



# California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination

**To:**  **Office of Planning and Research**  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** **The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**  
P.O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

**County Clerk**  
County of: Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

**Subject:**

**Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

**Project Title:** 30-Year License to Desert Harvest, LLC for the Desert Harvest Solar Project (RL4218)

State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency/Applicant Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension
2011094004	County of Riverside, Planning Dept. Jason Killebrew	(951) 955-0314

**Project Location** (include county):  
North of Interstate 10, west of Kaiser Road, County of Riverside

**Project Description:**  
Execution of a 30-year license agreement to Desert Harvest, LLC for the Desert Harvest Solar Project in Riverside County.  
The County of Riverside, acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Desert Harvest Solar Project as a CEQA equivalent Environmental Impact Report on June 17, 2014, for the Desert Harvest Solar Project - Public Use Permit No. 914 and Ordinance No. 922.

This is to advise that The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) as a Responsible Agency under CEQA has reviewed and considered the above-described project on September 10, 2019. Metropolitan adopted the Lead Agency's following determinations:

1. The project WILL have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared for the project pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the County found that the FEIS meets the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21083.7 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15221 and 15225 and certified the FEIS.
3. Mitigation measures WERE made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring Report or Monitoring Plan WAS adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations WAS made a condition of the approval of the project.
6. Findings WERE made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This Environmental Impact Report is on file at Metropolitan's headquarters at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

*Melinda Stalvey*  
Signature

Team Manager

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9/11/2019

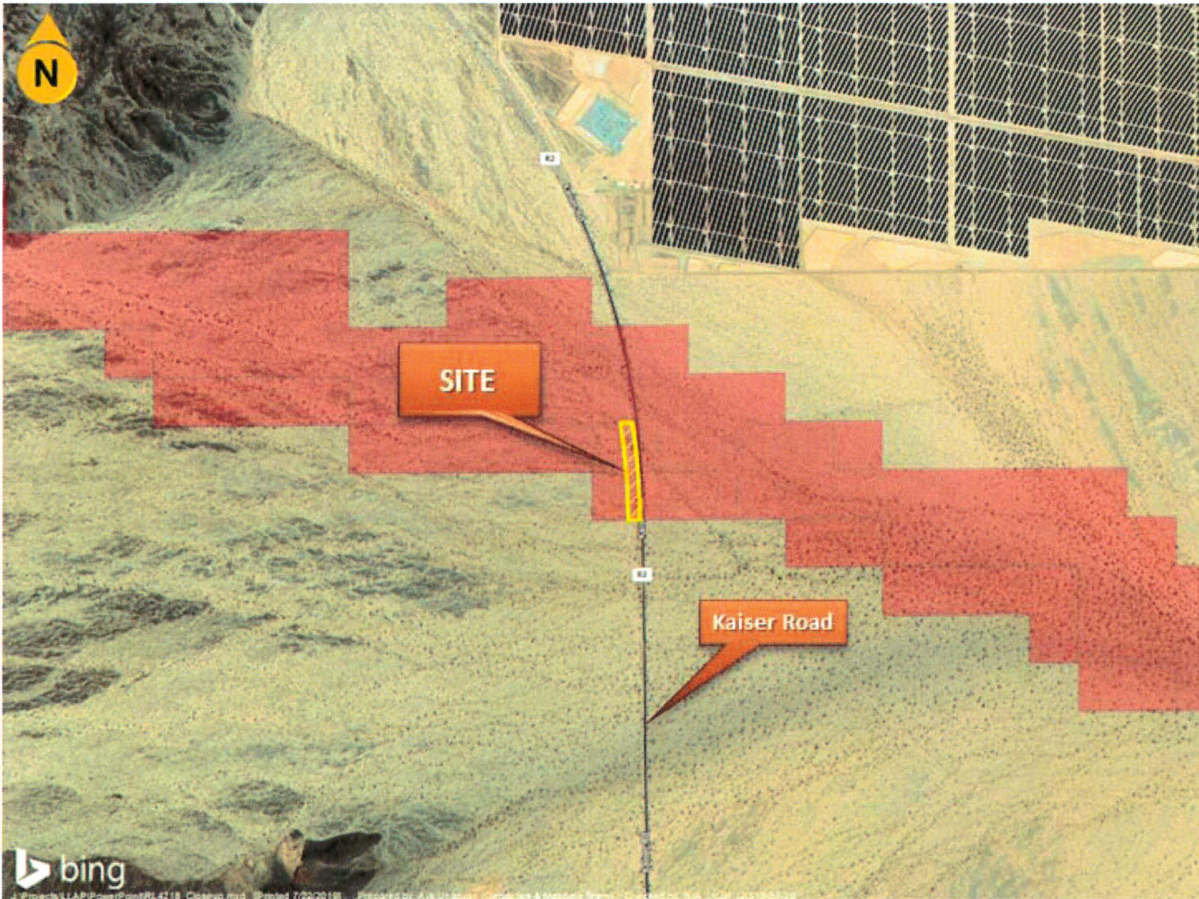
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Date received for filing at County or OPR:

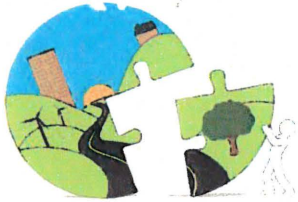
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# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**Juan C. Perez**  
Interim Planning Director

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

JUN 23 2014

LARRY W WARD, CLERK

TO:  Office of Planning and Research (OPR)  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: Riverside County Planning Department  
 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor  
P.O. Box 1409  
Riverside, CA 92502-1409

By  77588 El Duna Court Ste. H  
Palm Desert, California 92211

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.**

**Desert Harvest Solar Project – Public Use Permit No. 914 and Ordinance No. 922**

*Project Title/Case Numbers*

**Jay Olivas, Project Planner**  
*County Contact Person*

**760-863-7050**  
*Phone Number*

COUNTY CLERK  
Neg Declaration/Ntc Determination  
Filed per P.R.C. 21152  
POSTED

**N/A**  
*State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to the State Clearinghouse)*

**Desert Harvest, LLC**  
*Project Applicant*

**4000 Executive Parkway, Ste. 100 San Ramon, CA 94583**  
*Address*

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**North of Interstate 10, west of Desert Center Rice Road (State Highway 177) within portions of Kaiser Road.**  
*Project Location*

Public Use Permit proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 220 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line ("Gen Tie Line") in connection with a 150-megawatt solar photovoltaic solar energy-generating facility known as the "Desert Harvest Solar Project" ("Project") located approximately five miles north of Desert Center. The overall Project consists of two main components: (1) a solar array field and (2) the Gen-Tie Line. The majority of the Project, including the solar array field, where the power would be generated, consists of 1,208 acres of Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") administered public lands located immediately adjacent to the site of the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm project located approximately five miles north of Desert Center. The solar array field would consist of a generation area including fifteen-foot tall PV arrays, a switchyard, inverters, overhead lines, and access roads; an operations and maintenance facility; an on-site substation and switchgear; and site security, fencing and lighting. The solar array field is not within the County's land use jurisdiction. A Record of Decision approving the Project was issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior in March 2013. The Gen-Tie Line will connect the electrical output of the solar array field to Southern California Edison's proposed Red Bluff Substation. The Gen-Tie Line is proposed to exit the northwest portion of the Project site, run south along the west side of Kaiser Road, turn east just north of Desert Center, and the run south across I-10 to the proposed substation. The majority of Gen-Tie Line is proposed to run under, along, across or upon the County of Riverside's Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). Two portions of Gen-Tie Line (a total distance of approximately 1.1 miles) are proposed to cross land under jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, which requires the Applicant to obtain a Public Use Permit (PUP) pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) No. 348, Section 18.29. These two portions are adjacent to APNs 807-171-005 and 808-161-001 and comprise a total area of approximately 22 acres under County jurisdiction. The Gen-Tie Line would either share steel monopoles with the approved Desert Sunlight Solar Farm project gen-tie line presently under construction or construct a separate, stand-alone Gen-Tie Line running parallel with the Desert Sunlight gen-tie line. Under RCO No. 499, encroachment permits will be required by the Transportation Department for all work for the electrical transmission line within the Kaiser Road rights-of-way (a total distance of approximately 5.8 miles). RCO No. 499 and Board of Supervisors Policy No. B-29 provides that an encroachment permit may be issued if the applicant holds a current County franchise. A franchise agreement, set forth in proposed RCO No. 922, was negotiated between the Applicant and the County and introduced at the June 17, 2014 Board meeting with adoption set for July 1, 2014.

*Project Description*

This is to advise that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, as the CEQA lead agency, has considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement as prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and has approved the above described project on \_\_\_\_\_, and has made the following determinations regarding that project:

1. The project WILL have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") was prepared for the project pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the County found that the FEIS meets the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21083.7 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15221 and 15225 and certified the FEIS.\* (\$50.00)
3. Mitigation measures WERE made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan/Program WAS adopted.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations WAS adopted for the project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, with comments, responses, and record of project approval is available to the general public at the Riverside County Planning Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501 and online at: [http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar Projects/Desert Harvest Solar Project.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar%20Projects/Desert%20Harvest%20Solar%20Project.html).

Signature

Board Assistant  
Title

6/17/14  
Date

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note that this text was modified from the Notice of Determination form presented in CEQA Appendix B for the purposes of this unique CEQA-equivalent document.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

Receipt #: 201400363

State Clearinghouse # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: COUNTY PLANNING Date: 06/23/2014

County Agency of Filing: Riverside Document No: 201400363

Project Title: DESERT HARVEST SOLAR PROJECT; PUP 914 AND ORDINANCE NO 922


Project Applicant Name: DESERT HARVEST LLC Phone Number: 760 863-7050

Project Applicant Address: 4000 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY #100 SAN RAMON CA 94583

Project Applicant: Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report	3029.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administration Fee	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees (DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached))	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees (Notice of Exemption)	_____
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>3079.75</b>

Signature and title of person receiving payment:  \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

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**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
(213) 217-6000 <http://mwdh2o.com>

## Notice of Determination Submittal

September 11, 2019

**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

To: Ms. Kate Gordon, Director  
Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Name: **30-Year License to Desert Harvest, LLC for the Desert Harvest Solar Project (RL4218)**

Filing As:  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Lilia I. Martínez at (213) 217-5656

Enclosures:  Original Responsible Agency NOD  
 Location Map  
 Copy of Lead Agency NOD  
 Copy of Lead Agency CDFG Environmental Filing Fee Cash Receipt

Comments: In accordance with §21152 of the California Public Resources Code and §15094 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this NOD is provided for posting in your office.

Ref: RL No. 4218

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