



RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2015031066

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO.: 00544

PROJECT NO. AND NAME: Conditional Use Permit No. 3721 (CUP 3721) - Desert Quartzite Solar Project

FROM: Riverside County Planning Department
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TRANSMITTAL DATE: August 9, 2019

Project Location: Approximately 2.75 miles southwest of the City of Blythe and 40 miles east of Desert Center, just south of the Interstate 10 (I-10) freeway, and 1.5 miles southwest of Blythe Airport in East Riverside County, Palo Verde Area Plan.

The Riverside County Planning Department is currently reviewing a project that requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in the Palo Verde Valley Area. Copies of project documents, environmental impact report and technical appendices are available upon request. Copies of the Final Environmental Report may also be reviewed at the following locations:

Palo Verde Valley District Library
125 West Chanslor Way
Blythe, CA 92225

Lake Tamarisk Public Library
43880 Lake Tamarisk Drive
Desert Center, CA 92239

County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Street 12th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

The FEIR will be posted online by County of Riverside and will be available at <http://planning.rctlma.org/>

For further information regarding this project, please contact Russell Brady at (951) 955-3025 or e-mail rbrady@rivco.org.

Riverside Office · 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor
P.O. Box 1409, Riverside, California 92502-1409
(951) 955-3200 · Fax (951) 955-1811

Desert Office · 77-588 El Duna Court, Suite H
Palm Desert, California 92211
(760) 863-8277 · Fax (760) 863-7555

Notice of Completion

A Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed for the Desert Quartzite Solar Project described below:

Condition Use Permit No. 3721 (CUP 3721), Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 00544, SCH 2015031066

First Solar Development, LLC (the Applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Solar Development, Inc. (Applicant) is proposing the Desert Quartzite Solar Project Conditional Use Permit No. 3721 (CUP 3721). The Applicant is proposing the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Desert Quartzite Solar Project, a solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating facility of up to 450 megawatts (MW) and 2.79-mile gen-tie line that would together occupy a total of 3,770 acres.

Copies of the FEIR, and its Technical Appendices are available for review at the Riverside County Planning Department offices at 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Fl., Riverside, California, 92501. Copies of the documents will also be provided to the following libraries for public review:

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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

NOTICE OF COMPLETION FORM

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Project Location-City: N/A

Project Location-County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Lead Agency: Riverside County Planning Department
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Desert Quartzite Solar Project EIS/EIR

Legend

- Right-of-Way Application Boundary
- Boundary of Private Land Parcel
- Colorado River Substation
- Gen-Tie Line

Surface Management

- BLM
- State

Boundaries

- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Urban Area

Roads

- Interstate
- US Highway
- State Highway
- Other Roads

**Figure 2-1
Project Location**

0 1 2 Miles
0 2 4 Kilometers

Date: 1/19/2016
Sources: AECOM, BLM, ESRI, First Solar, US Census, USGS

