Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR FOR DREW SOLAR PROJECT (SCH. No. 201805103)

The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Drew Solar Project described below. The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department held a public scoping meeting for the Project was held on May 24, 2018 at the Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2nd Floor of the County Administration Center located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

SUBJECT: Drew Solar Project

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING: Fall 2019

PROJECT LOCATION: Drew Solar, LLC is proposing to develop the Drew Solar Project, a 100-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic energy generation facility in Imperial County, California. The Project would be located on approximately 762.8 net acres in southern Imperial County, California, approximately 6.5 miles southwest of the City of El Centro, California and 7.5 miles directly west of Calexico. Specifically, the Project is located in portions of Sections 7 and 9, Township 17 South (T17S), Range 13 East (R13E), Mount Signal Baseline and Meridian.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project would consist of the construction, operation and reclamation of a 762.8 net acre, 100-MW solar photovoltaic energy project on six parcels that include Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 052-170-039-000, 052-170-037-000, 052-170-031-000, 052-170-032-000, 052-170-056, and 052-170-067-000. The Project also proposes an energy storage component at a 2:1 ratio and two generation interconnection transmission lines("Gen-Ties") which are proposed to extend from the south end of the Project site approximately 400 feet south across Drew Road and State Route (SR) 98 connecting into the Drew Switchyard located on APN 052-190-039-000. Seven access points are proposed off of the surrounding County roads and three off of State Route SR 98 along the southern border of the Project. The Project would also include internal access roads and infrastructure including a security fence, an Operations and Maintenance building or buildings; auxiliary facilities such as raw water/fire water storage, treated water storage, evaporation ponds, storm water retention basins, water filtration buildings and equipment, and equipment control buildings, septic system(s) and parking.

DESIGNATED AREA PLAN: The project area is designated as Agriculture by the Imperial County General Plan. Project parcel is zoned A-2, A-2-R and A-3.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT: District 2, Supervisor Luis A. Plancarte

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: The EIR analyzed potential impacts associated with the following: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Energy, Geology & Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use/Planning; Noise; Public Services and Utilities, Tribal Cultural Resources; Transportation; and Cumulative Impacts.

COMMENTS REQUESTED. Your comments may be submitted in writing to: Jim Minnick, Director of Imperial County Planning & Development Services Dept., located at 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. A hard copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for review at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department located at 801 Main Street, El Centro CA 92243 from 7:00 am thru 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

DRAFT EIR REVIEW PERIOD: May 13, 2019 thru July 1,2019. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be available for review at the local libraries and the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department will post the Draft Environmental Review (DEIR) on the Imperial County Website (www.icpds.com).

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