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Standard Solar Project Complex
3rd Review
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Daniel E. Mendez, Planner
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Dear Mx. Mendez:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed solar development on approximately 1,280 acres of land on the west side of State Route (SR) 269, approximately ½ mile north of Jayne and approximately two miles south of the City of Huron. The project proposes to construct a 150 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility and a 137 MW battery storage facility.

The project operational statement indicates the number of workers on site are expected to range between 20 and 300 workers per day during construction. The Applicant would facilitate materials delivery during off-peak traffic hours and would comply with all Caltrans permitting requirements if loads are oversized.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. The project proponent should provide the total number of estimated trips the project is expected to generate during construction and identify impacts if any.
2. Access to the project site from SR 269 should be limited to public roads via Tractor and Phelps Avenue only. Caltrans in its effort to minimize traffic conflicts attempts to limit the number of access points to the main line. **Therefore, no new driveways will be permitted to access the State right of way.**

3. According to the Caltrans Transportation Concept Report (TCR), This segment of SR 269 in the vicinity of the Project is planned for 110 feet of total right-of-way. Caltrans current right-of-way (ROW) map indicates the existing ROW is 50 feet from the centerline. Therefore, an irrevocable offer (IOD) of 5 feet of dedication is needed to accommodate the ultimate TCR configuration along the Project's eastern boundary.
4. Caltrans no longer holds IODs in fee title. Recently our IOD process has been altered. Therefore, Caltrans is now requesting the IOD be taken in fee by the local Agency and not the State
5. **The 5-foot dedication shall be kept open, clear, and free from buildings, structures, and utilities of any kind. The grantor understands that any improvements, upon, over, and across said real property shall be removed at grantor's expense when the State accepts title.**
6. Caltrans request that a construction traffic management plan, with pertinent information, be prepared and submitted to Caltrans for Review.
7. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit.
8. Prior to an encroachment permit application submittal, the project proponent is required to schedule a "Pre-Submittal" meeting with District 6 Encroachment Permit Office. To schedule this meeting, **please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 383-5047 or (559) 383-5235.**

Please review the permit application - required document checklist at:

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=TR0402&distpath=MAOTO&brapath=PERM>.

Please also review the permit application - processing checklist at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/tr-0416-applicable-review-process-checklist.pdf>.

9. This comment letter does not constitute FINAL approval. Changes to the site plan may be required along the process.

If you have any other questions, please call or email Edgar Hernandez at (559) 981-7436 or edgar.hernandez@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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