

# **Draft Environmental Impact Report**

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## **Volume 1**

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### **RB INYOKERN SOLAR PROJECT by R&L Capital, Inc. (PP16109)**

Conditional Use Permit 23, Map #47;  
Conditional Use Permit 27, Map #47; and  
Inyokern Specific Plan Amendment 4, Map #47



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Bakersfield, California

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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days. The document and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review at the Planning Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Departmental website (<https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/rb-inyokern-solar-project/>).

A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to receive comments on the document on: **September 10, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

The comment period for this document closes on **August 17, 2020**. Testimony at future public hearings may be limited to those issues raised during the public review period either orally or submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. the day the comment period closes.

**Project Title:** RB Inyokern Solar Project by R&L Capital, LLC (PP16109); Conditional Use Permit No. 23, Map 47; Conditional Use Permit No. 27, Map 47; and Inyokern Specific Plan Amendment No. 4, Map 27 (Circulation).

**Project Location:** The project is located in the eastern high desert region of Kern County in the unincorporated community of Inyokern. The proposed project is located along United States Highway 395 (US 395) to the east and Brown Road to the west. Phase 1 is located north of Inyokern Road (State Route 178 [SR 178]), between Brown Road and US 395. Phase 2 is directly north and adjacent to Phase 1. The project site would be directly accessed by SR 178 to Brown Road. A wastewater treatment plant is located adjacent on the northeastern portion of the project site. The Inyokern Airport is located west of the project site. An existing 4.2 acre borrow pit is located on the southeast corner of the Phase 1 portion of the site, which was originally used to build a roadway overpass. The pit is fenced around its perimeter and would not be developed or disturbed during project construction activities and is not included as part of the project site footprint. The proposed solar facility can be found within Sections 19 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 39 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M).

**Project Description:** The project proponents are requesting: (a) Two (2) Conditional Use Permits (CUP), to allow for the construction and operation of a 26.6 MW solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility and battery energy storage (Section 19.38.030.G) in an M-2 Zone District (CUP 23, Map #47 and CUP 27, Map #47); and (b) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Inyokern Specific Plan to remove a portion of the designated future secondary collector from Brown Road to the southern boundary of the project site (Specific Plan Amendment 4, Map #47). The project's permanent facilities would include the solar modules, energy storage systems, operations and maintenance building, switchyards, electrical collector system and inverters, gen-tie lines, telecommunication facilities and meteorological station, security fencing, and access roads.

**Anticipated Significant Impacts on Environment:** Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hydrology, Noise, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire

**Document can be viewed online at:** <https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/rb-inyokern-solar-project/>

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**Project Location:** County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Inyokern  
Cross Streets: United States Highway 395 (US 395) and State Route 178 (SR 178) and Brown Road. Zip Code: 93527  
Lat. / Long.: 35 39'30.20573" N / 117 48'40.50472" W Total Acres: 166.5  
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: 19 & 20 Twp.: 26S Range: 39E Base: MDB&M  
Within 2 Miles: \_\_\_\_\_ State Hwy #: SR 178 Waterways: N/A  
Airports: Inyokern Airport Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_ High School

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Development Type:

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type Solar MW 26.6  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: Energy Storage

### 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  
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 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Land Use  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Cumulative Effects  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Undeveloped Land. Zoning: M-2 (Medium Industrial); *Inyokern Specific Plan: 7.2/2.5 (Service Industrial/Flood Hazard).*

**Project Description:** *See Attached.*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Integrated Waste Management Board    |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Native American Heritage Commission  |   |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date July 2, 2020 Ending Date August 17, 2020

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone _____
Phone: _____	

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ **/s/** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 7/2/2020  
Ronelle Candia, Supervising Planner



**Project Description:** RB Inyokern Solar Project, by R&L Capital, Inc. (project proponent), is requesting the land use entitlements necessary to facilitate the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power generating facility and associated facilities that would generate a combined total of approximately 26.6 megawatts (MW) of renewable electrical energy on approximately 166.5 acres of privately-owned land in unincorporated Kern County. Implementation of the project as proposed would include: **a)** Two (2) Conditional Use Permits (CUP), to allow for the construction and operation of a 26.6 MW solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility and battery energy storage (Section 19.38.030.G) in an M-2 Zone District (CUP 23, Map # 47 and CUP 27, Map # 47); and **b)** Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Inyokern Specific Plan to remove a portion of the designated future secondary collector from Brown Road to the southern boundary of the project site (Specific Plan Amendment 4, Map #47). The project's permanent facilities would include the solar modules, energy storage systems, operations and maintenance building, switchyards, electrical collector system and inverters, gen-tie lines, telecommunication facilities and meteorological station, security fencing, and access roads.



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