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SCH #: 2018101060

Project Title: South Kern Compost Manufacturing Facility Project by by South Kern Industrial Center, LLC

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

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Project Location: Unincorporated (*City*) Kern County (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project would develop a PV solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate up to 60 MW of renewable electrical energy on approximately 640 acres of privately owned land in the northern portion of the San Joaquin Valley, in unincorporated Kern County.
The proposed project requests approval of the following applications by the County: Conditional Use Permit No. 10, Map No. 3 (solar facility) ; Conditional Use Permit No. 14, Map 3 (telecommunication tower); Williamson Act Cancellation Contract 20-06. Site is zoned A (Exclusive Agriculture). Per Chapter 19.12.030.G of Kern County Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required for the construction and operation of the PV solar facility and pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.F, a CUP is required to allow the construction and operation of a communication tower.
Approximately 225,000 to 250,000 modules will be mounted on metal racks that rotate from east to west during the day. Power generated by the proposed project would be collected on-site at a project substation and transferred via a 230 kV generation tie (gen-tie) line to the point of interconnection at PGE Arco substation.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Through the course of the analysis, largely because the proposed project would not result in any additional disturbance outside the existing composting facility and no new construction would occur, only air quality impacts were found to remain significant and unavoidable with mitigation. The project and cumulative significant and unavoidable impacts were found to be a result of the uncertainty of the project's regional and localized health impacts associated with criteria air pollutants. With implementation of Mitigation Measures MM 4.3-1 through MM 4.3- 10, project impacts remain significant and unavoidable. These mitigation measures include requiring project proponent to prepare a Fugitive Dust Control Plan, prepare a phased Grading Plan, enter into a Developer Mitigation Contract with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, as well as prepare a Covid-19 Health and Safety Plan. Additionally, prior to the issuance of grading permits, a onetime fee shall be paid to the Kern County Public Health Services Department for public awareness programs.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None to date.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

N/A