plan</b> and an associated emergency response plan and inventory specific to the site. The Applicant shall prepare the plan for approval by the BLM and review and comment by the County of Riverside. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing the approved plan (additional details are in Section 4.11).	Prior to construction	BLM, County	BLM, County	Develop, submit, and implement Hazardous Materials Management Plan		
<b>AM-HAZ-1c:</b> During construction of the Gen-Tie Line, BMPs for handling, storing, and disposing of hazardous materials and waste shall be followed (additional details are in Section 4.11).	During construction	BLM/County	BLM/County	Develop and implement Hazardous Materials Management Plan		
<b>AM-HAZ-1d:</b> An <b>SPCC Plan</b> shall be developed and implemented that would identify primary and	Prior to/during	BLM, County	BLM, County	Develop and		

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<p>secondary containment for oil products stored on site as well as training in spill management in the event of an unexpected release. The Applicant shall prepare the plan for approval by the BLM and review and comment by the County of Riverside. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing the approved plan (additional details are in Section 4.11).</p> <p><b>AM-HAZ-1e:</b> The Applicant shall develop an <b>Environmental Health and Safety Plan</b> for the construction and operation of the project to ensure it includes all activities and compliance to all local, state and federal regulatory requirements. <b>Illness and Injury Prevention Programs</b> will be developed for construction and operation. The Applicant shall prepare the plan for approval by the BLM/County. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing the approved plan (additional details are in Section 4.11).</p>	<p>construction</p> <p>Prior to construction</p>	<p>BLM, County</p>	<p>BLM, County</p>	<p>Implement a SPCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a Environmental Health and Safety Plan</li> <li>Develop and implement a Illness and Injury Prevention Programs</li> <li>Determine the history of military activities</li> <li>As necessary, further investigation and then removal</li> <li>MEC health and safety awareness training</li> </ul>			
<p><b>AM-HAZ-2:</b> Based on the preliminary information provided in the Phase I ESA and the Class I cultural inventory of the Project Site, the Applicant proposes to take the following steps to better determine the nature and extent of potential MEC issues and then take appropriate corrective action measures. The first step is to better determine the history of military activities within the proposed Project footprint. This would include further research regarding prior MEC removals that may have been issued in the past for certain areas by military or other investigating entities, and may include consultations with DOD personnel and archival research. As a result of the historical occurrence of military training activities throughout the DTC-CAMA, potentially including the Project area, this MEC consultation and archival research will address the entire Project footprint, including the specific areas of concern identified by the Phase I ESA and cultural resource surveys. With that more comprehensive understanding, the Applicant will propose, as necessary, further appropriate above and below-ground assessments, under the direction of an expert consultant team, to delineate areas for further investigation and then removal. The Applicant, under direction from the BLM, will determine which site-specific in-field investigative techniques and methodologies will be utilized to investigate and resolve potential MEC issues prior to Project construction. Finally, all construction workers will receive appropriate MEC health and safety awareness training to ensure that they know what actions to take if unanticipated MEC or other suspicious articles are encountered during construction.</p>	<p>Prior to construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>				
<p><b>AM-HAZ-3:</b> The Applicant shall provide the County of Riverside with a project specific <b>Emergency Response and Inventory Plan</b> prior to initiating construction. The Applicant shall prepare the plan for</p>	<p>Prior to construction</p>	<p>County</p>	<p>County</p>	<p>Emergency Response and</p>			

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approval by the BLM and review and comment by the County of Riverside. The Applicant shall be responsible for implementing the approved plan (additional details are in Section 4.11).		BLM/ County	BLM/County	Inventory Plan	
<b>AM-HAZ-4:</b> Project facilities shall be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with applicable fire protection and other environmental, health and safety requirements. In compliance with County of Riverside requirements, a project-specific fire prevention plan for both construction and operation of the Gen-Tie Line will be completed prior to initiation of construction. The fire protection plan shall be approved by the BLM and provided to by Riverside County review and comment. Applicant shall have a Project-specific fire prevention plan in place during construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project. This plan shall comply with applicable County of Riverside regulations and would be coordinated with the BLM Fire Management Officer and the local Fire Department in the Chuckwalla Valley at Tamarisk Park.	Prior to construction/ Operation/decommissioning	BLM/ County	BLM/County	Develop and implement Fire Prevention Plan	
<b>AM-HAZ-5:</b> An Emergency Response Plan and Site Security Plan shall be completed for the project facilities by qualified professionals. These plans shall be developed in accordance with the BLM and DOE requirements (additional details are in Section 4.11). Due to the sensitive nature of information contained in these plans, these documents will not be available for general public review. These plans shall be developed in accordance with BLM and DOE.	Prior to construction	BLM,DOE	BLM, DOE	Develop and implement emergency response plan and site security plan	
<b>Socioeconomic and Environmental Justice</b>					
<b>AM-SOCIO-1:</b> The public shall be notified of Project activities and scheduling to inform the public of projected impacts on the surrounding area. This notification shall provide the public with the opportunity to plan their personal and business activities appropriately.	Prior to/during construction	See AM-LAND-1	See AM-LAND-1	See AM-LAND-1	
<b>AM-SOCIO-2:</b> Applicant shall align Gen-Tie lines along existing linear features (such as Kaiser Road) to minimize the social effects of potential visual impacts.	During construction	See AM-LAND-2	See AM-LAND-2	See AM-LAND-2	
<b>Transportation and Public Access</b>					
<b>AM-TRANS-1:</b> Applicant shall prepare a Construction Traffic Control Plan in conjunction with Riverside County and/or Caltrans in accordance with Caltrans Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the California Joint Utility Traffic Control Manual (2010).	Prior to construction	Caltrans/County	Caltrans/County	Develop and implement Construction Traffic Control Plan	
<b>AM-TRANS-2:</b> Applicant shall document road conditions at the beginning and end of Project construction and decommissioning and contribute fair share cost for pavement maintenance and other	During construction/	County	County	Document	

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needed repairs.	Decommissioning	County	County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conditions</li> <li>Contribute to repairs</li> <li>Notice provided to airport owners by Applicant if needed</li> </ul>			
<p><b>AM-TRANS-3:</b> Applicant shall share Project information with the airport owners at the former Desert Center Airport to assure that no special precautions are needed.</p>	Prior to construction/ During construction	County	County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement Revegetation Plan</li> <li>Prepare as-build report</li> <li>Develop and implement plan for revegetation monitoring</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Visual Resources</b></p> <p><b>MM-VR-1:</b> Revegetation. The Applicant shall minimize the amount of ground surface to be disturbed and revegetate disturbed soil areas (additional details provided in Section 4.16). No less than 30 days following the publication of the BLM's Record of Decision/ROW Issuance, whichever comes first, the Applicant shall submit to the BLM a final agency-approved revegetation plan that has been reviewed and approved by the BLM. Within 30 days after completion of project construction, the Applicant each shall provide to the BLM for review and approval a written report identifying which items of the revegetation plan have been completed, a summary of all modifications to mitigation measures made during the project's construction phase, and which items are still outstanding. It shall also include a plan for revegetation monitoring.</p> <p><b>MM-VR-4:</b> Lighting Control. Consistent with safety and security considerations, the Applicant shall design and install all permanent exterior lighting and all temporary construction lighting such that a) lamps and reflectors are not visible from beyond the GT project area, including any off-site security buffer areas; b) lighting shall not cause excessive reflected glare; c) direct lighting shall not illuminate the nighttime sky, except for required FAA aircraft safety lighting; d) illumination of the Project and its immediate vicinity shall be minimized; e) skyglow caused by Project lighting will be avoided, and f) the plan shall comply with local policies and ordinances. All permanent light sources shall be below 3,500 Kelvin color temperature (warm white) and shall have cutoff angles not to exceed 45 degrees of nadir. The Applicant shall submit to the BLM for review and approval a Lighting Mitigation Plan that includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification that LPS or amber LED lighting will be emphasized, and that white lighting (metal halide) would (a) only be used when necessitated by specific work tasks, (b) not be used for dusk-to-dawn</li> </ul>	Prior to construction/ 30 days after completion of construction	BLM	BLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement Revegetation Plan</li> <li>Prepare as-build report</li> <li>Develop and implement plan for revegetation monitoring</li> </ul>			
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<p>lighting, and (c) would be less than 3,500 Kelvin color temperature; and task lighting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification and map of all lamp locations, orientations, and intensities, including security, roadway, and task lighting;</li> <li>• Specification of each light fixture and each light shield;</li> <li>• Total estimated outdoor lighting footprint, expressed as lumens or lumens per acre;</li> <li>• Definition of the threshold for substantial contribution to light pollution in Joshua Tree National Park, in coordination with the Night Sky Program Manager (see below);</li> <li>• Specifications on the use of portable truck-mounted lighting;</li> <li>• Lighting design shall consider setbacks of Project features from the site boundary to help satisfy the lighting mitigation requirements;</li> <li>• Light fixtures that are visible from beyond the Project boundary shall have cutoff angles sufficient to prevent lamps and reflectors from being visible beyond the Project boundary;</li> <li>• Specification of motion sensors and other controls to be used, especially for security lighting;</li> <li>• Surface treatment specification that will be employed to minimize glare and skyglow;</li> <li>• Results of a Lumen Analysis (based on final lighting plans), in consultation with the National Park Service (NPS) Night Sky Program Manager (Chad Moore – (970) 491-3700), in order to determine the extent of night lighting exposures in the surrounding NPS lands. If the lighting exposure on NPS lands exceeds the allowable threshold (which is to be determined in consultation with the NPS Night Sky Program Manager and BLM), additional control measures will be instituted to reduce the lighting exposures to levels below the threshold; and</li> <li>• Documentation that coordination with the NPS Night Sky Program Manager and the BLM has occurred.</li> </ul> <p><b>MM-VR-5:</b> Surface Treatment of Project Structures/Buildings. The Applicant shall treat the surfaces of all project structures and buildings visible to the public such that a) their colors minimize visual contrast by blending with the characteristic landscape colors; b) their colors and finishes do not create excessive glare; and c) their colors and finishes are consistent with local policies and ordinances. The transmission line conductors shall be non-specula and nonreflective, and the insulators shall be nonreflective and nonrefractive. The Applicant shall comply with BLM requirements regarding appropriate surface treatments for Project elements.</p>	<p>Prior/During construction</p>	<p>BLM/County</p>	<p>BLM/County</p>	<p>Comply with surface treatment requirements</p>		



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Mitigation Measure

**MM-VR-6: Project Design.** The Applicant shall use proper design fundamentals to reduce the visual contrast to the characteristic landscape. These include proper siting and location; reduction of visibility; repetition of form, line, color (see Mitigation MM-VR-5) and texture of the landscape; and reduction of unnecessary disturbance.

Water Resources

**MM-WAT-5: Construction Period Storm Water Quality.** Because no NPDES permits would be required within the Project area during construction or operation, a comprehensive construction-period water quality control plan shall be generated, and recommendations of the plan shall be adhered to. The plan shall be completed by the Applicant before Project construction begins and shall include an evaluation of potential for construction-related storm water pollutant loading that could result from Project construction. The plan shall address and implement all of the issues and recommendations of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). This mitigation measure requires that a SWPPP for Project construction and decommissioning is prepared prior to commencing with either action.

The plan shall evaluate potential for erosion and sedimentation to occur on site and downstream as a result of construction, as well as potential for construction-related releases of fuels, oils, solvents, concrete wash-out, greases, paints, and other potential water quality pollutants to become entrained in storm water, or otherwise result in the degradation of surface water or groundwater quality. The evaluation shall implement specific measures to minimize potential effects on water quality. These measures may include, but would not be limited to, installation of temporary settling basins, stabilization of disturbed soils, replanting vegetation after disturbance, limitations on construction during wet periods, installation of temporary erosion control devices (fiber rolls, staked straw bales, detention basins, check dams, geotabric, dikes, and temporary revegetation), covering stockpiled loose material during rain events, equipment maintenance to prevent leaks, application of erosion protection to cut and fill slopes, and other BMPs. Sediment shall be retained on site by sediment basins, traps, or other measures. No disturbed surfaces shall be left without erosion control measures in place during the rainy season. Recommendations from the plan shall be applied during construction of all Project-related components.

Plans Identified in FEIS Section 2-5

**Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Management Plan.** Sunlight will prepare a management plan, incorporating appropriate best practices for management of SF6, in accordance with EPA guidelines.

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Prior to construction/during construction/Decommissioning	BLM	BLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement Construction-Period Water Quality Control Plan</li> <li>Develop and implement SWPPP</li> </ul>		
Prior to construction	BLM	BLM	Develop and implement Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Management Plan		

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<p><b>Waste Management Plan.</b> All construction and operational wastes produced at the Project locations would be properly collected, recycled (if possible), treated (if necessary), and disposed of in an appropriate manner and in full compliance with all regulatory requirements. Project wastes would include sanitary wastewater, nonhazardous waste, and potentially small quantities of hazardous waste, primarily liquid. Domestic waste streams such as showers and toilets would be treated using a septic tank and leach field. Heavy solids would settle to the bottom of the septic tank to undergo anaerobic decomposition and slight compaction, and will be removed, as necessary. Liquid effluent from the septic tanks will be distributed to a leach field. It is expected that the leach field will satisfy the needs of the DSSF for its entire service life. The leach field would be constructed of open tile drains laid in trenches filled with gravel or crushed stone. The trenches permit downward percolation or upward evaporation and transpiration.</p>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop and Implement Waste Management Plan</p>		
<p><b>Environmental Inspection and Compliance Monitoring Plan.</b> Sunlight will develop an Environmental Inspection and Compliance Monitoring program and plan for the DSSF, covering both construction and operation. A qualified individual would be designated to serve as the DSSF's Environmental Manager. The Environmental Manager would be responsible for development and implementation of the DSSF's compliance program. They would be responsible for communication and coordination with the applicable regulatory agencies and ensuring compliance with the various conditions and requirements of the full range of Project permits and approvals. The Environmental Manager would be responsible for the necessary record keeping and reporting required by DSSF permits. They would ensure that all applicable plans are up-to-date (e.g., DSSF SPCC Plan). The Environmental Manager's role would include advising Project management of actual and potential compliance/non-compliance issues and for ensuring that Project planning takes appropriate account of compliance issues in advance.</p>	<p>Prior to/during construction</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>BLM</p>	<p>Develop and Implement Environmental Inspection and Compliance Monitoring Plan</p>		

Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak



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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** GEORGE DONALDSON

**Address:** PO BOX 7111  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** DESERT CENTER **Zip:** 92279

**Phone #:** 760 227 3290

**Date:** 8/16/11 **Agenda #** 16.6

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**Support**     **Oppose**     **Neutral**

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909 (FTA-2011-03)** – Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC – Fourth Supervisorial District - Chuckwalla Zoning Area – Desert Center Area Plan - Location: Northerly of Interstate 10 and westerly of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road rights-of-way – 22 Gross Acres.

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TIME OF HEARING: 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.  
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For further information regarding this project, please contact Jay Olivas, Project Planner at (951) 955-1195 or e-mail [jolivas@rctlma.org](mailto:jolivas@rctlma.org).

As a Responsible Agency under CEQA, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors shall consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement," prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, and as approved as a Final Environmental Impact Report by the CPUC on July 14, 2011, with the proposed application prior to making a decision on the PUP at the public hearing.

The case file for the proposed project may be viewed Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Planning Department office, located at 4080 Lemon St. 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.

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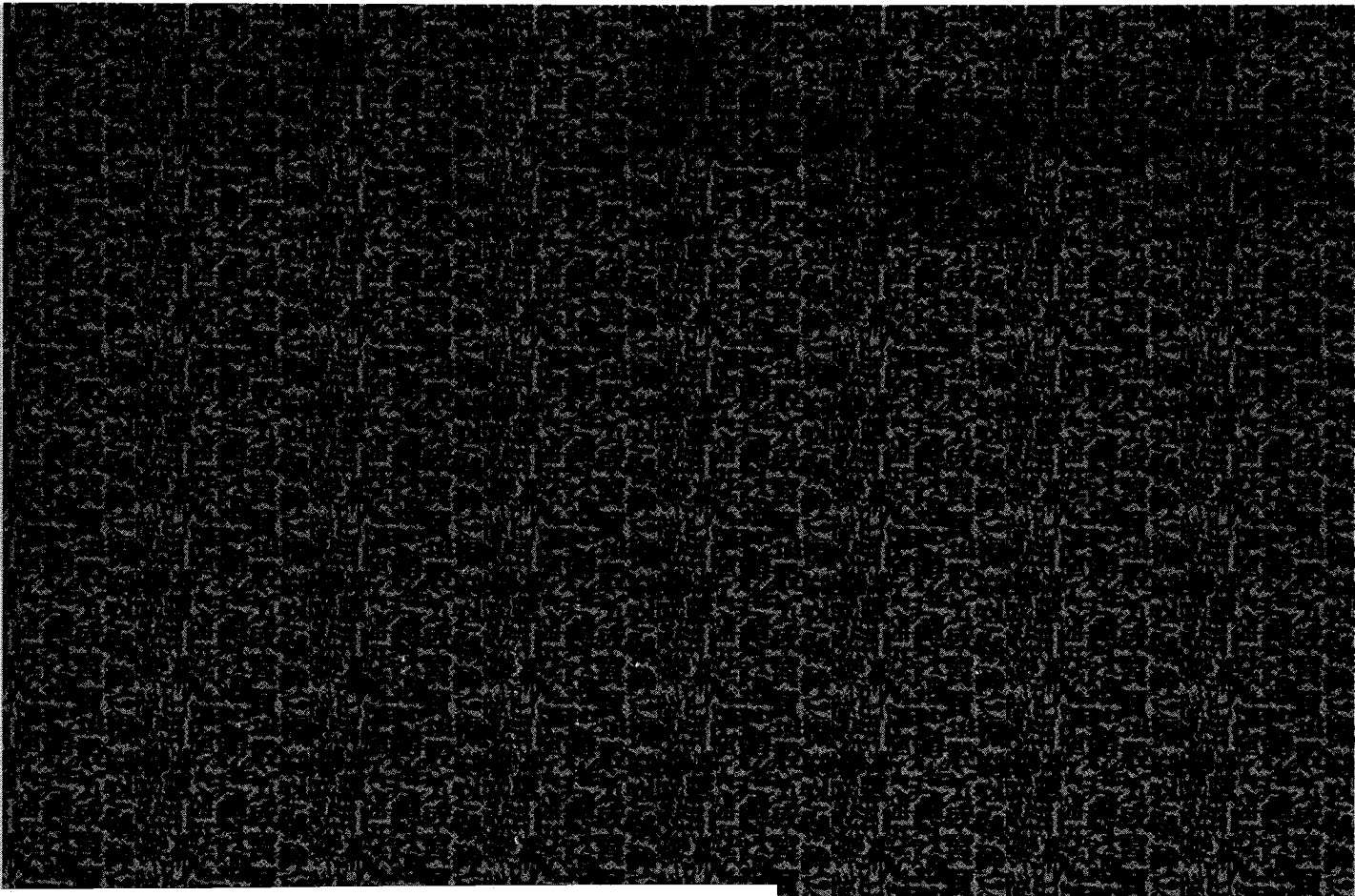
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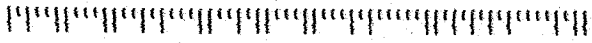
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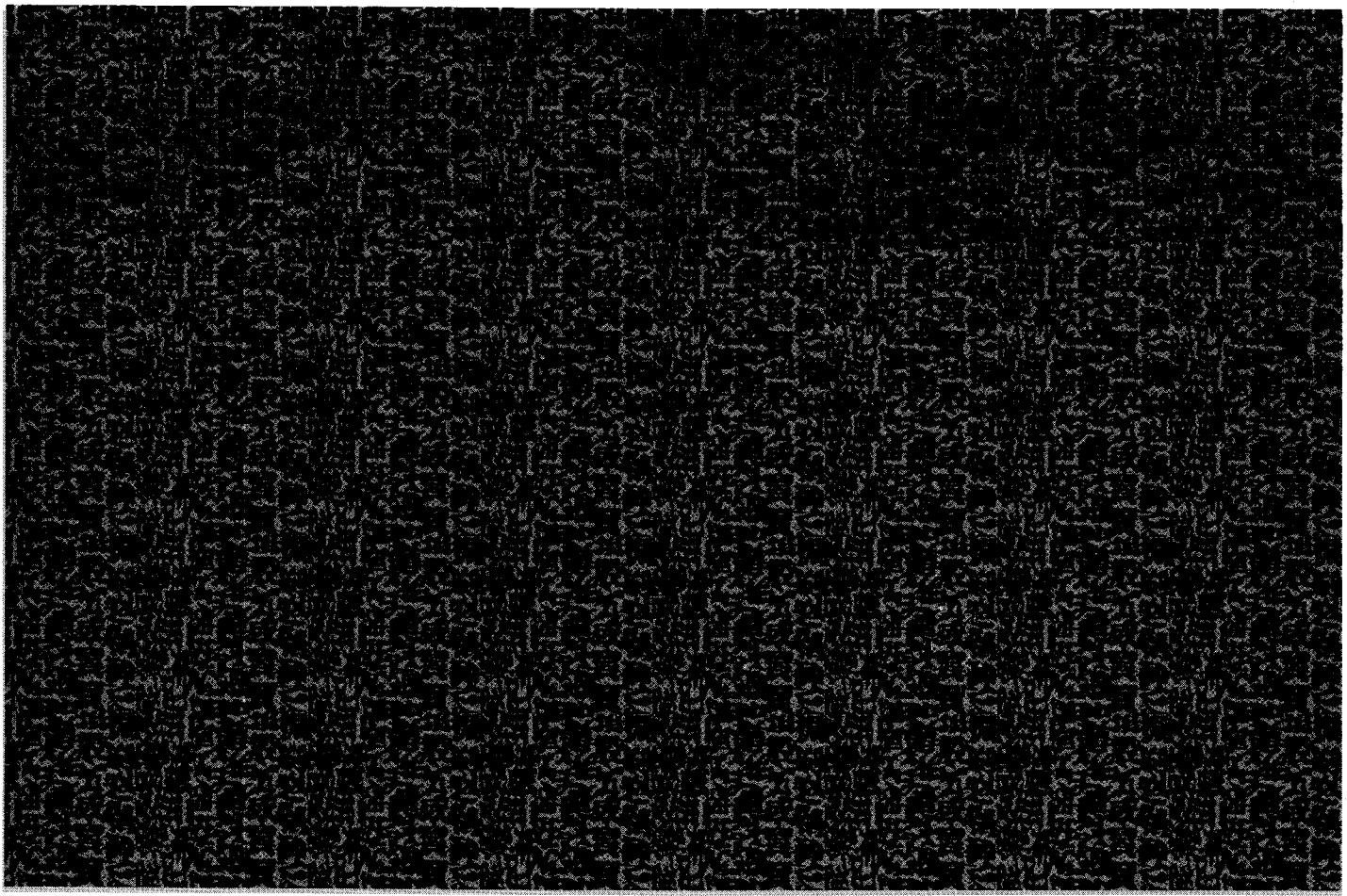
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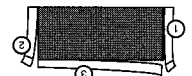
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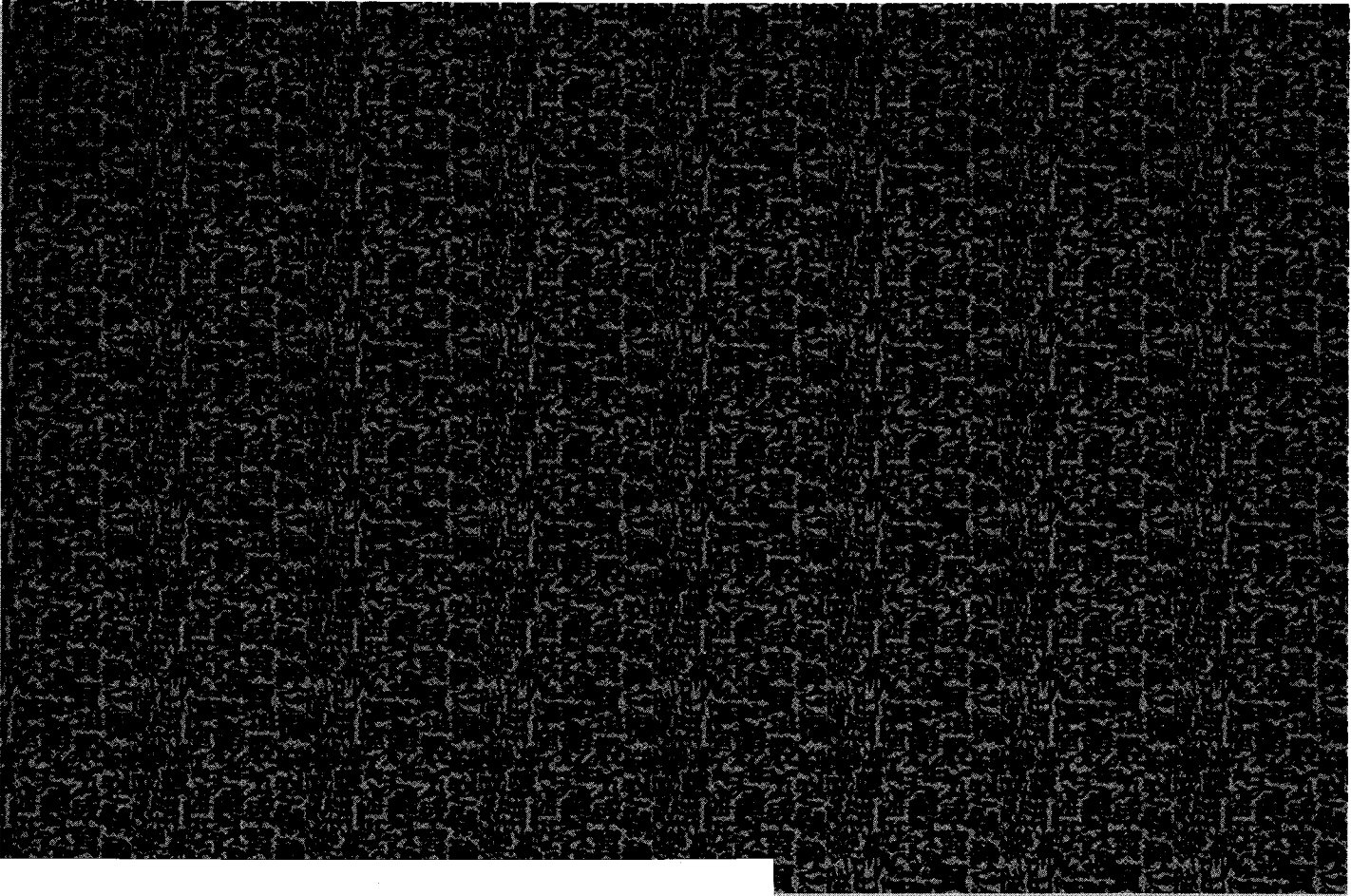
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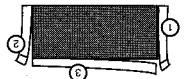
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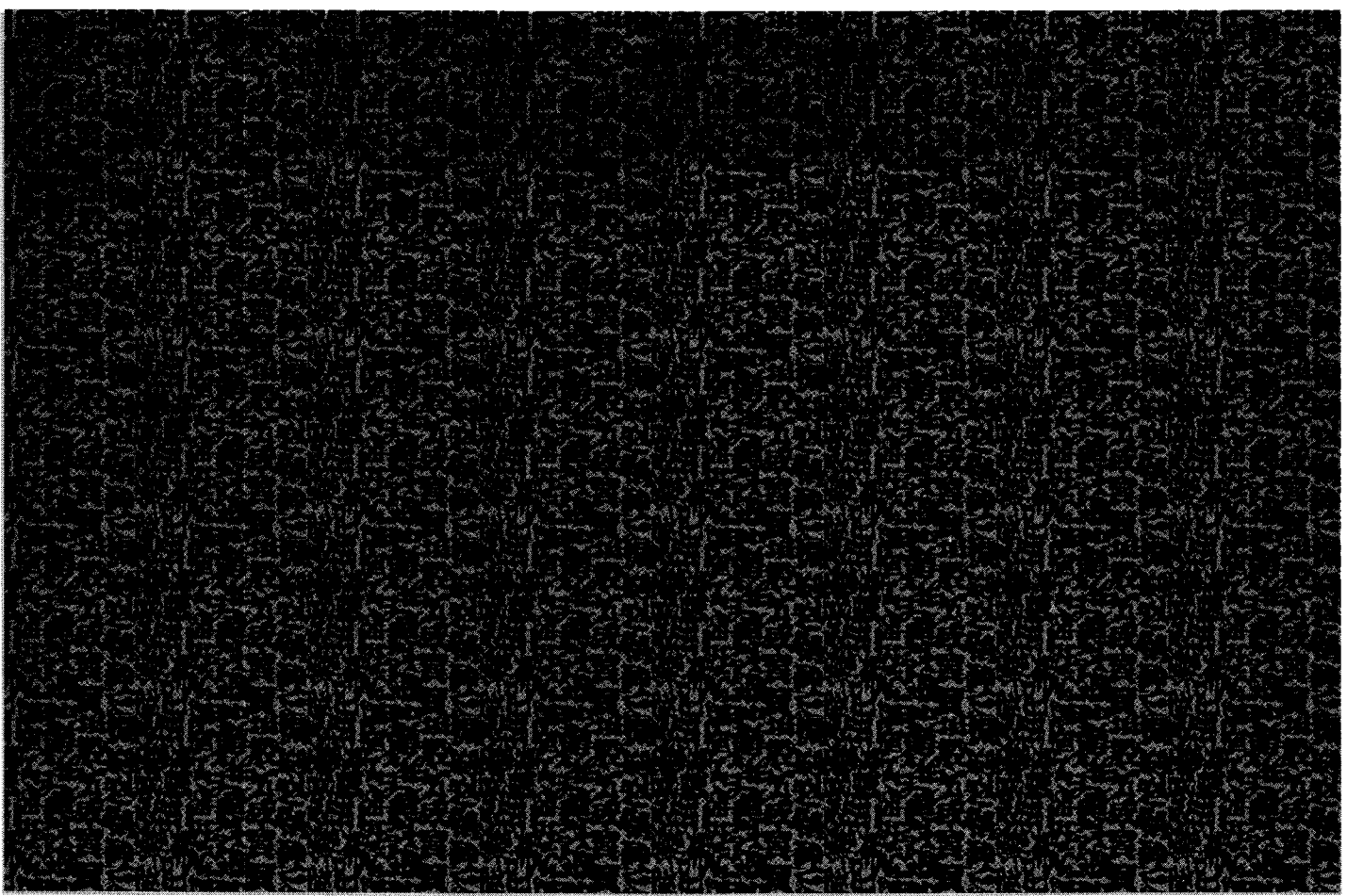
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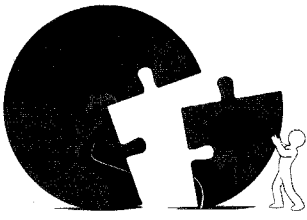
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Carolyn Syms Luna  
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DATE: August 4, 2011

TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning Department - Riverside Office

SUBJECT: Fast Track Public Use Permit No. 909 (FTA-2011-03) – 10 DAY NOTICE – CLERK MUST USE ATTACHED HEARING NOTICE LANGUAGE (SEE LABEL PACKAGE).

(Charge your time to these case numbers)

The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors:

- Place on Administrative Action (Receive & File; EOT)
  - Labels provided If Set For Hearing
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- Place on Consent Calendar
- Place on Policy Calendar (Resolutions; Ordinances; PNC)
- Place on Section Initiation Proceeding (GPIP)
- Set for Hearing (Legislative Action Required; CZ, GPA, SP, SPA)
- Publish in Newspaper:
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- No New Environmental Documentation Required
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- Notify Property Owners (app/agencies/property owner labels provided)
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Designate Newspaper used by Planning Department for Notice of Hearing:  
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**Need Director's signature ASAP**  
Please schedule on the August 16, 2011 BOS Agenda

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Notice of Determination  
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Hello, I did receive your email and it is all ready to go. I am new with PVVT and am learning more every day. Thank you. My name is Sylvia.

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County of Riverside, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the within action or proceeding;  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FAST TRACK 909 (FTA 2011-03)

to the parties listed in the attached labels, by depositing said copy with postage thereon fully  
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**Board Agenda Date:** August 16, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

SIGNATURE: Mcgil DATE: August 3, 2011  
Cecilia Gil

**PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION FORM**

I, VINNIE NGUYEN, certify that on 5/10/2011,

The attached property owners list was prepared by Riverside County GIS,

APN (s) or case numbers PUP00909 For

Company or Individual's Name Planning Department,

Distance buffered 1000'.

Pursuant to application requirements furnished by the Riverside County Planning Department, Said list is a complete and true compilation of the owners of the subject property and all other property owners within 600 feet of the property involved, or if that area yields less than 25 different owners, all property owners within a notification area expanded to yield a minimum of 25 different owners, to a maximum notification area of 2,400 feet from the project boundaries, based upon the latest equalized assessment rolls. If the project is a subdivision with identified off-site access/improvements, said list includes a complete and true compilation of the names and mailing addresses of the owners of all property that is adjacent to the proposed off-site improvement/alignment.

I further certify that the information filed is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incorrect or incomplete information may be grounds for rejection or denial of the application.

NAME: Vinnie Nguyen

TITLE GIS Analyst

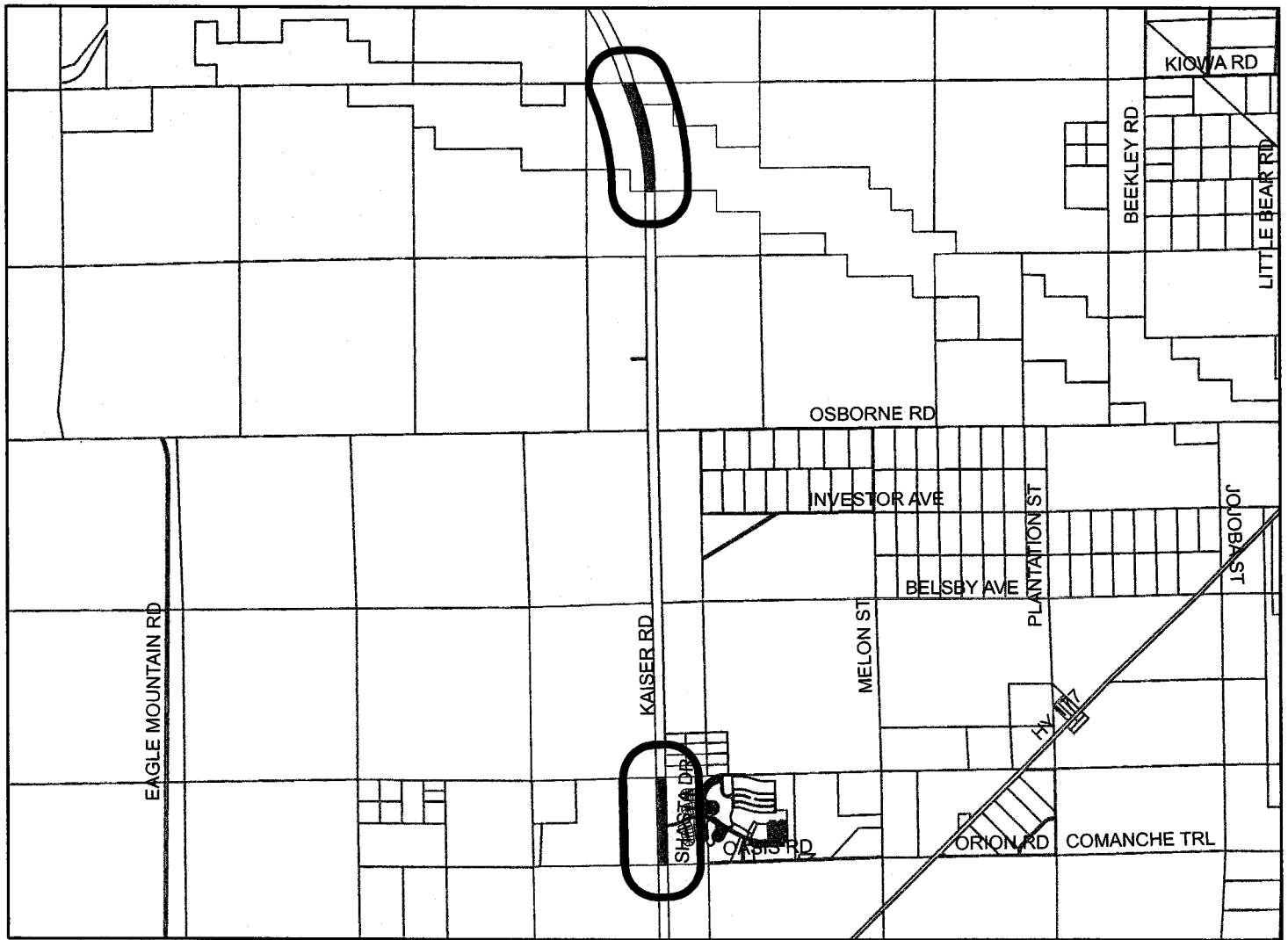
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**A PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** to consider the project described below:

**FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909 (FTA-2011-03)** – Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC – Fourth Supervisorial District - Chuckawalla Zoning Area – Desert Center Area Plan - Location: Northerly of Interstate 10 and westerly of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road rights-of-way – 22 Gross Acres.

**REQUEST:** The Applicant proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line (herein referred to as the "Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]") in connection with its 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm located approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will connect the electrical output of the Solar Farm to Southern California Edison's proposed Red Bluff Substation. A portion of the Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way and other areas within the County's jurisdiction. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to exit the southwest portion of the solar farm site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and then run south across I-10 to the proposed substation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The majority of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed within the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way. Two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to parcels with APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under Riverside County jurisdiction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Other portions of the Desert Sunlight project, including the solar generation facility, portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] not on lands under the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, and the electrical interconnection substation (Red Bluff Substation) are under the review authority of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County of Riverside is a Responsible Agency for the project under CEQA.  
(Quasi Judicial)

TIME OF HEARING: 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.  
DATE OF HEARING: August 16, 2011  
PLACE OF HEARING: County Administrative Center, Board Chambers, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside 92501

For further information regarding this project, please contact Jay Olivas, Project Planner at (951) 955-1195 or e-mail [jolivas@rctlma.org](mailto:jolivas@rctlma.org).

As a Responsible Agency under CEQA, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors shall consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement," prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, and as approved as a Final Environmental Impact Report by the CPUC on July 14, 2011, with the proposed application prior to making a decision on the PUP at the public hearing.

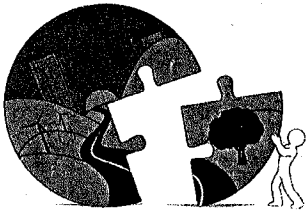
The case file for the proposed project may be viewed Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Planning Department office, located at 4080 Lemon St. 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comment, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
Attn: Jay Olivas, Project Planner  
P.O. Box 1409, Riverside, CA 92502-1409



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

*Carolyn Syms Luna*  
Director

**DATE: July 14, 2011**

**TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: Planning Department - Riverside Office**

**SUBJECT: Fast Track Public Use Permit No. 909 (FTA-2011-03) – 10 DAY NOTICE – CLERK MUST USE ATTACHED HEARING NOTICE LANGUAGE (SEE LABEL PACKAGE).**

(Charge your time to these case numbers)

**The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Place on Administrative Action (Receive & File; EOT)                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set for Hearing (Legislative Action Required; CZ, GPA, SP, SPA)        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labels provided If Set For Hearing                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publish in Newspaper:  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 30 day | (4th Dist-Ely) Desert Sun and Palo Verde Times   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place on Consent Calendar   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No New Environmental Documentation Required                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Place on Policy Calendar (Resolutions; Ordinances; PNC)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 30 day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place on Section Initiation Proceeding (GPIP)                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify Property Owners (app/agencies/property owner labels provided)   |
|  | Controversial: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO                         |

**Designate Newspaper used by Planning Department for Notice of Hearing:**  
(4th Dist-Ely) Desert Sun and Palo Verde Times

**Need Director's signature ASAP**  
**Please schedule on the August 16, 2011 BOS Agenda**

**Documents to be sent to County Clerk's Office for Posting within five days:**

Notice of Determination  
Fish & Game Receipt (CFG05801)

**Do not send these documents to the County Clerk for posting until the Board has taken final action on the subject cases.**

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Area Plan: Desert Center  
Zoning Area: Chuckawalla  
Supervisory District: Fourth  
Project Planner: Jay Olivas  
Board of Supervisors: August 16, 2011

FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909  
(FTA-2011-03)  
Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC  
Eng/Rep: First Solar

## COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The Applicant proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line (herein referred to as the "Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]") in connection with its 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm located approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will connect the electrical output of the Solar Farm to Southern California Edison's proposed Red Bluff Substation. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to exit the southwest portion of the solar farm site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and then run south across I-10 to the proposed substation. The majority of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). Two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under County jurisdiction.

The project is located in the Desert Center Area Plan in Eastern Riverside County, more specifically, northerly of Interstate 10, westerly of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road rights-of-way. Related cases: Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project (BLM CACA #48649).

### ISSUES OF POTENTIAL CONCERN:

Applicant proposes to construct and operate a 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating project known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project. The majority of the Project, including the solar farm itself, will be located on federal land managed by the BLM. The solar farm is not within the County's jurisdiction.

The subject proposal for an electrical transmission line within portions of the Kaiser Road rights-of-way and other areas within the County's jurisdiction not within the rights-of-way was reviewed by appropriate County departments. While the proposed electrical transmission line runs the length of Kaiser Road, Public Use Permit No. 909 deals only with the two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under Riverside County jurisdiction. Under RCO No. 499, encroachment permits will be required by the Transportation Department for all work for the electrical transmission line within the Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). RCO No. 499 provides that an encroachment permit may be issued if the applicant holds a current County franchise. A franchise agreement, set forth in proposed Public Use Permit No. 909, has been negotiated between the Applicant and the County and is being considered by this Board on August 16, 2011.

Environmental impacts for the entire Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project, including the Solar Farm, Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1], and the proposed substation, were addressed by the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project as part of the BLM permitting

process. Portions of the Desert Sunlight project, including the solar generation facility, portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] not on lands under the jurisdiction of the County, and the electrical interconnection substation (Red Bluff Substation) are under the review authority of the BLM, as the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County of Riverside is a Responsible Agency for the Desert Sunlight project under CEQA. As a Responsible Agency, the County has responsibility for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect effects of those parts of the project which the County decides to carry out or approve. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15096, Resolution No. 2011-220, attached hereto, contains findings required by CEQA Guidelines sections 15096(h), 15091, and 15093, including a statement of overriding considerations.

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. General Plan Land Use (Ex. #5): | Not Applicable (Kaiser Road Right-of-Way)  |
| 2. Existing Zoning (Ex. #2):       | Not Applicable (Kaiser Road Right-of-Way)  |
| 3. Surrounding Zoning (Ex. #2):    | Natural Assets (N-A); Controlled Development Areas (W-2-10); One-Family Dwellings (R-1-20)   |
| 4. Existing Land Use (Ex. #1):     | Kaiser Road Right-of-Way<br>Vacant desert land, Agriculture land, Desert Center Landfill, One Family Dwellings, Golf Course, Existing Lake |
| 5. Surrounding Land Use (Ex. #1):  |  |
| 6. Project Data:                   | Total Acreage: 22 Acres<br>220 kilovolt Gen Tie Line with eight (8) Utility Monopoles  |
| 7. Environmental Concerns:         | See Final Environmental Impact Statement dated April 2011  |

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER** the environmental effects of the Project as shown in the "Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement," prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-220** Adopting CEQA Findings, Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and Statement of Overriding Considerations (Public Use Permit No. 909/Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project) as a Responsible Agency under CEQA.

**APPROVE FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

1. The proposed project is in conformance with the Riverside County General Plan.
2. The proposed project is consistent with applicable provisions of Ordinance No. 348.
3. The public's health, safety and general welfare are protected through project design.
4. The proposed project is conditionally compatible with the present and future logical development of the area.



5. The project may have a significant effect on the environment, including impacts to Air Resources, Cultural Resources and Visual Resources which may not be fully or partially mitigated to less than significant despite the inclusion of all feasible mitigation measures. Environmental impacts have been addressed by the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") dated April 2011. The FEIS includes analysis of mitigation measures and growth inducing impacts as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15221. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15096, Resolution No. 2011-220, attached hereto, contains findings required by CEQA Guidelines sections 15096(h), 15091, and 15093, including a statement of overriding considerations.

**FINDINGS:** The following findings are in addition to those incorporated in the summary of findings, and the attached environmental assessment, which is incorporated herein by reference.

1. The applicant for Public Use Permit No. 909 proposes to install a 220 kilovolt transmission line referred to as Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] which includes eight transmission poles approximately 1.1 miles in length within two portions of the Kaiser Road right-of-way totaling approximately 22 acres.
2. The project site is located within the Desert Center Area Plan.
3. The project site is adjacent to Open Space – Rural (OS-RUR) (20 Acre Minimum), Rural Residential (R-R) (5 Acre Minimum), and Open-Space-Recreation (OS-R) land use designations of the Riverside County General Plan.
4. The proposed Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] under the PUP is within portions of the Kaiser Road right-of-way that leads to the Southern California Edison Red Bluff Substation, which is in support of a proposed 550 Megawatt photovoltaic solar energy project approximately six miles to the north within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.
5. The surrounding zones for this project consist of Natural Assets (N-A), Controlled Development Areas (W-2-10), and One Family Dwellings (R-1-20). The project would be compatible with surrounding zones since the proposed PUP is conditioned for compliance with encroachment permit standards under Ordinance No. 499 and is conditioned to prevent dust and blow sand.
6. The Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] that crosses land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside within two portions of the Kaiser Road right-of-way, is a permitted use subject to approval of a Public Use Permit under RCO No. 348, section 18.29.
7. The project consists of two separate sites totaling approximately 22 acres, a northerly portion of 12 acres and a southerly portion of 10 acres, within the Kaiser Road right-of-way, with the proposed transmission lines located on the westerly side of the existing Kaiser Road pavement.
8. Surrounding land uses consist of vacant desert land, agriculture land, a landfill, one-family dwellings, golf course and an existing lake. The proposed Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is consistent with surrounding land uses since the proposed PUP is required to complete proposed improvements within the Kaiser Road right-of-way, including multiple 14 foot pole access routes to the overhead pole locations from existing Kaiser Road pavement; plus temporary and permanent guard structures and splice locations.

9. Primary access to the site is from Kaiser Road (300' ROW). The project will be in compliance with the requirements of the circulation element of the General Plan.
10. The project is approximately one half mile from the nearest fire station in conformance with the fire services policies of the General Plan.
11. This project is a "Fast Track" (FTA-2011-03) project designated by the Economic Development Agency (EDA) and is intended to provide for beneficial jobs and economic growth.

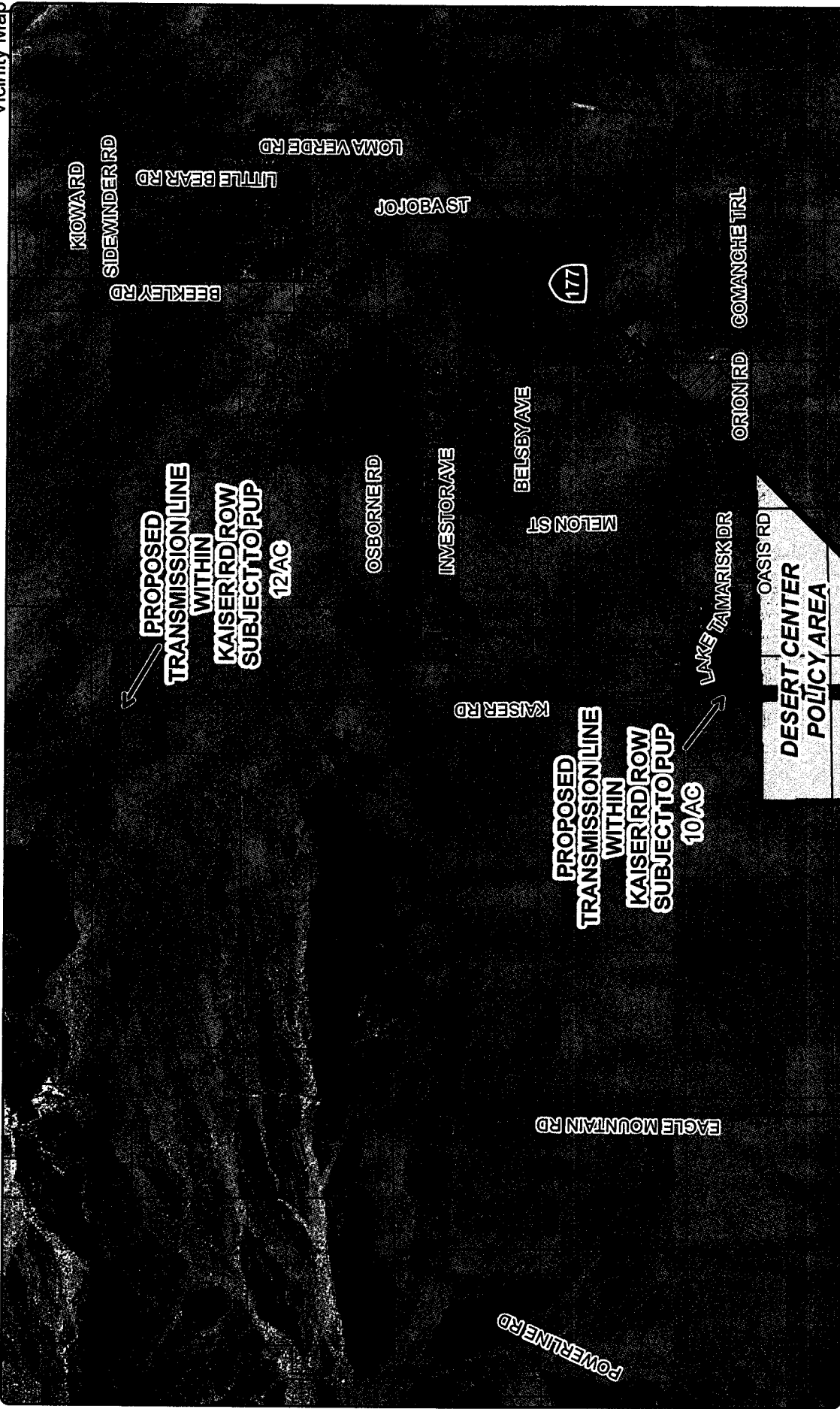
**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. As of this writing (7/14/11), no letters in favor or opposition have been received from the general public.
2. The project was filed with the Planning Department on March 9, 2011.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
PUP00909  
VICINITY/POLICY AREAS**

Supervisor Benoit  
District 4

Date Drawn: 5/10/11  
Vicinity Map



Zoning Area: Chuckawalla  
Township/Range: T4SR5E / T5SR15E  
Section: 27 / 15

DISCLAIMER: On October 7, 2003, the County of Riverside adopted a new General Plan providing new land use designations for unincorporated Riverside County parcels. The new General Plan may contain different types of land use than is provided for in the existing zoning. For further information, please contact the Riverside County Planning Department office in Riverside at (951) 955-3200 (Western County), or in Indio at (760) 883-8277 (Eastern County) or website at <http://www.lima.co.us/index.html>

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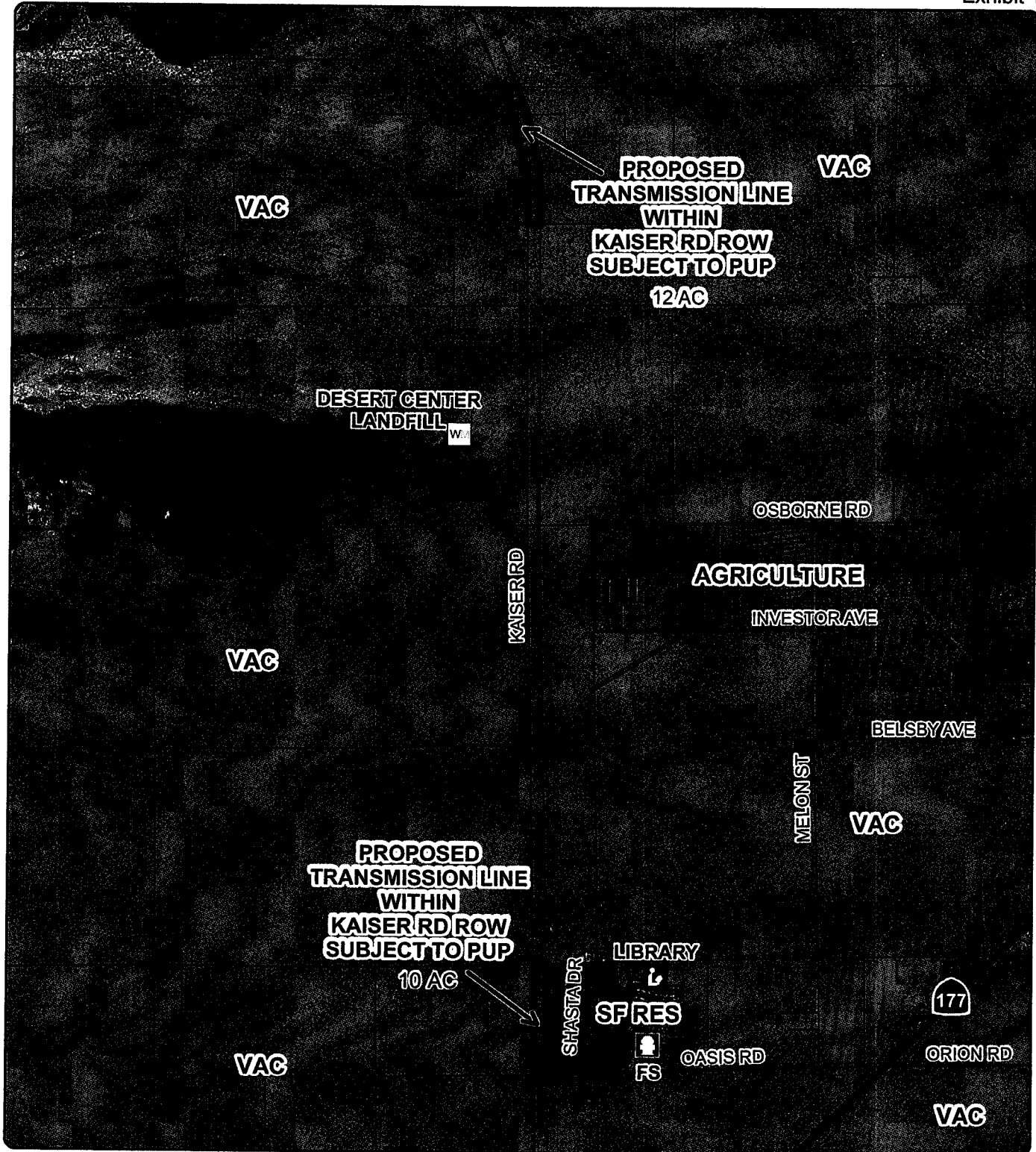
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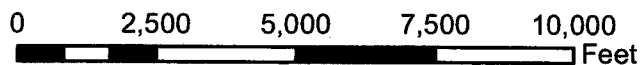
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Zoning Area: Chuckawalla  
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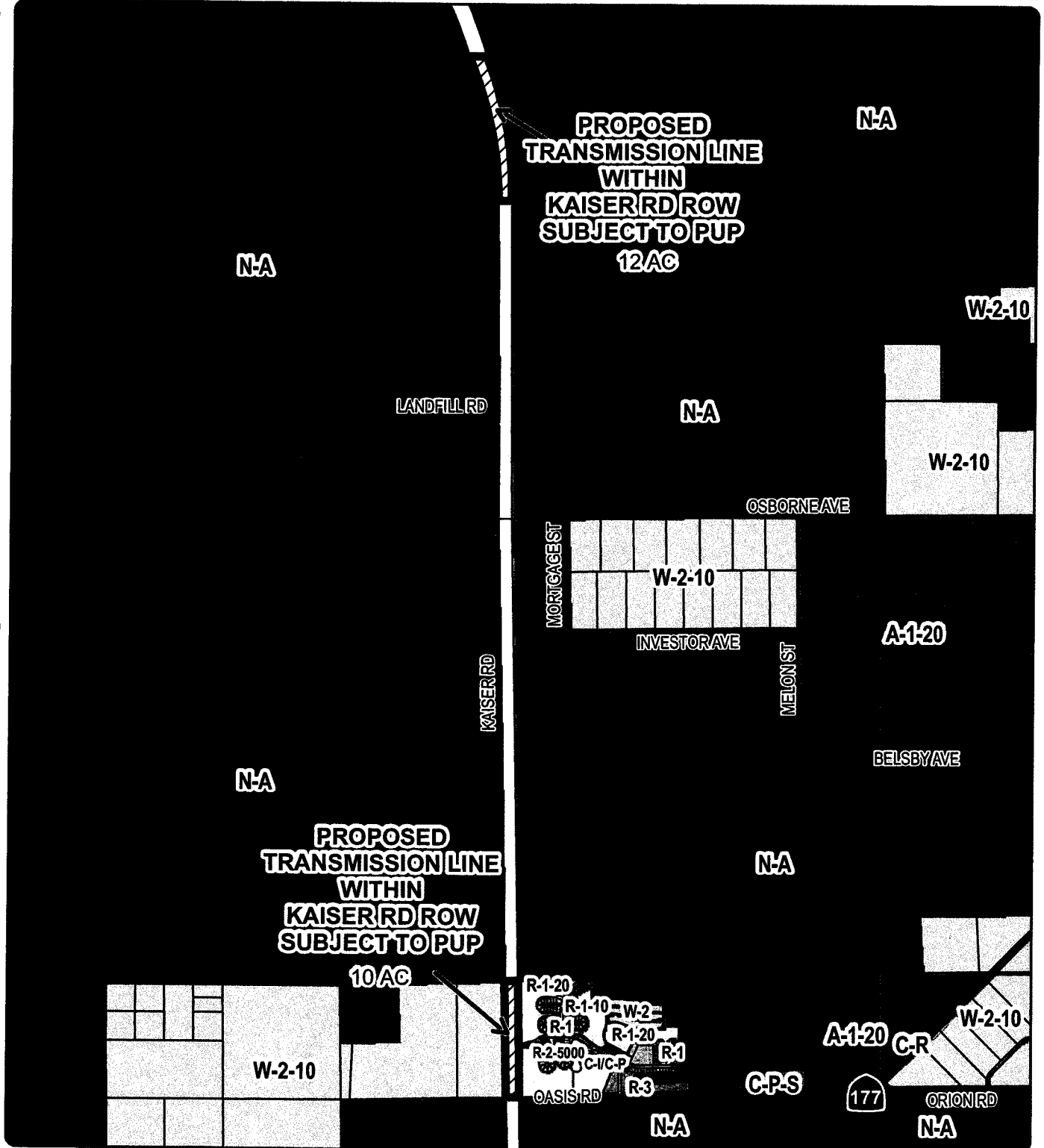
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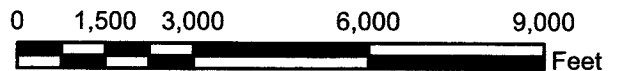
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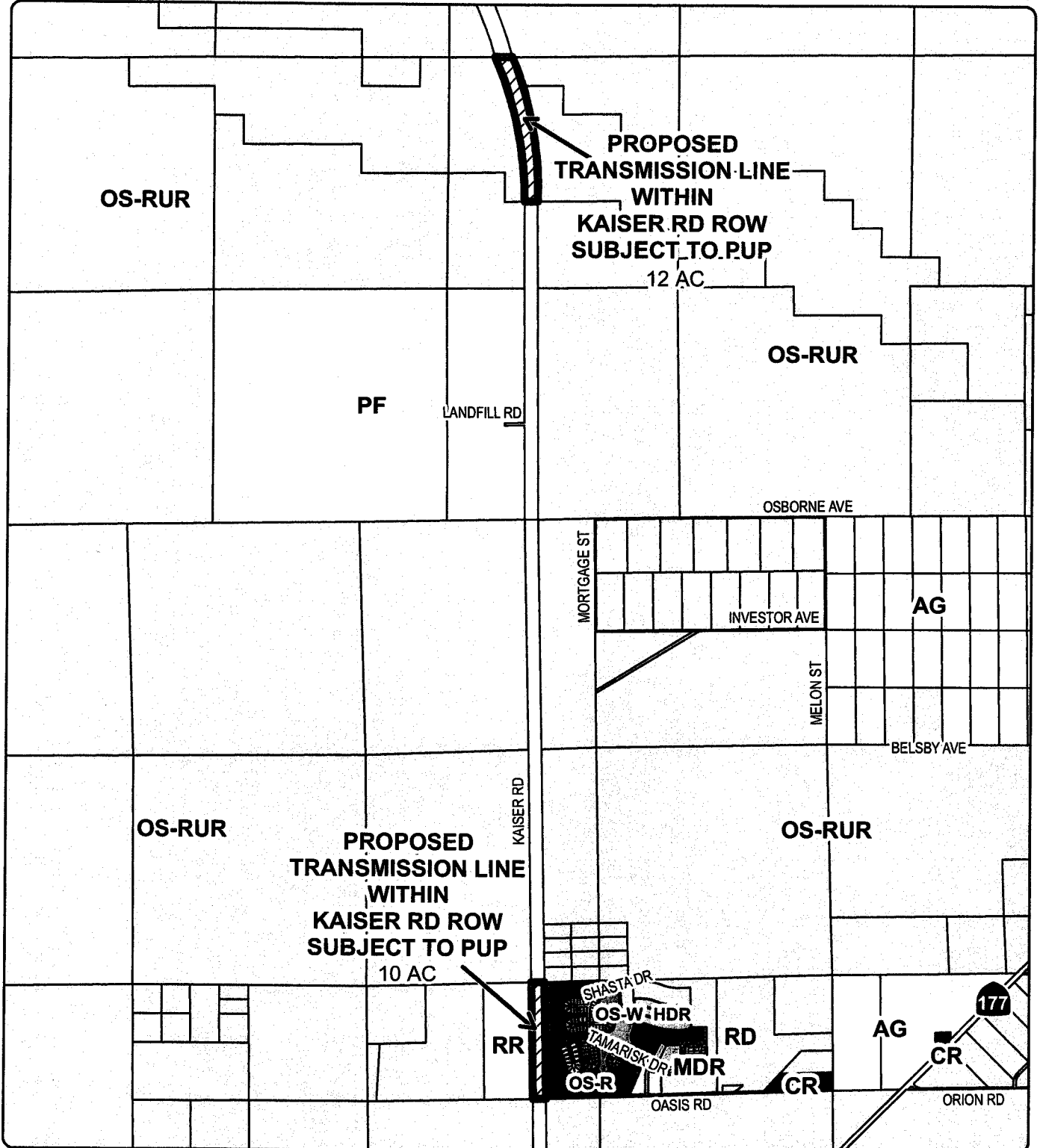
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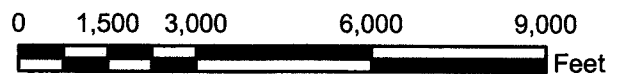
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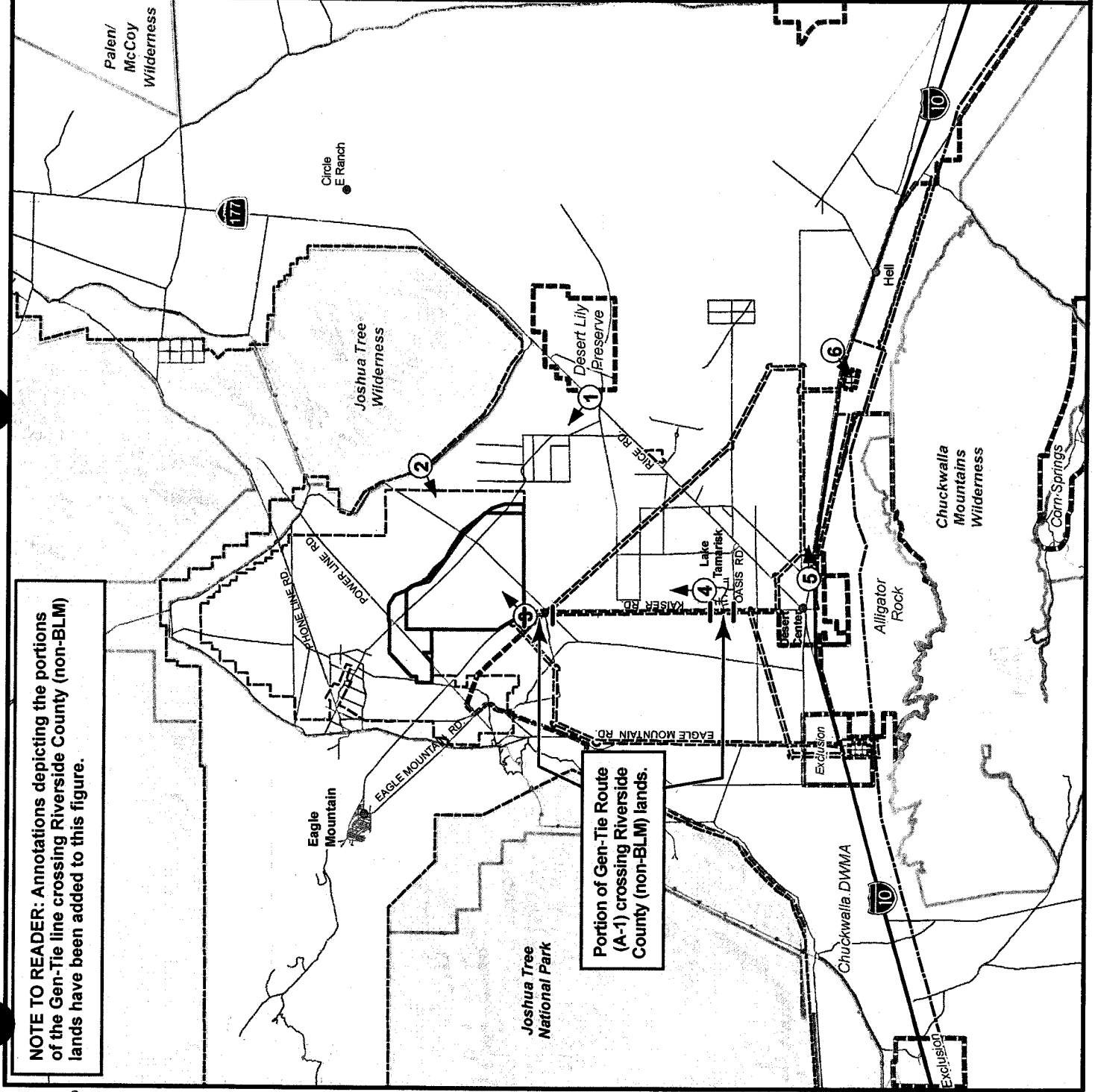
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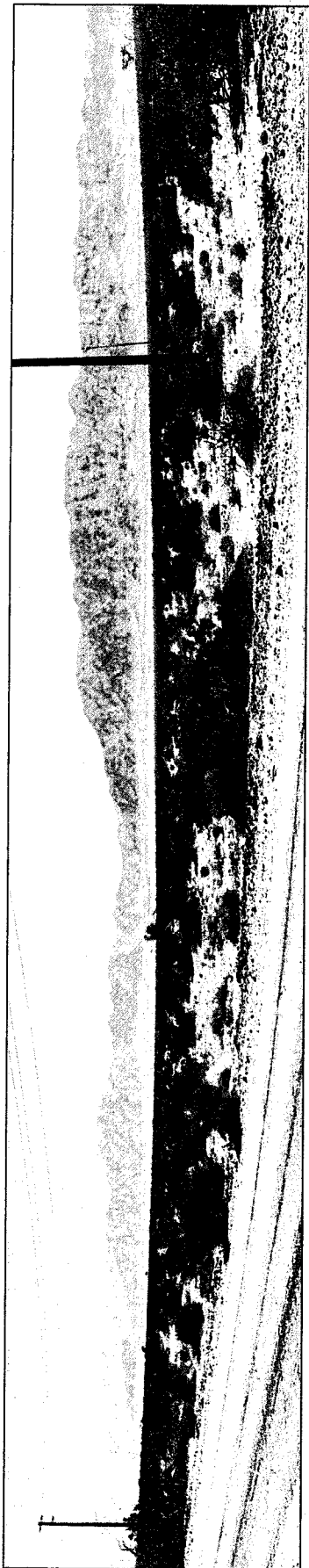
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- Desert Sunlight Study Area Boundary
- Solar Farm Boundary (Alternative B)
- Solar Farm Boundary (Alternative C)
- Red Bluff Substation (Alternative A)
- Red Bluff Substation (Alternative B)
- Primary Highway / Interstate
- Secondary Road
- Unimproved Road
- Devers-Palo Verde Transmission Line (DPV1)
- Aqueduct
- Joshua Tree National Park Boundary
- BLM Wilderness Area
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)
- Land Ownership / Management
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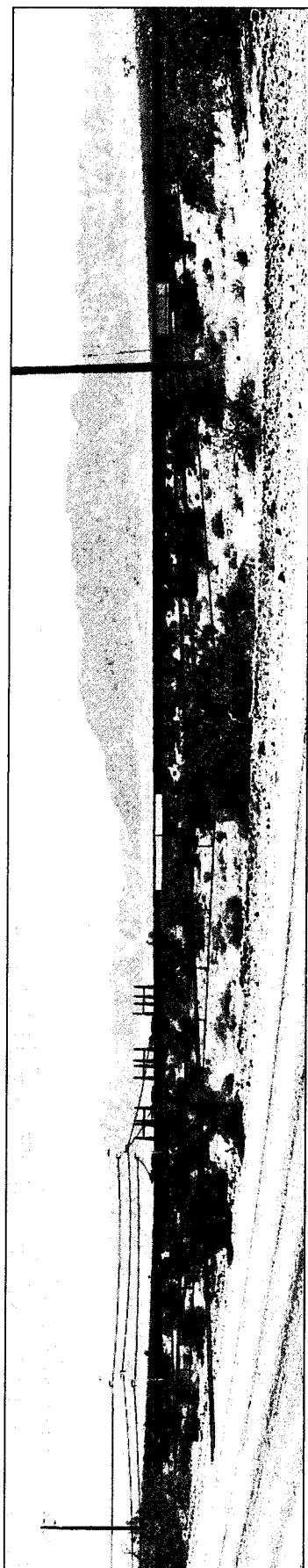
DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM

**Figure 4.16-1**  
**Key Observation Points**





View northeast from Kaiser Road at the southern boundary of the proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm showing existing conditions, Desert Center, California.

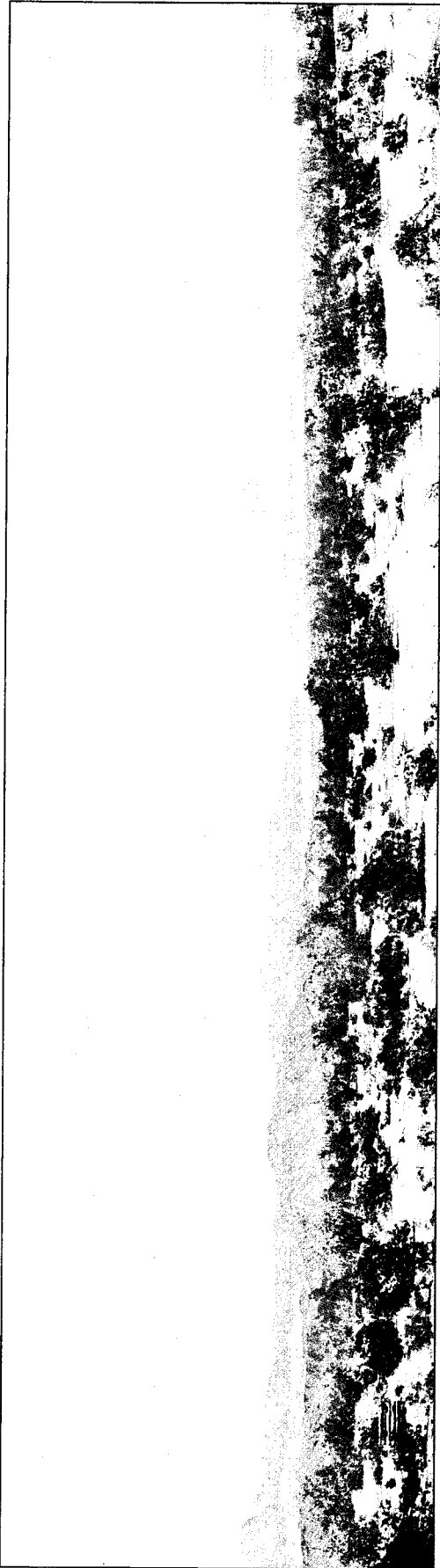


Visual simulation depicting the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm On-Site Substation and Gen-Tie Line.

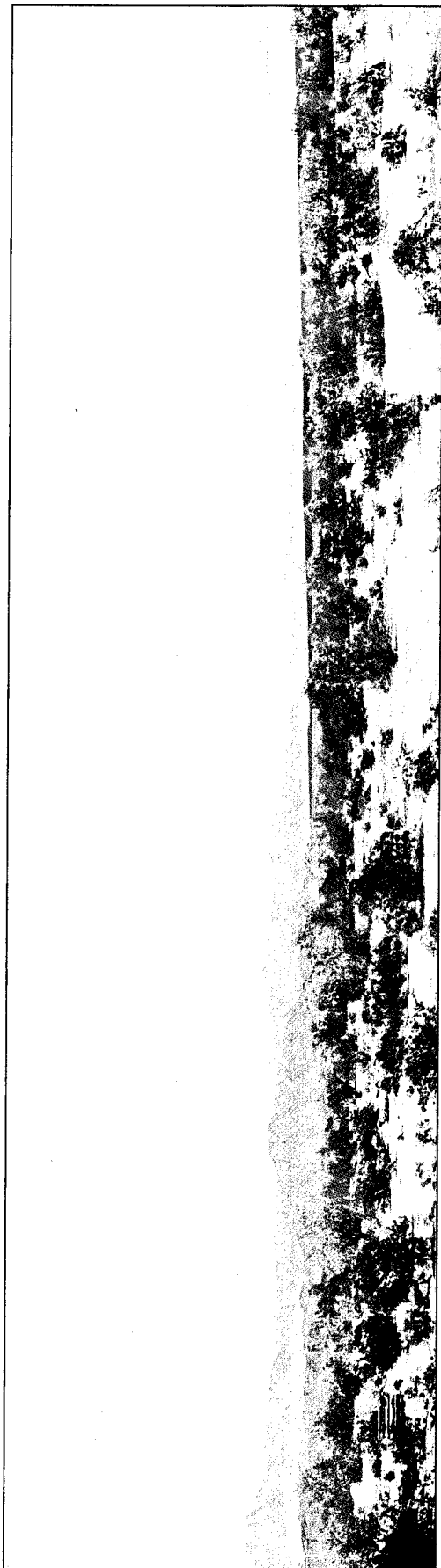


DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM

Figure 4.16-4  
Key Observation  
Point (KOP) 3



View north towards proposed Desert Sunlight Solar Farm from Shasta Drive, Lake Tamarisk, California



Visual simulation depicting Desert Sunlight Solar Farm and Gen-tie Line A-1 from Shasta Drive, Lake Tamarisk, California



DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM

Figure 4.16-5  
Key Observation  
Point (KOP) 4





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10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

EVERY DEPARTMENT

10. EVERY. 1

USE - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The use hereby permitted is to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line (herein referred to as the "Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]") in connection with its 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm located approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will connect the electrical output of the Solar Farm to Southern California Edison's proposed Red Bluff Substation. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to exit the southwest portion of the solar farm site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and the run south across I-10 to the proposed substation. The majority of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). Two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under County jurisdiction.

10. EVERY. 2

USE - HOLD HARMLESS

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The applicant/permittee or any successor-in-interest shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Riverside or its agents, officers, and employees (COUNTY) from the following:

(a) any claim, action, or proceeding against the COUNTY to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the COUNTY, its advisory agencies, appeal boards, or legislative body concerning the PUBLIC USE PERMIT; and,

(b) any claim, action or proceeding against the COUNTY to attack, set aside, void or annul any other decision made by the COUNTY concerning the PUBLIC USE PERMIT, including, but not limited to, decisions made in response to California Public Records Act requests.

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10. EVERY. 2 USE - HOLD HARMLESS (cont.) RECOMMND

The COUNTY shall promptly notify the applicant/permittee of any such claim, action, or proceeding and shall cooperate fully in the defense. If the COUNTY fails to promptly notify the applicant/permittee of any such claim, action, or proceeding or fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant/permittee shall not, thereafter, be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the COUNTY.

The obligations imposed by this condition include, but are not limited to, the following: the applicant/permittee shall pay all legal services expenses the COUNTY incurs in connection with any such claim, action or proceeding, whether it incurs such expenses directly, whether it is ordered by a court to pay such expenses, or whether it incurs such expenses by providing legal services through its Office of County Counsel.

10. EVERY. 3 USE - DEFINITIONS (1) RECOMMND

The words identified in the following list that appear in all capitals in the attached conditions of Public Use Permit No. 909 shall be henceforth defined as follows:

APPROVED EXHIBIT A = Public Use Permit No. 909, Exhibit A (Sheets 1-2) by First Solar dated May 10, 2011.

10. EVERY. 4 USE - DEFINITIONS (2) RECOMMND

The words or any combination thereof identified in the following list that appear in the attached conditions of Public Use Permit No. 909 shall be considered to be equivalent and are indentified as follows:

Applicant/Permittee, Permit Holder/Permittee, Applicant, Permit Holder, Permit Holder's, and Developer.

BS GRADE DEPARTMENT

10.BS GRADE. 1 USE - GENERAL INTRODUCTION RECOMMND

Public Use Permit No. 909 proposes to construct a 550 MW solar generation facility within BLM jurisdiction and a transmission line within the County of Riverside Road Right of Way. No grading is proposed outside of the road right of way, therefore the Grading Division has no objection to

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10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

10.BS GRADE. 1 USE - GENERAL INTRODUCTION (cont.) RECOMMND

this proposal.

E HEALTH DEPARTMENT

10.E HEALTH. 1 UNMANNED FACILITY RECOMMND

Public Use Permit#909 is proposing to construct an unmanned solar generation facility without plumbing. Therefore, a proposal to connect to an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), advanced treatment unit (ATU), or sanitary sewer system is not required at this time. However, the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) reserves the right to regulate the project in accordance with County Health Ordinances should further information indicate the requirements.

10.E HEALTH. 1 USE - HAZMAT BUS PLAN RECOMMND

The facility will require a business emergency plan for the storage of hazardous materials greater than 55 gallons, 200 cubic feet or 500 pounds, or any acutely hazardous materials or extremely hazardous substances.

10.E HEALTH. 2 USE - HAZMAT REVIEW RECOMMND

If further review of the site indicates additional environmental health issues, the Hazardous Materials Management Division reserves the right to regulate the business in accordance with applicable County Ordinances.

EPD DEPARTMENT

10.EPD. 1 - HABITAT COMP PLAN RECOMMND

AM-BIO-1

A Habitat Compensation Plan will be implemented by the Applicant to compensate for the loss of creosote desert scrub, desert dry wash woodland, and jurisdictional resources. Compensation will be accomplished by acquisition of mitigation land or conservation easements or by providing funding for specific land acquisition, endowment, restoration, and management actions under one of several programs including the recently approved mitigation program created by SB 34 and as required under MM-BIO-2, Off-site Compensation. The Habitat Compensation Plan will be

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10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

10.EPD. 1 - HABITAT COMP PLAN (cont.)

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reviewed and approved by BLM, USFWS, and CDFG. The precise details of the mitigation, including mitigation ratios, will be established in the BLM ROW grant, USFWS Biological Opinion, and CDFG 2080.1 Consistency Determination. The draft plan is provided in Appendix H of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. At a minimum, mitigation ratios required in the NECO Plan/EIS are 1:1 for permanent impacts to creosote bush scrub, 3:1 for permanent impacts to desert dry wash woodland, and 5:1 for permanent impacts to the Chuckwalla DWMA and Chuckwalla CHU). Mitigation ratios may be greater based on the requirements of USFWS and CDFG. Finally, areas occupied by the burrowing owl will be mitigated at 6.5 acres per occupied burrow (which will be covered by mitigation of creosote bush scrub habitat) and creation or enhancement of two burrows will be implemented for every active burrow.

10.EPD. 2 - WEED MANAGEMENT

RECOMMND

AM-BIO-2

An Integrated Weed Management Plan (IWMP) (Ironwood Consulting 2010b), prepared pursuant to BLM's Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in 17 Western States (BLM 2007) and the National Invasive Species Management Plan (The National Invasive Species Council 2008), will be implemented by the Applicant to reduce the potential for the introduction of invasive species during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of the Project. The draft plan is provided in Appendix H of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and will be reviewed and approved by the BLM.

The following measures are required in the Plan and will be implemented by the Applicant to monitor and control invasive species:

\* Preventative Measures During Construction

- Equipment Cleaning: To prevent the spread of weeds into new habitats, and prior to entering the Project work areas, construction equipment will be cleaned of dirt and mud that could contain weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes. Equipment will be inspected to ensure they are free of any dirt or mud that could contain weed seeds and the tracks, feet, tires, and undercarriage will be carefully washed, with



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10.EPD. 2 - WEED MANAGEMENT (cont.)

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special attention being paid to axles, frame, cross members, motor mounts, underneath steps, running boards, and front bumper/brush guard assemblies. Other construction vehicles (e.g. pick-up trucks) that will be frequently entering and exiting the site will be inspected and washed on an as-needed basis.

All vehicles will be washed off-site when possible. Should off-site washing prove infeasible, an on-site cleaning station will be set up to clean equipment before it enters the work area. Either high-pressure water or air will be used to clean equipment and the cleaning site will be situated away from any sensitive biological resources. If possible, water used to wash vehicles and equipment will be collected and re-used.

- Site Soil Management: Soil management will consist of limiting ground disturbance to the minimum necessary for construction activities and using dust suppressants to minimize the spread of seeds. Disturbed vegetation and topsoil will be re-deposited at or near the area from which they are removed to eliminate the transport of soilborne noxious weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes. BLM-approved dust suppressants (e.g. water and/or palliative) will be minimized on the site as much as possible, but will use during construction to minimize the spread of airborne weed seeds, especially during very windy days.

- Weed-free Products: Any use of hay or straw bales on the Project site will be limited to certified weed-free material. Other products such as gravel, mulch, and soil may also carry weeds and these products, too, will be certified weed-free. If needed, mulch will be made from the local, on-site native vegetation cleared from the Project area. Soil will not be imported onto the Project site from off-site sources.

- Personnel Training. Weed management will be part of mandatory site training for all construction personnel and will be included in initial Worker Environmental Awareness Program training briefings. Training will include weed identification and the threat of impacts including impacts to local agriculture, vegetation communities, wildlife, and creating fire potential. Training will also cover the importance of preventing the spread of weeds.

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10.EPD. 2 - WEED MANAGEMENT (cont.) (cont.)

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\* Containment and Control Measures

When Project monitoring (see below) indicates that invasive species are spreading, invasive species will be removed using mechanical and chemical methods. The Applicant will use mechanical weed removal methods as the preferred method, but herbicides may be used when conditions (such as wind, proximity of native vegetation) are such that the effect on native species is expected to be minimal. During suppression or eradication activities, care will be taken to have the least affect on native plant species. Herbicides used will be limited to those approved by the BLM. Herbicides will be applied before the invasive species flower and set seed.

If monitoring indicates the spread of athel, a woody invasive species, then athel will be controlled by cutting the trees and applying Garlon™ Ultra Herbicide to the stump immediately after cutting. Garlon™ is approved for use on athel by the BLM. All cut material generated during athel clearance will be removed from the site by truck. This material will be covered with a tarp or other material that will keep athel cuttings or seed from being spread by truck movement.

The Applicant and its contractors will follow the BLM's Herbicide Use Standard Operating Procedures provided in Appendix B of the Record of Decision for the Final Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (BLM 2007). Personnel responsible for weed control will be trained in the proper and safe use of all equipment and chemicals used for weed control.

\* Monitoring

Baseline weed conditions will be assessed during the pre-construction phase of the Project, during pre-construction surveys and staking and flagging of construction areas. A stratified random sampling technique will be used to identify and count the extent of weeds on the site.

Monitoring will take place each year during construction, and annually for three years following the completion of construction. The purpose of annual monitoring will be to

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10.EPD. 2 - WEED MANAGEMENT (cont.) (cont.) (cont.) RECOMMND

determine if weed populations identified during baseline surveys have increased in density or are spreading as a result of the Project. Control methods will be implemented when measurable weed increases, as well as visually verified increases, are detected during monitoring. This will include small patches of unusually high density weeds (e.g., concentrations in swales) that are growing as a result of Project activities.

During construction, daily monitoring records will be kept by biological monitors that will include information relevant to invasive weeds. During Project operations and maintenance, the facility owner or appropriate designee will be required to continually update the potential noxious and invasive weed list and provide monitoring and management appropriate to any new species in coordination with the BLM.

After the three years of operations monitoring is complete, general management and monitoring of the Project area will be conducted by designated site personnel each year during both the germinating and early growing season (November through April) to eliminate new weed individuals prior to seed set. Throughout construction and long term monitoring, personnel will be trained to identify weedy and native species and work with a trained vegetation monitor to determine where elimination is necessary.

\* Reporting

Results of monitoring and management efforts will be included in annual reports and a final monitoring report completed at the end of three years of post-construction monitoring. Copies of these reports will be kept on file at the site. Copies of each annual report as well as the final monitoring report will be sent to the BLM for review and comment. BLM will use the results of these reports to determine if any additional monitoring or control measures are necessary.

\* Success Criteria

Weed control will be ongoing on the Project site for the life of the Project, but plan success will be determined by BLM after the three years of operations monitoring through the reporting and review process. Success criteria will be

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10.EPD. 2 - WEED MANAGEMENT (cont.) (cont.) (cont.) (coRECOMMND

defined as having no more than ten percent increase in a weed species or in overall weed cover in any part of the Project.

10.EPD. 4 - WEAP RECOMMND

AM-BIO-4

Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). The Applicant will implement a WEAP to educate on-site workers about sensitive environmental issues associated with the Project. The program will be administered to all on-site personnel including surveyors, construction engineers, employees, contractors, contractor's employees, supervisors, inspectors, subcontractors, and delivery personnel. The program will be implemented during site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, operation, and closure. Details of the program are provided in Section 4.3 of the Environmental Impact Statement. The training will place special emphasis on the special status species that have been observed in the Project locations or have a high likelihood to occur, including special status plant species, desert tortoise and other special status reptile species, Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel, burrowing owl, golden eagle, nesting bird species and bat species, and the American badger. BLM will be responsible for ensuring that each construction worker at the site, throughout the duration of construction activities, receives the above training.

10.EPD. 5 - VEG MANAGEMENT PLAN RECOMMND

AM-BIO-5

The Applicant will prepare and implement a Vegetation Resources Management Plan that contains the following components (additional detail is provided in Section 4.3 of the Environmental Impact Statement):

- A Vegetation Salvage Plan which discusses the methods that will be used to transplant cacti present within the Project locations following BLM's standard operating procedures, as well as methods that will be used to transplant special status plant species that occur in the Project locations if feasible.

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10.EPD. 5 - VEG MANAGEMENT PLAN (cont.)

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- A Restoration Plan which discusses the methods that will be used to restore creosote bush scrub and desert dry wash woodland habitat that is temporarily disturbed by construction activities.

The Vegetation Salvage Plan and Restoration Plan will specify success criteria and performance standards as required per MM-BIO-4, Salvage and Restoration Plan Performance Standards. BLM will be responsible for reviewing and approving the plan and for ensuring that the Applicant implements the plan including maintenance and monitoring required in the plan. Implementation of Applicant Measures AM-BIO-1, AM-BIO-2, AM-BIO-4, and AM-BIO-5 discussed in Section 4.3, Vegetation, would reduce impacts on wildlife as well. Where there is a conflict between provisions of the Mitigation Measures recommended for wildlife impacts and the corresponding Applicant Measures, the Mitigation Measures take precedence.

10.EPD. 6 - BIO MONITORING

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MM-BIO-1.

Construction Monitoring:

A BLM-approved biologist shall conduct construction monitoring during all construction activities to ensure that construction activities are contained within the staked and flagged construction areas at all times. The construction monitor shall also be present during all ground disturbing activities to either actively or passively relocate special status wildlife species, other than the desert tortoise, nesting bird species, and burrowing owl (e.g., rosy boa, chuckwalla, Palm Springs round-tailed squirrel, American badger, and Colorado Valley woodrat [and burro deer, Nelson's bighorn sheep, and mountain lion if need be]), found within the construction zones to a suitable location outside of the project footprint. The construction monitor shall also inspect fencing and netting at all construction ponds to ensure that the ponds are not accessible to potential avian or canid desert tortoise predators or to wildlife that could drown or become entrapped within the enclosures. Netting and fencing must prevent the ponds from becoming water source "subsidies" to predators or from becoming hazards to native wildlife. The construction monitor shall have the authority to stop work and report directly to the

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10.EPD. 6 - BIO MONITORING (cont.)

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Applicant's Environmental Manager to ensure compliance with the Project Description, Applicant Measures, and Mitigation Measures. The construction monitor shall provide the Applicant's Environmental Manager with weekly updates and quarterly monitoring reports. After construction has been completed, the construction monitor shall provide the Applicant's Environmental Manager with a final monitoring report. The Applicant's Environmental Manager shall provide BLM with weekly status updates on the status of construction and monitoring efforts and shall provide BLM with copies of the quarterly monitoring reports and the final monitoring report. BLM shall be responsible for ensuring that construction monitoring is conducted during all construction activities.

10.EPD. 7 - MM BIO 2

RECOMMND

MM-BIO-2

The project shall comply with Mitigation Measure BIO-2 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

10.EPD. 8 - SALVAGE AND RESTO

RECOMMND

MM-BIO-4

Salvage and Restoration Plan Performance Standards:  
Salvage will occur prior to construction in any area of the proposed Project as described in the approved Vegetation Salvage Plan (described in AM-BIO-5). Post- Project seeding and planting (revegetation) will occur at the decommissioning phase of the Project as described under an approved Restoration Plan (AM-BIO-5). Both salvage and revegetation efforts shall be monitored yearly and shall continue for a period of no less than 10 years or until the defined performance standards are achieved (whichever is sooner).

The following performance standards must be met by the end of the monitoring period: (a) at least 80% of the species and vegetative cover observed within the temporarily disturbed areas shall be native species that naturally occur in desert scrub habitats; (b) absolute cover and density of native plant species within the revegetated areas shall equal at least 60% of the pre-disturbance or reference vegetation cover; and (c) the site shall have

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10.EPD. 8 - SALVAGE AND RESTO (cont.)

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gone without irrigation or remedial planting for a minimum of three years prior to completion of monitoring.

Remediation activities (e.g., whether additional planting, removal of non-native invasive species, or erosion control) shall be taken during the 10-year period if necessary to ensure the success of the revegetation effort. If the mitigation fails to meet the established performance standards after the 10-year maintenance and monitoring period, monitoring and remedial activities shall extend beyond the 10-year period until the performance standards are met, unless otherwise specified by the BLM and CPUC.

As needed to achieve performance standards, the Applicant shall be responsible for replacement planting or other remedial action as agreed to by BLM and CPUC. Replacement plants shall be monitored with the same survival and growth requirements as required for original revegetation plantings.

If a fire or flood damages a revegetation area within the 10-year monitoring period, the Applicant shall be responsible for a one-time replacement. If a second fire or flood occurs, no replanting is required, unless the event is caused by the owner's activity (as determined by BLM or other firefighting agency investigation).

10.EPD. 9 - DTTP

RECOMMND

AM-WIL-1

A Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan (Ironwood Consulting 2010d) has been prepared for the Project and will be implemented by the Applicant to ensure that construction monitoring will be conducted by a BLM-, USFWS-, and CDFG-approved biologists during all construction activities and that any desert tortoise found within the construction zone will be translocated to a suitable location outside of the project footprint. The draft plan is attached as Appendix H of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. The final plan will conform to the 2010 USFWS desert tortoise relocation guidelines titled Translocation of Desert Tortoises (Mojave Population) from Project Sites: Plan Development Guidance. Unpublished Report dated August 2010.

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10.EPD. 9 - DTPP (cont.)

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Desert tortoises found along the linear components of the Project, including the Gen-Tie Line, Telecommunications site, and access roads will be translocated out of harm's way pursuant to USFWS guidance (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2009. Desert Tortoise Field Manual. Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California). Specifically, biological monitors will be present during all construction activities to ensure that active burrows are avoided. If a desert tortoise is found, the tortoise will be allowed to passively traverse the site while construction in the immediate area is halted. If the tortoise does not move out of harm's way after approximately 20 minutes, a biologist authorized to handle desert tortoise, will actively move the animal out of harm's way. Vehicles parked in desert tortoise habitat will be inspected immediately prior to being moved. If a tortoise is found beneath a vehicle, a biologist authorized to handle desert tortoise will be contacted to move the animal out of harm's way, or the vehicle will not be moved until the desert tortoise leaves of its own accord.

During the construction and operations and maintenance phases of the Project, the following Best Management Practices will also be implemented by the Applicant to reduce adverse effects to desert tortoise:

1. Speed limits on all unpaved areas of the Project will be a maximum of 15 miles per hour;
2. No dogs or firearms will be allowed on the Project site during construction or operation and maintenance activities;
3. Construction and operation and maintenance activities will be limited to daylight hours to the extent possible;
4. Trash will always be contained within raptor and raven-proof receptacles and removed from the site frequently, including trash collected in vehicles in the field;
5. Water required for construction purposes will not be stored in open containers or structures and will be transported throughout the site in enclosed water trucks; and



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10.EPD. 9 - DTPP (cont.) (cont.)

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6. Water sources for the Project (such as wells) will be checked periodically by biological monitors to ensure they are not creating open water sources by leaking or consistently overflowing trucks.

All vehicles leaking fuel or other liquids will be immediately removed to the staging area and repaired - all vehicles will carry spill materials and all spills will be cleaned up promptly and disposed of correctly.

10.EPD. 10 - RAVEN MANAGEMENT

RECOMMND

AM-WIL-2

The Applicant shall contribute to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Regional Raven Management Program by making a one-time payment of \$105 per acre of project disturbance to the national Fish and Wildlife Federation Renewable Energy Action Team raven control account.

A Raven Management Plan (Ironwood Consulting 2010e) has been prepared and will be implemented by the Applicant to minimize the potential for the project to attract ravens to the Project site. The draft plan is attached as Appendix H of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. Specifically, the following measures will be implemented by the Applicant to reduce the potential for the Project to introduce food subsidies and open water sources for the species:

1. Traffic speeds on all Project-related dirt roads will be limited to 15 miles per hour to reduce road killed animals. Biological monitors will be monitoring speeds during construction activities;

2. Refuse management will be an integral part of the construction process. A sufficient number of refuse containers will be supplied and all containers will have sealable and lockable lids with the goal of preventing strong winds from blowing garbage around, wildlife from entering refuse containers, and unauthorized people from tampering with refuse. Biological monitors will periodically check on refuse containers to ensure they are not overflowing and are being closed properly;

3. All work vehicles will have a sufficient supply of

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strong garbage bags to aid in collection and disposal of refuse at the end of each day into the large containers discussed above;

4. Waste management contractors will supply an adequate number of portable toilets to promote a hygienic environment;

5. The open ponds needed to store water required for construction purposes will be fenced and lined, and will have netting around them, as described in AM-WIL-4, to keep ravens away. Water will be transported throughout the site in enclosed water trucks; and

6. Water sources for the Project (such as wells) will be checked periodically by biological monitors to ensure they are not creating open water sources by leaking or consistently overflowing trucks.

Throughout the construction and operation and maintenance phases of the Project five years postconstruction, all incidental sightings of common ravens within the Project locations will be logged either by a biological monitor (during construction) or by a designated person by Sunlight (applicant) (five years post-construction). In addition, for five years following construction, nest surveys for this species will be completed at least twice each spring between March 15 and June 1, and further assessments will be performed on the ground underneath raven nests during spring months to determine the presence of any desert tortoise predation.

If monitoring data shows a potential increase in raven roosting or nesting behavior within the Sunlight Project components, additional measures will be implemented by the Applicant to minimize the attractiveness of the Project site to the species, including one or more of the following:

1. Bird spikes installed on top of potential perches designed to prevent birds from gaining a foothold on the perch because of their porcupine design;

2. Repellant coils installed on top of potential perches to deter birds from gaining footholds because of their destabilizing coil design;

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10.EPD. 10 - RAVEN MANAGEMENT (cont.) (cont.)

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3. Bird control wire designed so that a line or grid of variable height posts is interconnected by a wire. This creates a confusing landing area in the same spirit as trip wires used for unsuspecting people;

4. Bird netting; and/or

5. Electric shock deterrents with low voltage pulses.

Inactive nests will be dismantled and passive deterrents will be installed. For active nests, a biological monitor will determine the number of fledglings and their status of development. Once the nest is determined to no longer be active, it will be removed and passive deterrents installed. Non-lethal deterrents will be the first course of action. However, ravens may adapt quickly to avoid passive deterrents. If problem ravens are proven to be an active threat to resident desert tortoises, then they could be subject to lethal removal in coordination with BLM, USFWS, and CDFG in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code.

If monitoring data shows a potential increase in raven roosting or nesting behavior within the Project components, Applicant will coordinate with BLM, USFWS, and CDFG to determine the appropriate control measures, including continued raven nest monitoring and/or contribution to a region-wide raven control plan.

On or before January 15th of each calendar year of monitoring, an annual report will be submitted to BLM that summarizes all monitoring activities sufficient for the BLM to provide necessary reporting to the USFWS and CDFG during their annual permitting report, due on or before February 1 of each year.

10.EPD. 11

- ABPP

RECOMMND

An Avian and Bat Protection Plan (Ironwood Consulting 2010f) has been prepared and will be implemented by the Applicant to specify necessary actions to be taken to protect nesting bird and bat species. The draft plan is attached as Appendix H of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and will be reviewed and approved by BLM. The final plan will conform to the 2010 USFWS avian and bat

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guidelines titled Considerations for Avian and Bat Protection Plans U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service White Paper.

The following measures will be implemented by the Applicant to protect burrowing owls in the Project locations during construction:

\* Phase III burrow surveys will be completed within 30 days prior to planned construction in each construction unit and within a 150-meter (500 foot) buffer area.

\* All active burrowing owl nests will be avoided with a buffer of 75 meters (250 feet) during the nesting season (February 1 - August 31st). Initial avoidance buffers may be modified per the direction of a biological monitor based on the type of construction activity and bird species as approved by CDFG or USFWS. Outside nesting season or after determining that a nest has failed or young have fledged, owls will be passively relocated after concurrence of specific methods by CDFG.

Passive relocation will include:

- Identifying suitable relocation sites within one mile of the Project area;
- Creating or enhancing at least two natural or artificial burrows per relocated owl;
- Passively relocating burrowing owls; and
- Monitoring and reporting the results of the passive relocation.

The following measures will be implemented by the Applicant to protect nesting bird species in the Project locations during construction which are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code Sections 3503 and 3513:

\* Pre-construction surveys will be completed in the Project locations and in adjacent habitat areas and any nests observed will be identified and clearly marked. For passerines, an exclusion area where construction will not be allowed to commence will be established approximately 100 meters (330 feet) from any active nest. For raptors (other than golden eagles), the exclusion area will be established approximately 170 meters (500 feet) from any active nest (excluding nests of the common raven). For golden eagles, the exclusion area will be established

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approximately 1.6 kilometers (one mile) from any active nest. Initial protective buffers may be modified per the direction of a biological monitor based on type of construction activity and bird species and per approval by CDFG or USFWS. Nests will be checked within one week prior to planned construction to determine nest success and whether young have fledged. The exclusion boundary will not be removed until the biological monitor has determined that the nest has failed or young have fledged.

\* Vegetation clearing will be conducted outside of the bird breeding season (approximately February 1 to August 31) to the maximum extent practicable, taking into account the necessary timing of conservation measures for other species, including the desert tortoise.

\* Biological monitors will be present on-site during all phases of construction and will be tasked with monitoring avian nesting in adjacent habitats. If nests are found, the same procedures would be used as discussed above for pre-construction surveys.

The following measures will be implemented by the Applicant to protect roosting bats in the Project locations during construction:

\* Pre-construction surveys will be completed in the Project locations and adjacent habitat areas and any active bat colonies will be identified and clearly marked. An exclusion area will be established approximately 50 meters (165 feet) from any active colony, and whenever possible, these areas will be avoided during construction activities.

For five years post-construction, the Applicant will record incidental sightings of raptors and bats in the Project locations. In addition, the Applicant will conduct nest surveys within the Project locations at least twice each spring between March 1 and June 1, separated by at least 30 days where all project-related infrastructure will be inspected for active and inactive raptor nests. The Applicant will submit quarterly status reports via email to BLM, USFWS, and CDFG. On or before January 15th of each calendar year, an annual report will be submitted to BLM that summarizes all monitoring activities sufficient for BLM to provide necessary reporting to the USFWS and CDFG in their annual permitting report, due on or before February

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10.EPD. 11 - ABPP (cont.) (cont.) (cont.) RECOMMND

1st of each year. These reports may include recommendations for future adaptive management actions.

10.EPD. 12 - BIGHORN SHEEP RECOMMND

MM-WIL-2

Nelson's Bighorn Sheep Protection Plan:

If effects to Nelson's Bighorn Sheep cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall consult with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to determine the appropriate level of restoration and mitigation for effects to essential habitat and/or travel corridors for Nelson's bighorn sheep by implementing the following measures:

(a) The Applicant shall compensate or replace the permanent loss of Nelson's bighorn sheep habitat at a 1:1 ratio as approved by the CDFG. This may include monetary contributions or donations as mitigation which are tied to programs or activities designed to offset potential resource losses or for mitigation banking for habitat restoration, enhancement, and/or acquisition projects provided that an appropriate and cooperatively developed mitigation agreement has been finalized between the Applicant and CDFG.

(b) Compensation or replacement mitigation should be oriented within or adjacent to the project area and designed to rectify the same functions, habitat types and species being impacted wherever possible. Off-site compensation should be considered when mitigation measures cannot be applied to adjacent areas or to benefit the same species that are impacted.

(c) All final actions associated with compensation mitigation will be approved by CDFG to insure that agreements are consistent with the CDFG's Sonoran Desert Mountain Sheep Meta-Population Plan.

(d) Any roads or permanent structures built in Nelson's bighorn sheep habitat or movement corridors must be constructed in such a way as to allow continued bighorn movement, except in the case of the Solar Farm and Substation facilities which will be fenced. Some strategies could include under or over passes, ramps cut into steep side slopes, alternatives to continuous guard rails and/or

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10.EPD. 12 - BIGHORN SHEEP (cont.)

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fence specifications along roads that allow sheep movement. Plans for these structures will be developed in coordination with CDFG.

10.EPD. 13 - GROUND SQUIRREL

RECOMMND

MM-WIL-3

Palm Springs Round Tailed Ground Squirrel Protection Plan: If effects to Palm Springs round tailed ground squirrel cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall consult with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to determine the appropriate level of restoration and/or mitigation for effects to essential habitat for Palm Springs round tailed ground squirrel by implementing the following measures:

(a) For Palm Springs ground squirrel habitat that is temporarily disturbed, the Applicant shall develop a project-specific habitat restoration for submittal to CDFG for review and approval. The plan shall consider and include as appropriate the following methods: replacement of topsoil, seedbed preparation, fertilization, seeding of species native to the project area, noxious weed control, and additional erosion control. Generally, the restoration objective shall be to return the disturbed area to a condition that will benefit Palm Springs ground squirrels. The applicant shall conduct periodic inspection of the restored area. Restoration shall include eliminating any hazards to Palm Springs ground squirrels created by construction, such as holes and trenches in which animals might become entrapped.

(b) If adverse effects remain after the Applicant has taken all reasonable on site mitigation measures, the Applicant must compensate for on-site effects to Palm Springs ground squirrel habitat. The goal of compensation is to prevent the net loss of Palm Springs ground squirrel habitat and make the net effect of a project neutral or positive to Palm Springs ground squirrels by maintaining a habitat base for the species. Compensation ratios can range from 1:1 to 5:1 depending upon:

A. Species known to be present on site

B. Habitat condition

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10.EPD. 13 - GROUND SQUIRREL (cont.)

RECOMMND

C. Proximity of known disturbances

D. Vegetation type

The Applicant shall provide habitat compensation lands as mitigation for the Project's impacts to Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel. A minimum of three months before the habitat compensation lands are acquired, the Applicant shall submit a proposal identifying the land to be purchased to CDFG for approval. As part of this process, the Applicant shall do the following (as detailed in MM-BIO-2):

a. Transfer fee title to CDFG for the habitat compensation lands.

b. Provide a preliminary title report, initial hazardous material assessment report and other documents as requested by CDFG.

c. Provide CDFG with fees, as determined by CDFG, to provide for the initial protection and enhancement of the habitat compensation lands.

d. Conduct a Property Analysis Record (PAR) or PAR-like analysis once the habitat compensation lands have been identified to determine the appropriate endowment amount to fund the in-perpetuity management of the habitat compensation lands.

10.EPD. 14 - FRINGED-TOED LIZARD

RECOMMND

MM-WIL-4

Mojave Fringed-toed Lizard Protection Plan:  
If effects to Mojave Fringed-toed Lizard cannot be avoided, the Applicant shall mitigate for direct and indirect impacts to stabilized and partially stabilized sand dunes and other Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat by compensating for lost habitat at ratios ranging from 1:1 to 5:1 depending upon (as detailed in MM-BIO-2):

A. Species known to be present on site

B. Habitat condition



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10.EPD. 14 - FRINGED-TOED LIZARD (cont.)

RECOMMND

C. Proximity of known disturbances

D. Vegetation type

The Applicant shall provide funding for the acquisition, initial habitat improvements and long-term management of the compensation lands. The habitat compensation requirement, and associated funding requirements based on that acreage will be adjusted if there are changes in the final footprint of the Project. In lieu of acquiring lands itself, the Applicant may ensure funding to complete the land acquisition by providing CDFG and/or USWFS, as appropriate, prior to commencing ground-or vegetation-disturbing activities an irrevocable letter of credit or another form of security as approved by CDFGs Office of General Counsel before ground- or revegetation-disturbing activities begin.

The requirements for acquisition, initial improvement and long-term management of compensation lands include all of the following:

1. Criteria for Compensation Lands: The compensation lands selected for acquisition shall:

a. Provide suitable habitat for Mojave fringe-toed lizards that is equal to or better than that found in the Project disturbance area, and may include stabilized and partially stabilized desert dunes or sand drifts over playas or Sonoran creosote bush scrub;

b. Be within the Chuckwalla Valley with potential to contribute to Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat connectivity and build linkages between known populations of Mojave fringe-toed lizards and preserve lands with suitable habitat;

c. Be connected to lands that are either currently occupied or have high potential to be occupied by Mojave fringe-toed lizard based on patch size and habitat quality;

d. Be near larger blocks of lands that are either already protected or planned for protection, or which could feasibly be protected long-term by a public resource agency or a non-governmental organization dedicated to habitat preservation;

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10.EPD. 14

- FRINGED-TOED LIZARD (cont.) (cont.)

RECOMMND

e. Not have a history of intensive recreational use or other disturbance that might make habitat recovery and restoration infeasible;

f. Not be characterized by high densities of invasive species, either on or immediately adjacent to the parcels under consideration, that might jeopardize habitat recovery and restoration;

g. Not contain hazardous wastes;

h. Not be subject to property constraints (i.e. mineral leases, cultural resources); and

i. Be on land for which long-term management is feasible.

2. Security for Implementation of Mitigation: The Applicant shall provide financial assurances to CDFG and/or USFWS that guarantee that an adequate level of funding is available to implement the acquisitions and enhancement of Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat as described in this condition. These funds shall be used solely for implementation of the measures associated with the Project. Financial assurance can be provided to DFG and/or USFWS in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, a pledged savings account or Security prior to initiating ground-disturbing project activities. The Security shall be approved by the CDFG and USFWS, to ensure sufficient funding.

3. Preparation of Management Plan: The Applicant shall submit to the CDFG and USFWS a draft Management Plan that reflects site-specific enhancement measures for the Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat on the acquired compensation lands. The objective of the Management Plan shall be to enhance the value of the compensation lands for Mojave fringe-toed lizards, and may include enhancement actions such as weed control, fencing to exclude livestock, erosion control, or protection of sand sources or sand transport corridors

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FLOOD RI DEPARTMENT

10.FLOOD RI. 1 USE FLOOD HAZARD RPT 4/19/11

RECOMMND

Public Use Permit No. 909 is a proposal to construct a power transmission line. The 550 MW solar generation facility and majority of the transmission line route lies within BLM jurisdiction and therefore not part of this review. This review is limited to the two parcels of land in which the transmission lines cross over and is under the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside. The site is located in the Desert Center area, north of Interstate 10 and west of Desert Center Road.

The area lies within the Chuckawalla Valley and is subject to severe alluvial type flooding with sediment deposition and scouring.

Since the proposal is to construct transmission lines, no increased runoff and/or impact to drainage pattern is anticipated. Minimal grading is anticipated. The District has no objections with the project as shown on the approved Exhibit A.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

10.PLANNING. 1 USE - COMPLY WITH ORD./CODES

RECOMMND

The development of these premises shall comply with the standards of all applicable Riverside County ordinances and State and Federal codes. The development of the premises shall conform substantially with that as shown on APPROVED EXHIBIT A, unless otherwise amended by these conditions of approval.

10.PLANNING. 2 REN ENG - UTILITY COORDINATION

RECOMMND

The permit holder shall ensure all interconnection facilities are constructed to the applicable specifications of the utility purveyor.

10.PLANNING. 5 REN ENG - FUTURE INTERFERENCE

RECOMMND

If the operation of the transmission line (Gen Tie Line A-1) generates electronic interference with or otherwise impairs the operation of any communication facilities, the permit holder shall take immediate action and consult with County Information Technology staff to develop and

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10.PLANNING. 5                   REN ENG - FUTURE INTERFERENCE (cont.)                   RECOMMND

implement measures acceptable to the Department of Information Technology.

10.PLANNING. 6                   REN ENG - NO FINAL NO CONNECT                   RECOMMND

The permit holder shall ensure that the Transportation Department has completed their final inspection of the Project prior to connection to the utility purveyor.

10.PLANNING. 15                  USE - PREVENT DUST & BLOWSAND                   RECOMMND

Graded but undeveloped land shall be maintained in a condition so as to prevent a dust and/or blowsand nuisance, and be provided with wind and water erosion control measures as approved by the Transportation Department and the State air quality management authorities.

10.PLANNING. 17                  USE - 90 DAYS TO PROTEST                   RECOMMND

The permit holder has 90 days from the date of approval of these conditions to protest, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Government Code Section 66020 of the Mitigation Fee Act, the imposition of any and all mitigation impact fees, dedications, reservations and/or other exactions imposed on this Project as a result of this approval or conditional approval of the Project.

10.PLANNING. 19                  USE - BUSINESS LICENSING                   RECOMMND

Every person conducting a business within the unincorporated area of Riverside County, as defined in Riverside County Ordinance No. 857, shall obtain a business license. For more information regarding business registration, contact the Business Registration and License Program Office of the Building and Safety Department at [www.rctlma.org/buslic](http://www.rctlma.org/buslic).

10.PLANNING. 22                  USE - CAUSES FOR REVOCATION               RECOMMND

In the event the use hereby permitted under this permit,  
a) is found to be in violation of the terms and conditions of this permit,  
b) is found to have been obtained by fraud or perjured testimony, or  
c) is found to be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare, or is a public nuisance, this permit

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10.PLANNING. 22 USE - CAUSES FOR REVOCATION (cont.) RECOMMND

shall be subject to the County's revocation procedures.

10.PLANNING. 23 USE - ORD 847-NOISE-POWERTOOLS RECOMMND

In accordance with Section 6. b. of Ordinance No. 847, no person shall operate any power tools or equipment between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. such that the power tools or equipment are audible to the human ear inside an inhabited dwelling other than the dwelling in which the power tools or equipment may be located. Additionally, no person shall operate any power tools or equipment at any other time (8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) such that the power tools or equipment are audible to the human ear at a distance greater than one hundred (100) feet from the power tools or equipment.

10.PLANNING. 24 GEN - IF HUMAN REMAINS FOUND RECOMMND

The permit holder shall comply with the following codes for the life of this project:

If human remains are encountered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin. Further, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 (b), remains shall be left in place and free from disturbance until a final decision as to the treatment and their disposition has been made. If the Riverside County Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be contacted within the period specified by law. Subsequently, the Native American Heritage Commission shall identify the "Most Likely Descendant." The Most Likely Descendant shall then make recommendations and engage in consultation with the County and the property owner concerning the treatment of the remains as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. Human remains from other ethnic/cultural groups with recognized historical associations to the project area shall also be subject to consultation between appropriate representatives from that group and the County Planning /Director.

10.PLANNING. 25 GEN - INADVERTANT ARCHAEO FIND RECOMMND

The permit holder shall comply with the following for the life of this project:

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10.PLANNING. 25

GEN - INADVERTANT ARCHAEO FIND (cont.)

RECOMMND

If during ground disturbance activities, cultural resources are discovered that were not assessed by the archaeological reports and/or environmental assessment conducted prior to Project approval, the following procedures shall be followed. A cultural resources site is defined, for purposes of this condition, as being three or more artifacts in close association with each other, but may include fewer artifacts if the area of the find is determined to be of significance due to its sacred or cultural importance.

1. All ground disturbance activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resources site shall be halted until a meeting is convened between the permit holder, the project archaeologist, the Native American tribal representative (or other appropriate ethnic/cultural group representative), and the Planning Director or his/her designee to discuss the significance of the find.

2. At the meeting, the significance of the discoveries shall be discussed and after consultation with the Native American tribal (or other appropriate ethnic/cultural group representative) and the archaeologist, a decision is made, with the concurrence of the Planning Director's designee, as to the appropriate mitigation (documentation, recovery, avoidance, etc) for the cultural resources.

3. Further ground disturbance shall not resume within the area of the discovery until an agreement has been reached by all parties as to the appropriate preservation or mitigation measures as described in AM CUL-1 and MM CUL-1.

10.PLANNING. 26

USE- CULT RESOURCES MONITORING

RECOMMND

As a result of information contained in archaeological reports PD-A-4691 and PD-A-4693, both prepared by ECORP in 2011 for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project, it has been determined that the project area is sensitive for both historic and prehistoric cultural resources. The project is located within a large potentially historic district representing the World War II Desert Training Center - California-Arizona Maneuver Area military facilities, some of which have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Resources. Fourteen cultural resources

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10. PLANNING. 26

USE- CULT RESOURCES MONITORING (cont.)

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(both prehistoric and historic in age) sites were identified within the boundaries of the PUP project area establishing the cultural sensitivity and potential for additional cultural resources to be found subsurface during construction. Therefore, archaeological monitoring of all mass or rough grading, trenching, demolition, tree removals, boring, and other similar earth-disturbing activities shall be required.

Prior to any construction activities, the permit holder shall enter into a monitoring and mitigation service contract with a professionally-qualified County-certified archaeologist for services. This archaeologist shall be known as the "Project Archaeologist" and shall be included in any pre-construction meetings to provide cultural/historical sensitivity training, including the establishment of set guidelines for ground disturbance in sensitive areas with construction contractors and any required tribal or special interest monitors. The Project Archaeologist shall manage and oversee monitoring for all initial ground disturbing activities (clearing, grubbing, tree removals, grading, trenching, stockpiling of materials, rock crushing, structure demolition, boring, etc) for each area of construction and associated areas. The Project Archaeologist shall have the authority to temporarily divert, redirect or halt construction activities to allow for the identification, evaluation, and potential recovery/appropriate treatment of cultural resources that may become exposed in coordination with any required tribal or special interest monitors, and construction superintendant.

The permit holder shall submit a fully executed copy of the archaeological monitoring contract to the Riverside County Planning Department (County Archaeologist) to ensure compliance with this condition of approval. Upon verification, the County Archaeologist shall confirm compliance with this condition.

In addition:

1) The Project Archaeologist is responsible for implementing mitigation using standard professional practices for cultural resources. The Project Archaeologist shall consult with the County, permit holder, and any required tribal or special interest monitors throughout the

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10. PLANNING. 26 USE- CULT RESOURCES MONITORING (cont.) (cont. RECOMMND

monitoring process when cultural resources are found.

2) The Project Archaeologist's contract shall not modify any approved conditions of approval or mitigation measures.

3) Should the Project Archaeologist not be present when monitoring should be provided, the County shall exercise the option to provide substitute archaeological monitoring at the permit holder's expense. Funds may come from the security deposit which the developer/permit holder will deposit with the Transportation Department.

10. PLANNING. 27 USE - CONFORM TO ELEVATIONS RECOMMND

Elevations of all structures shall be in substantial conformance with the elevations shown on the APPROVED EXHIBIT A.

10. PLANNING. 33 USE - SITE MAINTENANCE RECOMMND

The project site shall be kept in good repair. Graffiti shall be removed from any structures within one week of observation and/or notification.

10. PLANNING. 34 USE - GEOLOGIST'S COMMENTS RECOMMND

Earth Systems Southwest's January 19, 2010 (Revised June 16, 2010) "Geotechnical Engineering Services, Desert Sunlight Solar Farm, 550 MW Photovoltaic System, Desert Center Area of Riverside County, California" adequately addresses the potential geologic hazards of the Gen-Tie Line.

The report concluded:

1. The most significant geologic hazard to the project to be the potential for moderate to severe seismic shaking that is likely to occur during the design life of the proposed structures.
2. Active fault rupture is unlikely to occur at the Project site.
3. The potential for liquefaction to occur at this site is considered negligible.
4. The potential for slope instability, landslides or debris flows to affect the site is considered nil.
5. The hazard from tsunamis and seiches are nil.



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10. PLANNING. 34 USE - GEOLOGIST'S COMMENTS (cont.) RECOMMND

The report recommended:

1. The minimum seismic design should comply with the 2007 edition of the California Building Code and ASCE 7-05 using the seismic coefficients given in the report.

This Earth Systems Southwest report satisfies the requirement for a geologic hazards study for Planning/CEQA purposes.

10. PLANNING. 35 USE - PALEONTOLOGIST'S COMMENT RECOMMND

The permit holder shall comply with all mitigation measures of AM-PR-1 of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

10. PLANNING. 37 USE - CEASED OPERATIONS RECOMMND

In the event the use hereby permitted ceases operation for a period of one (1) year or more, this approval shall become null and void.

10. PLANNING. 38 USE - CLOSURE CLEAN UP RECOMMND

The permit holder shall be responsible for the final clean up and restoration of the site. Any remaining materials, equipment and structures associated with the permitted use on the property shall be removed and legally disposed of within thirty (30) days following the cessation of operations allowed by this permit. Additional time for final clean-up may be granted through written determinations by the Director of the Department of Transportation.

10. PLANNING. 39 USE - FEES FOR REVIEW RECOMMND

Any subsequent submittals to the County required by these conditions of approval, shall be reviewed on an hourly basis (research fee), or other such review fee as may be in effect at the time of submittal, as required by Ordinance No. 671. Each submittal shall be accompanied with a letter clearly indicating which condition or conditions the submittal is intended to comply with.

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TRANS DEPARTMENT

10.TRANS. 1

USE - ENCROACHMENT PERMIT/FINAL

RECOMMND

It is the responsibility of the applicant and/or developer to contact Riverside County Transportation Department to obtain an encroachment permit, per Ordinance No. 499, to place the Gen-tie lines and power poles within County road right-of-way, prior to installing and or disturbing any road right-of-way. The locations of power poles shall be determined during permitting stage.

A cash security deposit will be required by Transportation Department to ensure performance of the conditions of the permit and the replacement or restoration of the highway, including pavement surfaces, ground surfaces, and subsurfaces within highway rights-of-way, and survey monuments or other improvements that may have been disturbed. Also, the above mentioned deposit will ensure any reports or documentations due by the applicant and/or developer to any department of Riverside County be performed and completed, and that the final reports be submitted to each individual department. The security deposit will not be released until the applicant or developer provides a letter of completion from each department stating that they are satisfied with the project, and that they recommend the project to be finalized.

10.TRANS. 2

USE - ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES

RECOMMND

It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to comply with the applicable Federal, State and County environmental laws, and receive any necessary environmental clearance and/or permits required for construction of the Gen-Tie Line prior to commencing any work as authorized by the encroachment permit. If the permittee fails to comply with the required environmental laws, the encroachment permit shall be subject to the County's revocation procedures.

20. PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE

EPD DEPARTMENT

20.EPD. 1

- PRECON PLANT SURVEY

RECOMMND

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20. PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE

20.EPD. 1 - PRECON PLANT SURVEY (cont.)

RECOMMND

Preconstruction Surveys for Special Status Plant Species and Cacti:

Prior to the start of construction, the Applicant will stake and flag the construction area boundaries, including the construction areas for the Gen-Tie Lines; construction laydown, parking, and work areas; and the boundaries of all temporary and permanent access roads. A BLM-approved biologist will then survey all areas of proposed ground disturbance for special status plant species and cacti during the appropriate blooming period for those species having the potential to occur in the construction areas. All special status plant species and cacti observed will be flagged for transplantation. All cacti observed will be flagged for transplantation and special status plant species observed will be flagged for salvage.

The biologist shall submit a report the Riverside County Planning Department, Environmental Programs Division (EPD), detailing which species were flagged and where they will be moved to. Translocation shall not occur until EPD has reviewed and approved the report.

Once EPD has reviewed and approved the biological report, translocation may begin. Following translocation, the biologist shall provide documentation of the translocation in the form of a report to EPD. This condition shall not be considered MET until the translocation documentation has been reviewed and approved.

20.EPD. 2 - BIO MONITORING REPORT

RECOMMND

Prior to final inspection of the encroachment permit by the Riverside County Transportation Department, a biological monitoring report shall be submitted to the Riverside County Planning Department, Environmental Programs Division for review and approval. The report shall detail the results of all preconstruction surveys and biological monitoring required by these conditions. The report shall also include an explanation of what has been done to meet all of the applicable conditions of approval.

20.EPD. 3 - BIRD MONITORING PLAN

RECOMMND

MM-WIL-5.

Prepare and Implement a Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan:

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20. PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE

20.EPD. 3 - BIRD MONITORING PLAN (cont.)

RECOMMND

Prior to issuance of an encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the Permit holder shall retain a BLM-approved, qualified biologist to prepare a Bird Monitoring and Avoidance Plan in consultation with CDFG and USFWS. This plan shall follow the Avian Protection

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

20.PLANNING. 1 USE- CULT RESOURCE MONITORING

RECOMMND

As a result of information contained in archaeological reports PD-A-4691 and PD-A-4693, both prepared by ECORP in 2011 for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project, it has been determined that the project area is sensitive for both historic and prehistoric cultural resources. The project is located within a large potentially historic district representing the World War II Desert Training Center - California-Arizona Maneuver Area military facilities, some of which have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Resources. Fourteen cultural resources (both prehistoric and historic in age) sites were identified within the boundaries of the PUP project area establishing cultural sensitivity and indicating a potential for additional cultural resources to be found subsurface during construction activities. Therefore, archaeological monitoring of all mass or rough grading, trenching, demolition, tree removals, boring, and other similar earth-disturbing activities shall be required.

Prior to any construction activities, the permit holder shall enter into a monitoring and mitigation service contract with a professionally-qualified County-certified archaeologist for services. The archaeological monitor shall be known as the "Project Archaeologist" and shall be included in any pre-construction meetings to provide cultural/historical sensitivity training including the establishment of set guidelines for ground disturbance in sensitive areas with construction contractors and any required tribal or special interest monitors. The Project Archaeologist shall manage and oversee monitoring for all initial ground disturbing activities (clearing, grubbing, tree removals, grading, trenching, stockpiling of materials, rock crushing, structure demolition, etc) for each area of construction and associated areas. The Project

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20.PLANNING. 1 USE- CULT RESOURCE MONITORING (cont.) RECOMMND

Archaeologist shall have the authority to temporarily divert, redirect or halt construction activities to allow for the identification, evaluation, and potential recovery/appropriate treatment of cultural resources that may become exposed in coordination with any required tribal or special interest monitors, and construction superintendent.

The developer/permit holder shall submit a fully executed copy of the archaeological monitoring contract to the Riverside County Planning Department (County Archaeologist) to ensure compliance with this condition of approval. Upon verification, the County Archaeologist shall clear this condition.

NOTE: 1) The Project Archaeologist is responsible for implementing mitigation using standard professional practices for cultural resources. The Project Archaeologist shall consult with the County, developer/permit holder, and any required tribal or special interest monitors throughout the monitoring process when cultural resources are found.

2) This contract shall not modify any approved conditions of approval or mitigation measures.

3) Should the Project Archaeologist not be present when monitoring should be provided, the County shall exercise the option to provide substitute archaeological monitoring at the developer/permit holder's expense. Funds may come from the security deposit which the developer/permit holder will deposit with the Transportation Department.

20.PLANNING. 2 USE- CULT RESOURCE MONIT REPT RECOMMND

Prior to release of the security deposit by the County Transportation Department, the permit holder shall cause to have submitted to the Planning Department two (2) copies of the Cultural Resources Monitoring report prepared by the Project Archaeologist. The report shall comply with the current report requirements for Phase IV Archaeological Monitoring reports with respect to required content. The report shall also include evidence that the cultural sensitivity training was conducted for construction personnel during the pre-construction meeting for the portion of the project covered by this Public Use Permit. The County Archaeologist shall review the report to

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20.PLANNING. 2                   USE- CULT RESOURCE MONIT REPT (cont.)                   RECOMMND

determine that there has been adequate mitigation compliance reporting.

20.PLANNING. 3                   USE- P33-15095 DATA RECOVERY                   RECOMMND

Cultural site P33-15095 was evaluated in archaeological report number PD-A-4693, prepared by ECORP in 2011, as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as well as the California Register of Historic Resources. The site was determined significant for its association with Stephen Ragsdale, the founder of Desert Center and a significant person in the history of the local area; and for its potential to contribute important information to our understanding of local and regional history. Gen Tie Line A-1 crosses this 46-acre refuse dump site. Three steel monopoles and one stringing area would be constructed within the site boundaries resulting in disturbance or displacement of some of the refuse. This would represent an adverse effect to the site requiring mitigation. Mitigation shall consist of data recovery as identified in the Historic Preservation Treatment Plan (HTPT) (PD-A-4711) approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project.

Prior to the final inspection of the encroachment permit by the County Transportation Department, a Phase III Data Recovery report of the findings shall be submitted to the County Archaeologist for review. The report shall follow the current County information content requirements for Phase III reports.

20.PLANNING. 4                   USE - MITIGATION MONITORING                   RECOMMND

Prior to issuance of the encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the applicant/permittee shall prepare and submit a written Mitigation and Monitoring Report as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15097 to the Riverside County Planning Director demonstrating the timing of compliance with all conditions of approval and mitigation measures applicable to the permit. The County shall enforce compliance with these Conditions of Approval pursuant to Condition No. 10.Planning.22 and as required by the procedures set forth in County Ordinance No. 348.

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20.PLANNING. 8 USE - EXPIRATION DATE-CUP/PUP

RECOMMND

This approval shall be used within two (2) years of the approval date; except that the obligation to use this permit shall be extended, day for day, for each day that any stay or injunction imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction, delays the issuance of all final permits for, or construction of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]. If the permit is not used, it shall become null and void and of no effect whatsoever within the applicable timeframe. "Use" means the beginning of substantial construction which is thereafter diligently pursued to completion or to the actual occupancy of land under the terms of this permit. Prior to the expiration of the applicable two year period, the permit holder may request a one (1) year extension of time in which to begin use under this permit. Should the one-year extension be obtained and no substantial construction or use of this permit be initiated within three (3) years after the approval date of this permit, or the conclusion of the timeframe for extension due to any stay or injunction imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever date is later, this permit shall become null and void.

20.PLANNING. 9 USE - REMOVE TEMPORARY USE

RECOMMND

Prior to final inspection approval of the last utility pole, all temporary storage uses and construction trash shall be removed from the Project property and the temporary storage areas treated to prevent dust and blowsand.

20.PLANNING. 10 USE - LIFE OF THE PERMIT

RECOMMND

The life of Public Use Permit No. 909 shall terminate on July 1, 2041. This permit shall thereafter be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

TRANS DEPARTMENT

20.TRANS. 1 USE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

RECOMMND

Prior to the issuance of the encroachment permit for the Gen-Tie Line, the franchise agreement proposed for adoption as Ordinance No. 909 needs to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The adoption of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors is a discretionary act and cannot be guaranteed, pro-committed or constrained. The County cannot

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20.TRANS. 1

USE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (cont.)

RECOMMND

guarantee the ultimate outcome of any public hearings before the Board of Supervisors on Ordinance No. 909. If for any reason, Ordinance No. 909 does not get adopted by the Board of Supervisors, an encroachment permit will not be issued for the Gen-Tie Line. If an encroachment permit cannot be issued because Ordinance No. 909 does not get adopted by the Board of Supervisors, no construction or use can be commenced under this PUP.





**Riverside County**  
**Waste Management Department**

*Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer*

April 21, 2011

Jay Olivas, Project Planner  
Riverside County Planning Department  
P. O. Box No. 1409  
Riverside, CA 92502-1409

**RE: Public Use Permit (PUP) No. 909**  
**Proposal: The PUP proposes to construct transmission lines for a solar generation facility.**  
**APNs: 807-171-005; 808-022-025; 808-023-025**

Dear Mr. Olivas:

The Riverside County Waste Management Department (Department) has reviewed the proposed project located north of Interstate 10 and west of Desert Center Road, in the Desert Center Area Plan. The PUP proposes to construct a transmission line within a 160 foot transmission right-of-way adjacent to the western edge of Kaiser Road.

Please be aware that the Department operates the Desert Center Landfill within 160 acres owned by the BLM and leased to the Department. Currently, the landfill is open two days a year (first Thursday in February and August) and landfill activities occur on approximately 32 acres of the 160 acre leased land. The Desert Center Landfill is located along Kaiser Road at 17-991 Kaiser Rd; APNs: 807-171-003 & 807-160-007.

It appears that the construction of the transmission lines will not impact the operation of the landfill or encroach upon the 160 acre leased area. If the project scope changes and/or it becomes necessary to encroach into the leased area, the Department must be notified and provide authorization prior to commencing work. Also, please ensure that the Departments access to the site is not obstructed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. If you have any questions, please call me at (951) 486-3200.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ross  
Planner IV

PD88468v39

CC: Jeff Gow, RCWMD

**LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**INITIAL CASE TRANSMITTAL**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT - RIVERSIDE**  
**P.O. Box 1409**  
**Riverside, CA 92502-1409**

DATE: March 29, 2011

TO:

Riv. Co. Transportation Dept. - Desert  
Riv. Co. Environmental Health Dept.  
Riv. Co. Flood Control District  
Riv. Co. Fire Department-Desert  
Riv. Co. Dept. of Bldg. & Safety - Grading  
Riv. Co. Dept. of Bldg. & Safety - Plan Check  
Regional Parks & Open Space District.  
Riv. Co. Environmental Programs Dept.  
P.D. Geology Section-D. Jones

P.D. Landscaping Section-R. Dyo  
P.D. Archaeology Section-L. Mouriquand  
Riv. Co. Surveyor-Bob Roberson  
Riv. Co. Sheriff's Department  
Riv. Co. Waste Management Dept.  
4th District Supervisor  
4th District Planning Commissioner  
Desert Unified School Dist  
Southern California Edison

CALTRANS Dist. #8  
RWQCB-Colorado River  
Air Quality Mgmt. Dist.-Mojave Desert  
Eastern Information Center (UCR)  
CA Dept. of Fish & Game  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. EPA Region IX (NOWCC-Energy Specialist)

**PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909** – EA42431 – Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC – Fourth Supervisorial District - Chuckawalla Zoning Area – Desert Center Area Plan: Open Space: Rural (OS: RUR) (20 Acre Minimum) – Location: Northerly of Interstate 10 and westerly of Desert Center Road – 112 Gross Acres - Zoning: Natural Assets (N-A) - **REQUEST:** The Applicant is proposing to construct a 550 MW solar generation facility in Riverside County (BLM) approximately six miles north of Desert Center. In order to connect this facility to the electrical grid it is necessary to construct a transmission or Gen-Tie Line (County) running from this facility to the proposed Red Bluff Substation. The majority of the transmission or Gen Tie Line route (GT A-1) lies within BLM land, however, GT A-1 crosses two parcels of land under the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside. One parcel is owned by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the other is owned by Riverside County. Crossing of these two parcels requires the applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) from the County. For the purpose of the PUP application, the Gen Tie crossing of these two parcels of land is the project under consideration by the County. In the areas that GT A-1 crosses the two parcels, the applicant plans to construct, operate and maintain GT A-1 within a 160 foot transmission right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to the west of Kaiser Road. The Center of the 160 foot transmission line would be located approximately 120 feet from the centerline of the paved Kaiser Road, within the County Road ROW. The transmission ROW within the MWD owned parcel would be 12.3 acres and within the County owned parcel would be 9.7 acres. - APN: 807-171-005, 808-022-025, and 808-023-025 – Concurrent Case: PAR01294

Please review the attached map(s) and/or exhibit(s) for the above-described project. This case is scheduled for a **LDC Meeting Agenda on April 21, 2011**. All LDC Members please have draft conditions in the Land Management System on or before the above date. If it is determined that the attached map(s) and/or exhibit(s) are not acceptable, please have corrections in the system and DENY the routing on or before the above date. Once the route is complete, and the approval screen is approved with or without corrections, the case can be scheduled for a public hearing.

All other transmitted entities, please have your comments, questions and recommendations to the Planning Department on or before the above date. Your comments/recommendations/conditions are requested so that they may be incorporated in the staff report for this particular case.

Should you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact **Jay Olivas, Project Planner**, at (951) 955-1195 or email at [JOLIVAS@rctima.org](mailto:JOLIVAS@rctima.org) / MAILSTOP# 1070.

COMMENTS: **NONE**

DATE: 04/20/2011

SIGNATURE: 

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND TITLE: JAMES P. NAVARRO, SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN/COLORADO RIVER

TELEPHONE: 760-921-7900

STATION COMMANDER  
BLTYHE

If you do not include this transmittal in your response, please include a reference to the case number and project planner's name. Thank you.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



June 1, 2011

To: Interested Parties

From: Energy Division, California Public Utilities Commission

Subject: Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement

The California Public Utilities Commission (COUC) is a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management in preparation of the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Southern California Edison's (SCE) proposed Red Bluff Substation, the CPUC hereby issues this notice.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15225(a), this letter provides notice to interested parties that the Energy Division of the CPUC believes that the EIS meets the requirements of CEQA, and that the CPUC intends to use the EIS in place of an Environmental Impact Report in deciding whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny SCE's application for a Permit to Construct the Red Bluff Substation.

The Final EIS was circulated as broadly as state law requires for an EIR, and notice of the Draft EIS was given in compliance the standards set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15087(a). Therefore, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15225(a), the CPUC may use the Final EIS in place of an EIR without recirculating the federal document for public review. This notice is being given pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15225(a), and will be posted in the office of the Riverside County Clerk for 30 days. Due to the prior opportunities for comment from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and interested parties during the EIS comment period, no further comments will be accepted at this time.

The Final EIS was issued on April 15, 2011, and the Draft and Final EIS are available at the following website:

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar\\_Projects/Desert\\_Sunlight.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar_Projects/Desert_Sunlight.html)

County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501

April 18, 2011

Attention: Planning

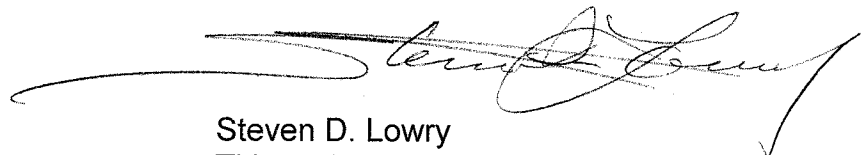
Subject: Public Use Permit No. 909

Please be advised that the division of the property shown on Public Use Permit No. 909 will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any easements and/or facilities held by Southern California Edison Company within the boundaries of said map.

This letter should not be construed as a subordination of the Company's rights, title and interest in and to said easement(s), nor should this letter be construed as a waiver of any of the provisions contained in said easement(s) or a waiver of costs for relocation of any affected facilities.

In the event that the development requires relocation of facilities, on the subject property, which facilities exist by right of easement or otherwise, the owner/developer will be requested to bear the cost of such relocation and provide Edison with suitable replacement rights. Such costs and replacement rights are required prior to the performance of the relocation.

If you have any questions, or need additional information in connection with the subject subdivision, please contact me at (626) 302-4473.



Steven D. Lowry  
Title and Real Estate Services  
Corporate Real Estate Department

# Fast Track Authorization

Case No.: PUP 00909

FTA No. 2011-03

SUPERVISOR John Benoit

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 4

Company/Developer: Desert Sunlight Holdings, Inc. Contact: Amanda Beck

Address: 1111 Broadway, 4th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607

Phone: (510) 625-7405 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: abeck@firstsolar.com

Architectural Firm: N/A Contact: N/A

Address: N/A

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering Firm: First Solar, Inc. Contact: Robert Holbrook

Address: 1111 Broadway, 4th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607

Phone: (510) 625-7400 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: rholbrook@firstsolar.com

Land Use Application(s):  General Plan Amendment  Conditional Use Permit  Change of Zone

Plot Plan  Parcel Map  Other Public Use Permit

**Site Information:**

Assessor's Parcel Number(s) 807-171-005

Cross Streets/Address Kaiser Road (near Desert Center) Site Acreage 22

Land Use Designation OS-RUR Zoning N-A

Redevelopment Project Area/Sub-Area: N/A

Unincorporated Community Desert Center

**Project Information (Estimate Amounts):**

Eligibility Criteria  Full Time Jobs  Capital Investment  Annual Taxable Sales  Board of Supervisors  Child Care  
 Workforce Housing  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Full-Time Jobs 15 Wages per Hour \$10-30 Construction Jobs 630

Capital Investment \$1,500,000,000 Taxable Sales \$900,000,000 Bldg Size: 0

Project Type  Commercial  Industrial  Office  Residential  Other Solar Development

Industrial Classification Other Other Renewable Energy Power Generation

Commercial Classification N/A Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:**

Development consists of 550 MW solar generation facility and construction of transmission line to Red Bluff.

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) hereby acknowledges that the above referenced development warrants special consideration relative to the permit processing as required by the County of Riverside, and encourages the affected County agencies to immediately institute "FAST TRACK" procedures to enable the project to proceed as soon as possible, in accordance with Board Fast Track Policy A-32. \*This Authorization contains preliminary project information and serves as a basis for determining "FAST TRACK" eligibility. During the county's development review process, the proposed project size and configuration may be altered.

Lisa Brandl 4/13/11  
Lisa Brandl, Managing Director of EDA Date

Sarah Mundy  
Sarah Mundy, Assistant Director of EDA Date



**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Planning Department will primarily direct communications regarding this application to the person identified above as the Applicant. The Applicant may be the property owner, representative, or other assigned agent.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CONCURRENT FEE TRANSFER**

The signature below authorizes the Planning Department and TLMA to expedite the refund and billing process by transferring monies among concurrent applications to cover processing costs as necessary. Fees collected in excess of the actual cost of providing specific services will be refunded. If additional funds are needed to complete the processing of your application, you will be billed, and processing of the application will cease until the outstanding balance is paid and sufficient funds are available to continue the processing of the application. The applicant understands the deposit fee process as described above, and that there will be NO refund of fees which have been expended as part of the application review or other related activities or services, even if the application is withdrawn or the application is ultimately denied.

All signatures must be originals ("wet-signed"). Photocopies of signatures are **not** acceptable.

Amanda Beck

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

Amanda Beck

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

**AUTHORITY FOR THIS APPLICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

I certify that I am/we are the record owner(s) or authorized agent and that the information filed is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. An authorized agent must submit a letter from the owner(s) indicating authority to sign the application on the owner's behalf.

All signatures must be originals ("wet-signed"). Photocopies of signatures are **not** acceptable.

Ralph T. Hicks

PRINTED NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)

Ralph T Hicks

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)

PRINTED NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)

If the property is owned by more than one person, attach a separate sheet that references the application case number and lists the printed names and signatures of all persons having an interest in the property.

See attached sheet(s) for other property owners signatures.

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): See Attachment B

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Gross Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

General location (nearby or cross streets): North of See map B-1 (Vicinity Map), South of \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_, East of \_\_\_\_\_, West of \_\_\_\_\_.

Thomas Brothers map, edition year, page number, and coordinates: See Exhibit A (Site Plan) for location

Proposal (describe project, indicate the number of proposed lots/parcels, units, and the schedule of the subdivision, Vesting Map, PRD):

See Attachment B response to item 9

Related cases filed in conjunction with this request:

None

Is there a previous development application filed on the same site: Yes  No

If yes, provide Case No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ (Parcel Map, Zone Change, etc.)

E.A. No. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ E.I.R. No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Have any special studies or reports, such as a traffic study, biological report, archaeological report, geological or geotechnical reports, been prepared for the subject property? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the type of report(s) and provide a copy: Draft EIS provided on attached CD

Is water service available at the project site: Yes  No

If "No," how far must the water line(s) be extended to provide service? (No. of feet/miles) N/A

Will the proposal eventually require landscaping either on-site or as part of a road improvement or other common area improvements? Yes  No

Is sewer service available at the site? Yes  No

If "No," how far must the sewer line(s) be extended to provide service? (No. of feet/miles) N/A

Will the proposal result in cut or fill slopes steeper than 2:1 or higher than 10 feet? Yes  No

How much grading is proposed for the project site?

Estimated amount of cut = cubic yards: Minimal, only spot grading is required (estimated at 2000 cubic yards)

Estimated amount of fill = cubic yards Minimal, only spot grading is required

Does the project need to import or export dirt? Yes  No



**APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Import None Export None Neither \_\_\_\_\_

What is the anticipated source/destination of the import/export?

N/A. Minimal excess soil will be spread on site

What is the anticipated route of travel for transport of the soil material?

N/A

How many anticipated truckloads? N/A truck loads.

What is the square footage of usable pad area? (area excluding all slopes) N/A sq. ft.

Is the development proposal located within 8½ miles of March Air Reserve Base? Yes  No

If yes, will any structure exceed fifty-feet (50') in height (above ground level)? Yes  No

Does the development project area exceed more than one acre in area? Yes  No

Is the development project located within any of the following watersheds (refer to Riverside County Land Information System (RCLIS) (<http://www3.tlma.co.riverside.ca.us/pa/rclis/index.html>) for watershed location)?

Santa Ana River  Santa Margarita River  San Jacinto River  Whitewater River

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the applicant for any development project to consult specified state-prepared lists of hazardous waste sites and submit a signed statement to the local agency indicating whether the project is located on or near an identified site. Under the statute, no application shall be accepted as complete without this signed statement.

I (we) certify that I (we) have investigated our project with respect to its location on or near an identified hazardous waste site and that my (our) answers are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. My (Our) investigation has shown that:

The project is not located on or near an identified hazardous waste site.

The project is located on or near an identified hazardous waste site. Please list the location of the hazardous waste site(s) on an attached sheet.

Owner/Representative (1) *Amanda Beck* Date 3/9/11  
Owner/Representative (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment B-PUP Checklist Information

**Introduction**

On December 14, 2010, the County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 348.4690, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside adding a new Section 18.29(a)(2) to the County's Zoning Ordinance ("PUP Ordinance"). The new Section 18.29(a)(2) permits facilities for the storage or transmission of electrical energy, where the County is not preempted by law from exercising jurisdiction, in any zone classification provided that a Public Use Permit (PUP) is granted. The PUP Ordinance became effective on January 13, 2011.

Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC (Sunlight or the Applicant) proposes to construct and operate a 550-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy-generating project known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm (DSSF or Project) on federal and private land near the town of Desert Center in Riverside County. The PV generating facility (Solar Farm), most of the corridor for the Project's 220-kilovolt (kV) generation interconnection transmission line (Gen-Tie), and a new substation (the Red Bluff Substation), to be constructed and owned by Southern California Edison (SCE), would be located on lands administered by the US Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office. The remainder of the land being considered for the Gen-Tie routes would be located on private land owned by the County, Metropolitan Water District (MWD) or private parties.

The BLM published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project and is in the process of completing a Final EIS. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has discretionary authority to issue a Permit to Construct (PTC) for SCE's proposed Red Bluff Substation. As allowed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15221, the CPUC intends to use the EIS to provide the environmental review required for its approval of SCE's PTC application under CEQA. As part of the CPUC's consideration of the EIS, it plans to certify the EIS as CEQA adequate. The Applicant has met with County staff and County staff has reviewed the Draft EIS.

As part of the environmental review process, two alternatives are being considered for the Gen-Tie line. Route A-1 follows Kaiser Road within the scope of the County's right-of-way, and crosses fee land owned by the BLM, MWD and the County. Route A-2 overlaps with the initial portion of Route A-1, but crosses several additional private land parcels, although not County-owned land.

This Application covers Alternative Route A-1. A separate application is being submitted for Alternative Route A-2. The crossing of private land by the Gen-Tie line requires that Sunlight obtain a PUP from the County of Riverside as set forth in the County's PUP Ordinance. This Application for Land Use and Development was prepared to request the County issue a PUP for the Project's Gen-Tie line crossing of private land parcels.

This Attachment has been prepared in support of the Application for Land Use and Development (Attachment A), which contains instructions and a Land Use Development Matrix. The numbers below correspond to the numbers on the Land Use Development Matrix.

**1.Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicant**

The Applicant for this project is Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC. The address is 353 Sacramento Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, California 94111. The telephone number is 415-935-2500. The contact for this application is Mr. Perry Fontana.

**2. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Landowner.**

The majority of the Project is located on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. However, small portions of the Gen-Tie line would encroach or cross private land located in Riverside County. Please refer to Exhibit A (Site Plan). Also, please refer to Figures B-1 and B-2 for maps of the Project vicinity. Figure B-3 shows the route in more detail. The private landowners along route A-1 are:

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)  
Attn: Mr. Ralph Hicks  
P.O. Box 54143  
Los Angeles, California 90054  
213-217-6000

The Route also crosses land owned by Riverside County.

**3. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Exhibit Preparer**

This Application was prepared by:

Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC  
Attn: Mr. Perry Fontana  
353 Sacramento Street, Suite 2100  
San Francisco, California 94111

**4. Assessor's Parcel Numbers**

The following provides the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN); Section, Township and Range; and an aggregate of the approximate gross acreage of county roadway crossings and or privately held land crossings for Route A-1. Please refer to Exhibit A for APN information.

GT A-1 would cross and encroach on the County right-of-way for Kaiser Road as well as land owned in fee by MWD and the County. The approximate aggregate gross acreage of these crossing and encroachments is 112 acres. The table below provides a list of the APN's and associated Section, Township and Range where crossings or encroachments occur:

<u>APN</u>	<u>Township, Range, Section</u>
Crossing east to west over 300' Kaiser Rd. right of way	T 4S R 15E S 22
807-171-005	T 4S R 15E S 27
Travelling within 300' Kaiser Rd. right of way; west of pavement	T 4S R 15E S 22, 27, 34 T 5S R 15E S 3, 10, 15, 22
Crossing west to east over 300' Kaiser Rd. right of way	T 5S R 15E S 22

**5. Scale**

A scale is included on all maps and engineering drawings.

**6. North Arrow**

A north arrow is included on all maps.

**7. Date Exhibit Prepared**

This exhibit was prepared in February 2011 and submitted on March 4, 2011.

**8. Title of Exhibit**

This submittal is an application for a Public Use Permit for affected portions of the Gen-tie for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm. Exhibit A (Site Plan) is included. All maps and figures contain title blocks.

**9. Project Description**

The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a 550 MW solar photovoltaic energy generating facility known as Desert Sunlight Solar Farm (DSSF) (the "Project"). The majority of the Project will be located on federal lands managed by the BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office; however, a portion of the Project's Gen-Tie Line would cross or encroach on a County road right-of-way on federal land and cross land owned in fee by MWD, the County or private parties. The BLM has prepared and published a Draft EIS for the Project, and this document will serve as the Environmental Impact Report for purposes of CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15221.

Two alternative paths for the Gen-Tie Line are currently being considered in the Draft EIS. These alternatives consisting of GT A-1 and GT A-2 are described in detail in the Draft EIS. The applicant has provided the County with the Draft EIS describing the alternatives, and this information is summarized below.

GT A-1 exits the southwest portion of the Solar Farm Site, runs south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turns east just north of Desert Center, and then runs south across I-10 to the eastern location being considered for the Red Bluff Substation (Red Bluff Substation A). Along Kaiser Road, the center of the 160-foot transmission line right-of-way (ROW) would be located approximately 120 to 130 feet from the centerline of the paved roadbed, within the county road ROW on BLM land. Approximately 1 mile south of Oasis Road, the line turns east, running along the north side of the section lines dividing BLM-managed land from private land. After approximately 0.7 mile, the line turns southeast for approximately 0.7 mile, then due east for approximately 3.5 miles, then south for approximately 0.8 mile to the Substation. The transmission line travels parallel and to the south of an existing BLM open route, along BLM-administered land. The access road would be adjacent to the Gen-Tie Line and within the ROW.

The Project would interconnect with the regional transmission system via a 220-kV single-circuit Gen-Tie Line that would exit the southwestern portion of the Solar Farm Site and follow a 160-foot-wide transmission ROW to SCE's planned Red Bluff Substation to be located south of the Solar Farm Site near I-10. An additional fan-shaped area with a radius of 450 feet would be required as part of the ROW (beyond the 160-foot corridor) at each turn in the Gen-Tie Line. These areas would be required during construction for wire stringing along the Gen-Tie Line. The Applicant plans to use steel

monopoles for the Gen-Tie Line. Poles are expected to be approximately 135 feet tall. Typical spacing between structures would be approximately 900 to 1,100 feet. Self-weathering steel would be used for the monopoles, which would blend with the surrounding mountains better than other potential finishes. Self-weathering steel is composed of a special alloy that forms an oxide, which prevents further rusting. The finish appears as a matte patina and is commonly used in environmentally sensitive areas where a shiny appearance would be undesirable. Based on the Project requirements, access, terrain, and limited available geotechnical information, it is expected that direct embedded foundations would be used for tangent structures and anchor bolted drilled shaft foundations for angle and dead-end structures. Vibrated casing foundations may also be used, depending on the results of planned further geotechnical investigation. A geotechnical investigation for the Gen-Tie Line would be completed before final design and construction of the Please refer to attached drawings 'TAN-1 and DE-1' for typical tower design.

A 7-foot-diameter permanent footprint was assumed for estimating the Gen-Tie structure footprint for tangent structures. A 12-foot-diameter permanent footprint was assumed for estimating the Gen-Tie structure footprint for angle and dead-end structures. The structure areas for angles or dead-end structure types would have a single vertical foundation up to 12 feet in diameter by 40 feet deep. The structure areas for tangent structure types would have a single vertical foundation up to 7 feet in diameter by 25 feet deep. The temporary structure erection areas that surround each proposed Gen-Tie structure location would typically be 160 feet by 160 feet.

The workforce for either Gen-tie line is expected to average 25 employees over the 20-month Gen-Tie construction period, with a peak of approximately 60 employees (during Months 6 to 8), including both craft and non-craft workers. A total of approximately 240 material deliveries are expected during the construction period for the Gen-Tie Line. All material deliveries are expected to arrive via I-10 from the west.

**10. Complete Legal Description for Route A-1**

<b>T 4S, R 15E</b>	
Section 22	A 160-foot area crossing east to west across Kaiser Rd. and then continuing south along the west of Kaiser Road
Section 27	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west of Kaiser Road
Section 34	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west of Kaiser Road
<b>T 5S, R 15E</b>	
Section 3	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west of Kaiser Road
Section 10	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west of Kaiser Road
Section 15	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west of Kaiser Road
Section 20	That portion of land which lies within a 160-foot area to the west and then

	crossing west to east across Kaiser Road
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### **11. Overall Dimensions and Gross Acreage**

Please see the description under #9 and #4, for overall dimensions and gross acreage, respectively. In addition, see Exhibit A.

### **12. Vicinity Map**

Please see Figure B-1 and B-2

### **13. Exhibit Revision Block**

The exhibit revision block is included on all engineering drawings including Exhibit A.

### **14. Thomas Brothers Map Page and Coordinates**

Please see Figures B-1, B-2 and B-3 for the project location.

**15-17. Not required.**

### **18. Location of Adjoining Property**

Please refer to Exhibit A.

### **19. Existing and Proposed Land Use**

Land use for the entire project is described in the Draft EIS. Land use for the affected parcels along the two alternative Gen-tie routes is summarized below. Zoning information is presented in Figure B-4.

Most of the land along the routes is administered by the BLM and is designated Multiple Use Class M (Moderate). With respect to private lands, the County zoning designations would apply. A 0.6-mile section of GT-A-1 would be on private land designated as "Open Space-Rural (OS-RUR)." According to the General Plan:

"The Open Space-Rural land use designation is applied to remote, privately owned open space areas with limited access and a lack of public services. Single-family residential uses are permitted at a density of one dwelling unit per 20 acres. The extraction of mineral resources subject to an approved surface mining permit may be permissible, provided that the proposed project can be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with maintenance of scenic resources and views from residential neighborhoods and major roadways and that the project does not detract from efforts to protect endangered species."

This land is zoned Natural Assets. Permitted uses in areas zoned Natural Assets include some dwellings and accessory buildings, field and tree crops, grazing subject to stated limitations, and apiaries. Several other uses, including utility substations, are allowed by approval or by permit.

A 0.6-mile portion of GT-A-1 would overlap one parcel of private land near Lake Tamarisk designated as Rural Residential. This parcel is zoned W-2-10 (Controlled Development).

**20. Existing Use and Zoning of Surrounding Parcels**

Please refer to Figure B-4

**21. Specific Plan**

The affected parcels are not included in a Specific Plan.

**22. Names of Utility Providers**

The Gen-Tie Line will connect the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm to the Southern California Edison transmission system. No other utilities are affected by the project.

**23. Locations, Widths and Improvements of Public Easements**

Detailed easement information is contained in Exhibit A. Information related to the Gen-tie Route is summarized below.

Owner	Use	Width (feet)	Location Relative to the Project	BLM Serial File Number
Riverside County	Kaiser Road	300	Kaiser Road easement; Gen-Tie Line A-1 would cross.	Not applicable
MWD	ROW for ditches and canals	Not applicable	All Gen-Tie Lines would cross.	R 07041
SCE	Transmission line	100	Northwest to southeast east of Kaiser Road. Gen-Tie Line would cross	LA 0149780
SCE	Transmission line	25	Northwest to southeast east of Kaiser Road. Gen-Tie Line would cross	LA 0153144
Caltrans	I-10	200	Road easement. Gen-Tie line would cross.	Not applicable
Caltrans	SR-177 (Desert Center Rice Road)	100	Road easement; Gen-Tie Line A-1 would cross.	Not applicable
SCE	Water pipeline and well	50	GT-A-1 would cross.	LA 098376
Sprint	Underground telephone cable	15	All Gen-Tie Lines would cross.	CA 18888
Private owner	Private access road	12	GT-A-1 would cross and parallel for part of its length.	CA 37076

**24. Names, Locations, Widths and Improvements of Public Streets**

Please refer to Exhibit A

**25. Easements of Record**

Please refer to the table above.

**26. Streets, Alleys and Right of Ways Providing Access**

Please refer to Exhibit A.

**27. Not Applicable**

**28. Street Improvement Cross Sections**

No street improvements are proposed.

**29. Not Applicable**

**30. Existing Topography**

Please refer to Exhibit A.

**31. Preliminary Grading**

Please refer to the attached Plan and Profile drawings (Attachment D).

**32. Spot Elevations**

Detailed surveys of the route have not yet been completed. Please refer to Attachment D for elevation data.

**33. Septic System**

No septic system is proposed as part of the Gen-tie.

**34 Geologic Hazard**

The routes are not subject to liquefaction, and are not within a Special Study Zone.

**35. Overflow, Inundation or Flood Hazard**

None of the private parcels along either route have significant flood or inundation hazards.

**36. FEMA Mapped Floodplains**

Please refer to the attached FEMA floodplain map (Figure B-5)

**37. Drainage Plan**

The transmission line would be constructed above ground, and would be supported by towers as described above. The storm water modeling performed by the Applicant and presented in detail in the Draft EIS showed very little change in drainage or surface water flow characteristics in the area where the solar farm arrays will be built. Changes to the land surface for the Gen-tie routes would be much less than the changes to the land where the solar farm arrays would be built, because the gen-tie line is a linear feature, and the towers that support the line would be much more spread out than the supports for the solar farm. Therefore, the impacts to surface water and drainage from the construction of either Gen-tie route would be less than the impacts from construction of the solar farm, which were identified as very small. Therefore, construction of either Gen-tie route would not cause substantial erosion or siltation, would not increase the potential for flooding or the amount of damage that could result from flooding, and would not contribute additional runoff water. Please refer to the DEIS for a complete discussion.



**38-42. Not applicable**

There will be no open channels or buildings.

**43. Ingress and Egress.**

Please refer to Exhibit A.

**44 and 45. Dimensions of Structures**

Please refer to drawings Tan 1 and DE 1 (Attached)

**46. Setbacks for Existing Structures.**

There are no existing structures in the Gen-tie right of ways.

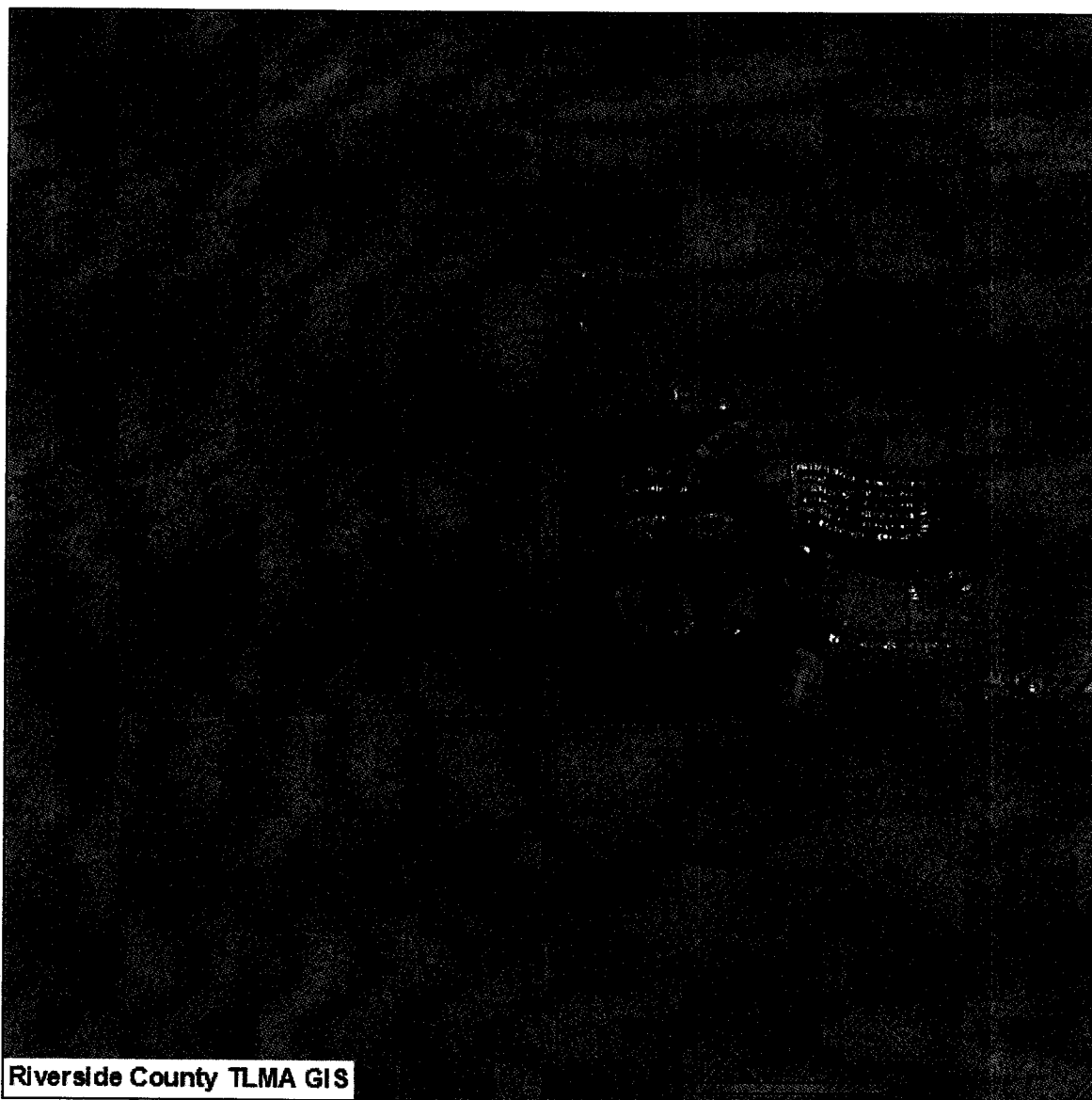
**47. Setbacks for Proposed Structures and Paved Areas.**

The Applicant will provide a set-back of at least two feet from any conductor to the edge of the right-of-way.

**48-52. Not applicable**

**53. Not applicable**

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY GIS



Riverside County TLMA GIS

**Selected parcel(s):**

808-161-001 808-162-003 808-162-004

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**STANDARD WITH PERMITS REPORT****APNs**808-161-001-3  
808-162-003-8  
808-162-004-9**OWNER NAME / ADDRESS**808-161-001  
LAKE TAMARISK DEV  
ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE808-162-003  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE

808-162-004  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
26490 KAISER RD  
DESERT CENTER, CA. 92239

**MAILING ADDRESS**

808-161-001  
(SEE OWNER)  
3633 INLAND EMPIRE NO 480  
ONTARIO CA. 91764

808-162-003  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SERVICES  
3133 7TH ST  
RIVERSIDE CA. 92501

808-162-004  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SERVICES  
3133 7TH ST  
RIVERSIDE CA. 92501

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

APN: 808161001  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE  
APN: 808162003  
RECORDED BOOK/PAGE: MB 58/22  
SUBDIVISION NAME: TR 3662  
LOT/PARCEL: M, BLOCK: NOT AVAILABLE  
TRACT NUMBER: 3662

APN: 808162004  
RECORDED BOOK/PAGE: MB 58/22  
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LOT/PARCEL: P, BLOCK: NOT AVAILABLE  
, Por. TRACT NUMBER: 3662

**LOT SIZE**

808-161-001  
RECORDED LOT SIZE IS 65.7 ACRES

808-162-003  
RECORDED LOT SIZE IS 22.36 ACRES

808-162-004  
RECORDED LOT SIZE IS 23.85 ACRES

**PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS**

808-161-001  
NO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE

808-162-003  
NO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE

808-162-004  
NO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE

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**CITY BOUNDARY/SPHERE**

NOT WITHIN A CITY  
NOT WITHIN A CITY SPHERE  
NO ANNEXATION DATE AVAILABLE  
NO LAFCO CASE # AVAILABLE  
NO PROPOSALS

**MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

NOT IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

**INDIAN TRIBAL LAND**

NOT IN A TRIBAL LAND

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (ORD. 813)**

JOHN BENOIT, DISTRICT 4

T5SR15E SEC 14  
T5SR15E SEC 15

**ELEVATION RANGE**

736/784 FEET

**PREVIOUS APN**

808-161-001  
NO DATA AVAILABLE

808-162-003  
808-162-801

808-162-004  
808-162-802

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**PLANNING**

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**LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**

Zoning not consistent with the General Plan.  
OS-R  
RR

**AREA PLAN (RCIP)**

DESERT CENTER

**GENERAL PLAN POLICY OVERLAYS**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**GENERAL PLAN POLICY AREAS**

NONE

**ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS (ORD. 348)**

R-1-20  
W-2-10

**ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING AREAS**

CHUCKAWALLA AREA

**ZONING OVERLAYS**

NOT IN A ZONING OVERLAY

**SPECIFIC PLANS**

NOT WITHIN A SPECIFIC PLAN

**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE**

NOT IN AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE

**REDEVELOPMENT AREAS**

PROJECT AREA NAME: DCPA  
SUBAREA NAME: DESERT CENTER  
AMENDMENT NUMBER: 0  
ADOPTION DATE: DEC. 22, 1987  
ACREAGE: 378 ACRES

**AIRPORT INFLUENCE AREAS**

NOT IN AN AIRPORT INFLUENCE AREA

**AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY ZONES**

NOT IN AN AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY ZONE

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**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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**CVMSHCP (COACHELLA VALLEY MULTI-SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN) CONSERVATION AREA**

NOT IN A CONSERVATION AREA

**CVMSHCP FLUVIAL SAND TRANSPORT SPECIAL PROVISION AREAS**

NOT IN A FLUVIAL SAND TRANSPORT SPECIAL PROVISION AREA

**WRMSHCP (WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTI-SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN) CELL GROUP**

NOT IN A CELL GROUP

**WRMSHCP CELL NUMBER**

NOT IN A CELL

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NONE

**VEGETATION (2005)**  
NO DATA AVAILABLE

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***FIRE***

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**HIGH FIRE AREA (ORD. 787)**  
NOT IN A HIGH FIRE AREA

**FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA**  
NOT IN A FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA

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***DEVELOPMENT FEES***

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**CVMSHCP FEE AREA (ORD. 875)**  
NOT WITHIN THE COACHELLA VALLEY MSHCP FEE AREA

**WRMSHCP FEE AREA (ORD. 810)**  
NOT WITHIN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE AREA

**ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT**  
NOT IN A DISTRICT

**EASTERN TUMF (TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE ORD. 673)**  
NOT WITHIN THE EASTERN TUMF FEE AREA

**WESTERN TUMF (TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE ORD. 824)**  
NOT WITHIN THE WESTERN TUMF FEE AREA

**DIF (DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE AREA ORD. 659)**  
DESERT CENTER

**SKR FEE AREA (STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT ORD. 663.10)**  
NOT WITHIN AN SKR FEE AREA.

**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS**  
NOT IN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AREA

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***TRANSPORTATION***

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**CIRCULATION ELEMENT ULTIMATE RIGHT-OF-WAY**  
NOT IN A CIRCULATION ELEMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY

**ROAD BOOK PAGE**  
255A

**TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS**  
NOT IN A TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

**CETAP (COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTABILITY PROCESS) CORRIDORS**  
NOT IN A CETAP CORRIDOR.

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***HYDROLOGY***

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**FLOOD PLAIN REVIEW**  
NOT REQUIRED.

**WATER DISTRICT**  
DATA NOT AVAILABLE

**FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
NOT IN A FLOOD DISTRICT

**WATERSHED**  
CHUCKWALLA

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## **GEOLOGIC**

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**FAULT ZONE**

NOT IN A FAULT ZONE

**FAULTS**

NOT WITHIN A 1/2 MILE OF A FAULT

**LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL**

MODERATE

**SUBSIDENCE**

SUSCEPTIBLE

**PALEONTOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY**

LOW POTENTIAL.

FOLLOWING A LITERATURE SEARCH, RECORDS CHECK AND A FIELD SURVEY, AREAS MAY BE DETERMINED BY A QUALIFIED VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGIST AS HAVING LOW POTENTIAL FOR CONTAINING SIGNIFICANT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES SUBJECT TO ADVERSE IMPACTS.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DESERT CENTER UNIFIED

**COMMUNITIES**

DESERT CENTER

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA**

IN OR PARTIALLY WITHIN

DESERT CENTER/LAKE TAMARISK #51 -  
STREET LIGHTING  
SEWER  
WATER

**LIGHTING (ORD. 655)**

NOT APPLICABLE, 88.21 MILES FROM MT. PALOMAR OBSERVATORY

**2000 CENSUS TRACT**

045800

**FARMLAND**

NOT MAPPED

**TAX RATE AREAS**

062-003

- COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY
- COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
- COUNTY SERVICE AREA 51
- COUNTY STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION
- COUNTY WASTE RESOURCE MGMT DIST
- CSA 152
- DESERT CENTER UNIFIED SCHOOL
- DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- GENERAL
- GENERAL PURPOSE
- RIV. CO. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
- SUPERVISORIAL ROAD DISTRICT 4

062-003

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- DESERT CENTER UNIFIED SCHOOL
- DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- GENERAL
- GENERAL PURPOSE
- RIV. CO. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
- SUPERVISORIAL ROAD DISTRICT 4

062-006

- 4-87 DESERT CTR
- COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY

- COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
- COUNTY SERVICE AREA 51
- COUNTY STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION
- COUNTY WASTE RESOURCE MGMT DIST
- CSA 152
- DESERT CENTER UNIFIED SCHOOL
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**SPECIAL NOTES**

PLEASE REFER TO ORDINANCE 457.96 FOR COACHELLA VALLEY AGRICULTURAL GRADING EXEMPTIONS.

**CODE COMPLAINTS**

Case #	Description	Start Date
NO CODE COMPLAINTS	undefined	undefined

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Case #	Description	Status
414011	REPLACE GAS LINE	CONTACT THE BUILDING AND SAFETY RECORDS DEPARTMENT AT 951-955-2017
310901	P/C RESTROOM IN GOLF COURSE 36SF	CONTACT THE BUILDING AND SAFETY RECORDS DEPARTMENT AT 951-955-2017
358373	CATHOTIC PROTECTION	CONTACT THE BUILDING AND SAFETY RECORDS DEPARTMENT AT 951-955-2017
307382	6X6 COMFORT STATION IN GOLF COURSE DWELLY1 M M 36 360	CONTACT THE BUILDING AND SAFETY RECORDS DEPARTMENT AT 951-955-2017
BEL980204	300 AMP ELECTRICAL PEDESTAL	FINAL

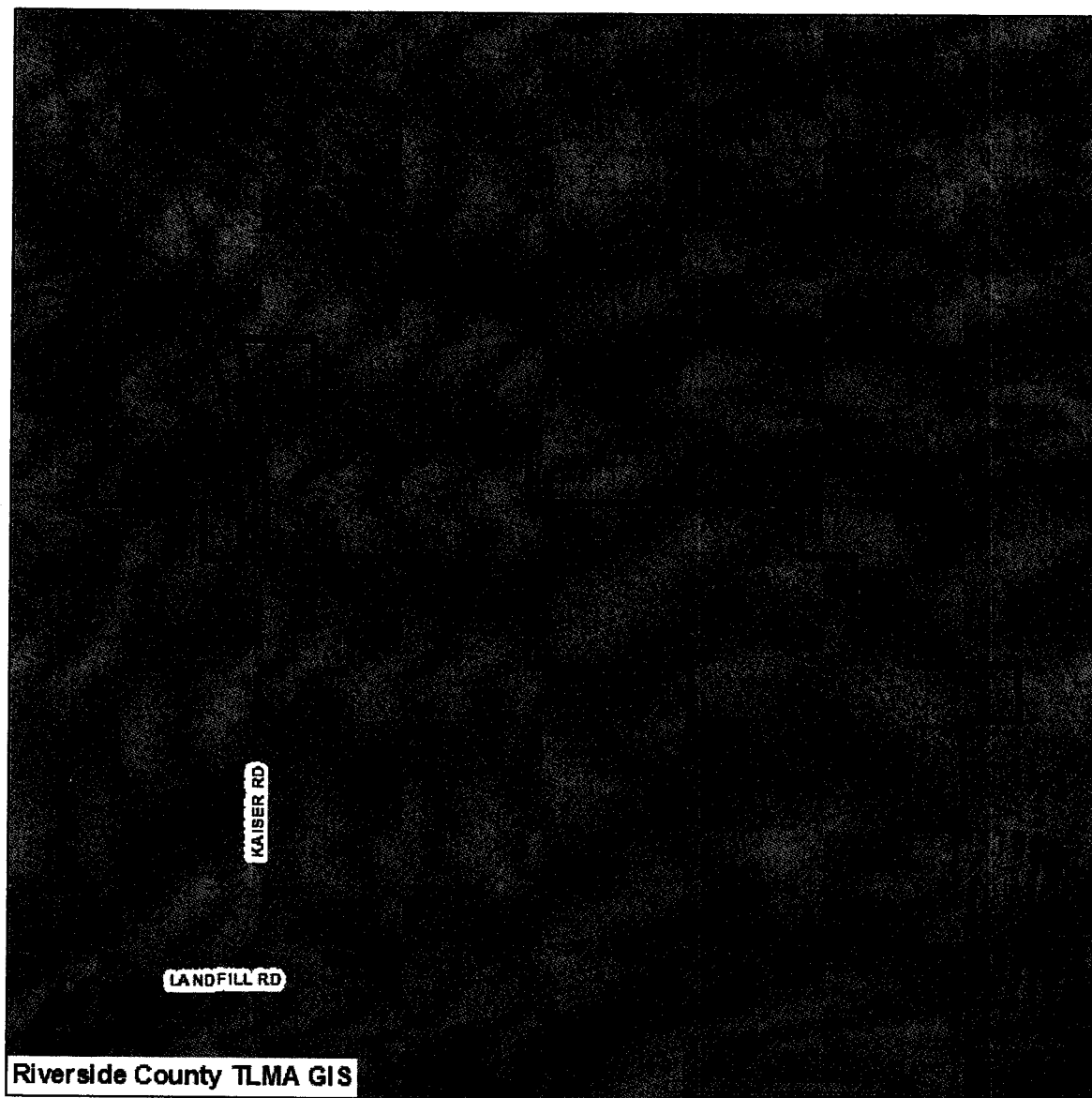
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERMITS**

NO ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

**PLANNING PERMITS**

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**APNs**

807-171-005-1  
807-172-029-6

**OWNER NAME / ADDRESS**

807-171-005  
USA 807  
ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE

807-172-029  
MWD  
ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE



**MAILING ADDRESS**

807-171-005  
NONE  
US DEPT OF INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON DC. 21401

807-172-029  
C/O ASSEST MANAGEMENT  
P O BOX 54153  
LOS ANGELES CA. 90054

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

APN: 807171005  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE  
APN: 807172029  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE

**LOT SIZE**

807-171-005  
RECORDED LOT SIZE IS 100.45 ACRES

807-172-029  
RECORDED LOT SIZE IS 452 ACRES

**PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS**

807-171-005  
NO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE

807-172-029  
NO PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE

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**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (ORD. 813)**

JOHN BENOIT, DISTRICT 4

**TOWNSHIP/RANGE**

T4SR15E SEC 25  
T4SR15E SEC 26  
T4SR15E SEC 27  
T4SR15E SEC 35

**ELEVATION RANGE**

600/688 FEET

**PREVIOUS APN**

807-171-005  
807-171-001

807-172-029  
807-172-021

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**PLANNING****LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**

Zoning not consistent with the General Plan.  
OS-RUR

**AREA PLAN (RCIP)**

DESERT CENTER

NOT IN A GENERAL PLAN POLICY OVERLAY AREA

**GENERAL PLAN POLICY AREAS**

NONE

**ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS (ORD. 348)**

N-A

**ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING AREAS**

CHUCKAWALLA AREA

**ZONING OVERLAYS**

NOT IN A ZONING OVERLAY

**SPECIFIC PLANS**

NOT WITHIN A SPECIFIC PLAN

**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE**

NOT IN AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE

**REDEVELOPMENT AREAS**

NOT IN A REDEVELOPMENT AREA

**AIRPORT INFLUENCE AREAS**

NOT IN AN AIRPORT INFLUENCE AREA

**AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY ZONES**

NOT IN AN AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY ZONE

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NOT IN A CONSERVATION AREA

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NOT IN A FLUVIAL SAND TRANSPORT SPECIAL PROVISION AREA

**WRMSHCP (WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTI-SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN) CELL GROUP**

NOT IN A CELL GROUP

**WRMSHCP CELL NUMBER**

NOT IN A CELL

**HANS/ERP (HABITAT ACQUISITION AND NEGOTIATION STRATEGY/EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS)**

NONE

**VEGETATION (2005)**

NO DATA AVAILABLE

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***FIRE***

**HIGH FIRE AREA (ORD. 787)**

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**SKR FEE AREA (STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT ORD. 663.10)**  
NOT WITHIN AN SKR FEE AREA.

**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS**  
NOT IN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AREA

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

**CIRCULATION ELEMENT ULTIMATE RIGHT-OF-WAY**  
NOT IN A CIRCULATION ELEMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY

**ROAD BOOK PAGE**  
251

**TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS**  
NOT IN A TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

**CETAP (COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTABILITY PROCESS) CORRIDORS**  
NOT IN A CETAP CORRIDOR.

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## **HYDROLOGY**

**FLOOD PLAIN REVIEW**  
NOT REQUIRED.

**WATER DISTRICT**  
DATA NOT AVAILABLE

**FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
NOT IN A FLOOD DISTRICT

**WATERSHED**  
CHUCKWALLA

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## **GEOLOGIC**

**FAULT ZONE**  
NOT IN A FAULT ZONE

**FAULTS**  
NOT WITHIN A 1/2 MILE OF A FAULT

**LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL**  
LOW  
MODERATE

**SUBSIDENCE**  
SUSCEPTIBLE

**PALEONTOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY**  
HIGH SENSITIVITY (HIGH A).

BASED ON GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS OR MAPPABLE ROCK UNITS THAT ARE ROCKS THAT CONTAIN FOSSILIZED BODY ELEMENTS, AND TRACE FOSSILS SUCH AS TRACKS, NESTS AND EGGS. THESE FOSSILS OCCUR ON OR BELOW THE SURFACE.

LOW POTENTIAL.

FOLLOWING A LITERATURE SEARCH, RECORDS CHECK AND A FIELD SURVEY, AREAS MAY BE DETERMINED BY A QUALIFIED VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGIST AS HAVING LOW POTENTIAL FOR CONTAINING SIGNIFICANT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES SUBJECT TO ADVERSE IMPACTS.

UNDETERMINED POTENTIAL.

AREAS UNDERLAIN BY SEDIMENTARY ROCKS FOR WHICH LITERATURE AND UNPUBLISHED STUDIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE HAVE UNDETERMINED POTENTIAL FOR CONTAINING SIGNIFICANT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES. THESE AREAS MUST BE INSPECTED BY A FIELD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGIST.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
DESERT CENTER UNIFIED

**COMMUNITIES**  
DESERT CENTER

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA**  
NOT IN A COUNTY SERVICE AREA.

**LIGHTING (ORD. 655)**  
NOT APPLICABLE, 89.08 MILES FROM MT. PALOMAR OBSERVATORY

**2000 CENSUS TRACT**  
045800

**FARMLAND**  
NOT MAPPED

- TAX RATE AREAS**  
062-000
- COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY
  - COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
  - COUNTY STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION
  - COUNTY WASTE RESOURCE MGMT DIST
  - CSA 152
  - DESERT CENTER UNIFIED SCHOOL
  - DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
  - GENERAL
  - GENERAL PURPOSE
  - RIV. CO. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
  - SUPERVISORIAL ROAD DISTRICT 4

**SPECIAL NOTES**  
PLEASE REFER TO ORDINANCE 457.96 FOR COACHELLA VALLEY AGRICULTURAL GRADING EXEMPTIONS.

**CODE COMPLAINTS**

Case #	Description	Start Date
NO CODE COMPLAINTS	undefined	undefined

**BUILDING PERMITS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERMITS**  
NO ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

**PLANNING PERMITS**

Case #	Description	Status
PUP00909	CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION (GEN TIE) LINE FOR 550 MW SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY.	DRT

REPORT PRINTED ON...Mon May 09 13:43:42 2011  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** to consider the project described below:

**FAST TRACK PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 909 (FTA-2011-03)** – Applicant: Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC – Fourth Supervisorial District - Chuckawalla Zoning Area – Desert Center Area Plan - Location: Northerly of Interstate 10 and westerly of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road rights-of-way – 22 Gross Acres.

**REQUEST:** The Applicant proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line (herein referred to as the “Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1]”) in connection with its 550-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy-generating facility known as the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm located approximately six miles north of Desert Center. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will connect the electrical output of the Solar Farm to Southern California Edison’s proposed Red Bluff Substation. A portion of the Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] will run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside’s Kaiser Road rights-of-way and other areas within the County’s jurisdiction. Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed to exit the southwest portion of the solar farm site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and the run south across I-10 to the proposed substation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The majority of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] is proposed within the County of Riverside’s Kaiser Road rights-of-way. Two portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] (comprised of a total of eight transmission poles and crossing a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to parcels with APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under Riverside County jurisdiction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Other portions of the Desert Sunlight project, including the solar generation facility, portions of Gen-Tie Line [GT A-1] not on lands under the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, and the electrical interconnection substation (Red Bluff Substation) are under the review authority of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County of Riverside is a Responsible Agency for the project under CEQA.  
(Quasi Judicial)

**TIME OF HEARING:** 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.  
**DATE OF HEARING:** August 16, 2011  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** County Administrative Center, Board Chambers, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside 92501

For further information regarding this project, please contact Jay Olivas, Project Planner at (951) 955-1195 or e-mail [jolivas@rctlma.org](mailto:jolivas@rctlma.org).

As a Responsible Agency under CEQA, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors shall consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the “Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project/California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement,” prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, and as approved as a Final Environmental Impact Report by the CPUC on July 14, 2011, with the proposed application prior to making a decision on the PUP at the public hearing.

The case file for the proposed project may be viewed Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Planning Department office, located at 4080 Lemon St. 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comment, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
Attn: Jay Olivas, Project Planner  
P.O. Box 1409, Riverside, CA 92502-1409

**PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION FORM**

I, VINNIE NGUYEN, certify that on 5/10/2011,

The attached property owners list was prepared by Riverside County GIS,

APN (s) or case numbers PUP00909 For

Company or Individual's Name Planning Department,

Distance buffered 1000'

Pursuant to application requirements furnished by the Riverside County Planning Department, Said list is a complete and true compilation of the owners of the subject property and all other property owners within 600 feet of the property involved, or if that area yields less than 25 different owners, all property owners within a notification area expanded to yield a minimum of 25 different owners, to a maximum notification area of 2,400 feet from the project boundaries, based upon the latest equalized assessment rolls. If the project is a subdivision with identified off-site access/improvements, said list includes a complete and true compilation of the names and mailing addresses of the owners of all property that is adjacent to the proposed off-site improvement/alignment.

I further certify that the information filed is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incorrect or incomplete information may be grounds for rejection or denial of the application.

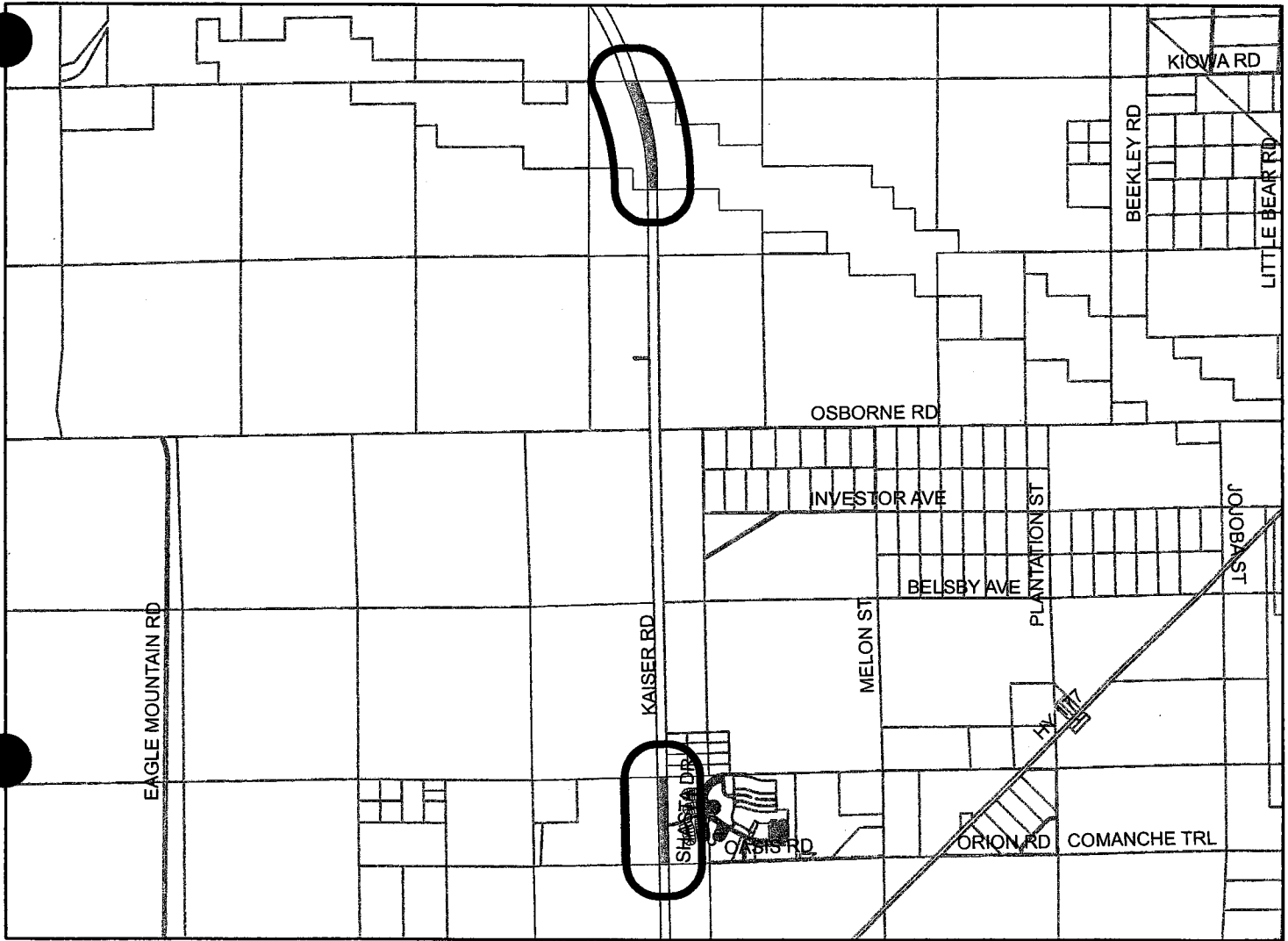
NAME: Vinnie Nguyen

TITLE GIS Analyst

ADDRESS: 4080 Lemon Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Riverside, Ca. 92502

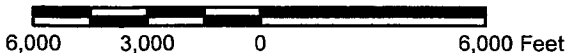
TELEPHONE NUMBER (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.): (951) 955-8158

**1000 feet buffer**



**Selected Parcels**

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LOS ANGELES CA 90054

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ONTARIO CA 91764

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7255 BAYMEADOWS WAY  
JACKSONVILLE FL 32256

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SERVICES  
3133 7TH ST  
RIVERSIDE CA 92501

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DSRT HOT SPG CA 92239

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GERARDO RUIZ, ETAL  
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ROBERT AMACHER  
P O BOX 455  
DESERT CENTER CA 92239

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DESERT CENTER, CA. 92239

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IRENE BRUNTON, ETAL  
P O BOX 485  
DESERT CENTER CA 92239

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44160 CRYSTAL WAY  
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ENTRUST ADMINISTRATION INC, ETAL  
555 12TH ST STE 1250  
OAKLAND CA 94607



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C/O JOHN L DENNEY  
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MURRIETA CA 92562

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PATRICIA BELL  
P O BOX 459  
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INDIO CA 92203

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LOS ANGELES CA 90045

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DESERT CENTER CA 92239

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ARTHUR RUDA, ETAL  
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MIRA LOMA CA 91752



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P O BOX 306  
DESERT CENTER CA 92239

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US DEPT OF THE INTERIOR  
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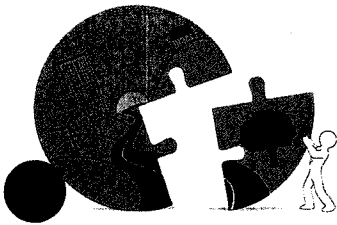


Applicant:

Robert Sunlight Holdings, LLC  
Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94607

Bureau of Land Management  
1201 Bird Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Metropolitan Water District So. Ca.  
Attn: Ralph Hicks  
P.O. Box 54143  
Los Angeles, CA 90054



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**Carolyn Syms Luna**  
Director

TO:  Office of Planning and Research (OPR)  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: Riverside County Planning Department  
 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor  
P. O. Box 1409  
Riverside, CA 92502-1409

38686 El Cerrito Road  
Palm Desert, California 92211

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.**

Public Use Permit No. 909

*Project Title/Case Numbers*

Jay Olivas, Project Planner

*County Contact Person*

951-955-1195

*Phone Number*

N/A

*State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to the State Clearinghouse)*

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*Project Applicant*

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*Project Description*

This is to advise that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-referenced project on August 16, 2011, has considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement as prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and as certified by the California Public Utilities Commission, the Lead Agency, and has made the following determinations regarding that project:

1. The project WILL have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Final Environmental Impact Statement was prepared for the project pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (\$64.00).
3. Mitigation measures WERE made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan/Program WAS adopted.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations WAS adopted for the project.

This is to certify that a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, with comments, responses, and record of project approval is available to the general public at: Riverside County Planning Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.

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*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT, PLEASE RETURN THE TOP SECTION AND INCLUDE YOUR CUSTOMER NUMBER ON REMITTANCE.

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THE DESERT SUN PUBLISHING CO.  
 ADVERTISING INVOICE/STATEMENT

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The Desert Sun  
750 N Gene Autry Trail  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
760-778-4578 / Fax 760-778-4731

State Of California ss:  
County of Riverside

Advertiser:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY-BOARD OF SUP.  
4080 LEMON ST  
RIVERSIDE CA 925013

2000273417

I am over the age of 18 years old, a citizen of the United States and not a party to, or have interest in this matter, I hereby certify that the attached advertisement appeared in said newspaper (set in type not smaller than non paniel) in each and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

Newspaper: The Desert Sun

8/5/2011

I acknowledge that I am a principal clerk of the printer of The Desert Sun, printed and published weekly in the City of Palm Springs, County of Riverside, State of California. The Desert Sun was adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation on March 24, 1988 by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California Case No. 191236.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 5th day of August, 2011 in Palm Springs, California.



Declarant's Signature

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No 2648  
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**TIME OF HEARING:**  
1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.  
**DATE OF HEARING:**  
August 18, 2011

**PLACE OF HEARING:**  
County Administrative Center, Board Chambers,  
First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside 92501

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164.85		NET 10 DAYS	
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**INVOICE AND STATEMENT**

PAGE #	BILLING DATE	BILLED ACCOUNT NAME AND ADDRESS	REMITTANCE ADDRESS
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ADV/CLIENT NUMBER			

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Deputy  
Pub.: July 15, 22, 29 &  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
Filed Riverside County  
Clerks Office  
July 21, 2011**

**File No. R-2011-0800!**

The following person(s) (are) doing business Desert View Medical, 20 1st ST. Ste A, Blythe, 92225  
Desert View Medical, N. 1st ST. Ste A, Bly CA 92225

This business is conducted by: Corporation  
Registrant commence transact business under fictitious business name listed above on 05/01/2011  
I Declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

(s) Holly L. Lucas  
Sec./Tres.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on August 5, 2011, as indicated by File Stamp above.

**NOTICE - IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY REMAINS VALID FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OR COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHEN IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN FACTS SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE REGISTERED ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER. NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SELF AUTHORIZATION TO USE IN THIS STATE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT.**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County Aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the

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**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**,

State of California, under the date of JUNE 20, 1952, CASE NUMBER 54744; that the notice, of which the annexed has a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit;

**Pub.: August 5, 2011**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

**DATED AT BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA**  
**Aug. 5, 2011**

Signature:

**Palo Verde Valley Times**

153 S. Broadway, Blythe, California 92225

P.O. Box 1159, Blythe, California 92226

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**Land Use Ordinance No. 348**

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