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SCH # 2010111056

Project Title: Le Conte Battery Energy Storage System Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Contact Person: David Black, Planner IV
 Mailing Address: 801 Main Street Phone: (760) 482-4246
 City: El Centro Zip: 92243 County: Imperial County

Project Location: County: Imperial County City/Nearest Community: City of Calexico
 Cross Streets: State Route 98 and Drew Road Zip Code: 92231

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 40 ' 32.4444 " N / 115 ° 40 ' 3.5472 " W Total Acres: 5 acres

Assessor's Parcel No.: APN 052-190-041 Section: 16 and 17 Twp.: 17 South Range: 13 East Base: San Bernardino

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 98 Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) 2010111056 Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

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Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. 85,000 Acres 5 Employees N/A Power: Type _____ MW _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

A-2, A-2-R and A-3

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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State Clearinghouse Contact: [Signature]
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State Review Began: 7-12-2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 9-2-2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

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Attachment A

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During operation the Project will not require the use of water. Construction of the proposed Project will involve minimal grading to prepare the site since it is located on a previously prepared and graded area within CSE boundary. Excavation will be used in activities such as trenching for underground wiring and cables, for placing electric poles, preparing equipment pads and for common services facilities. Dust generation would be controlled by watering and, as necessary, the use of other dust suppression methods and materials accepted by the ICAPCD or the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Construction activities would be completed within approximately 12 months. The number of on-site construction workers is expected to peak at approximately 50 workers.

The Project will use battery energy storage technology to absorb and discharge electrical energy onto the SDG&E power grid, which is controlled by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). The Project's energy storage system will be similar in layout and appearance to a data center or "server farm" with rows of rack-mounted batteries housed inside one or more enclosures and consist of the following general components:

- *Batteries and Enclosures:* Banks of electrochemical batteries connected in series and parallel to provide the total energy storage capacity including associated electronics for monitoring and managing the batteries to ensure safety and the design life of the system.
- *Power Conversion Systems (PCS):* Each PCS will consist of bi-directional inverters with 480V AC output, and a medium voltage (MV) transformer which steps the voltage up to 34.5kV.
- *Substation:* AC energy from the MV transformers are aggregated at the Project substation and stepped up to 230-kV by high-voltage transformer(s) and then delivered to the Drew Switchyard.
- *Ancillary Systems:* The plant ancillary systems control, protect and support the Project and its operation. They include fencing; security; lighting; fire protection; and heating, venting, and air conditioning (HVAC).

Centinela Solar Energy, LLC, the owner of the Project site and the existing CSE facility, will lease the Project site to the Applicant. The Applicant will construct, own, and operate the Project. The Project will be dependent on rights owned by CSE and leased to the Applicant, including but not limited to: use of a portion of the CSE Project site, rights of access, site improvements including drainage, grounding and site maintenance, physical security, as well as obtaining from CSE the right to use a portion of the facilities owned by CSE to connect to the SDG&E Drew Switchyard. The Project will interconnect to SDG&E's Drew Switchyard via a shared gen-tie line currently delivering energy from the adjacent CSE project.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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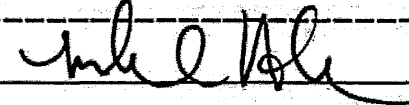
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 15, 2019 Ending Date September 2, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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| City/State/Zip: <u>La Jolla, CA 92037</u> | City/State/Zip: <u>Pleasanton, CA 94588</u> |
| Contact: <u>Chris Knopp</u> | Phone: <u>(925) 201-5240</u> |
| Phone: <u>(858) 260-5982</u> | |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 7-8-19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.