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Project Title: Scarlet Solar Energy Project (EIR No. 7230)

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Project Location: Unincorporated Fresno County

City

County

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

The Scarlet Solar Energy Project (Project) is proposed by RE Scarlet LLC (Applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC (EDPR NA). The Applicant has applied to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning (the County) for an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 400-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility and 400 MW energy storage system and associated infrastructure to be known as the Scarlet Solar Energy Project. It would provide solar power to utility customers by interconnecting to the regional electricity grid at Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Tranquillity Switching Station. The Project site is located approximately 3.5 miles west-southwest of the community of Tranquillity and approximately 6.5 miles east of Interstate 5 (I-5) in unincorporated Fresno County.

The Project consists of two major components: the solar facility and the PG&E improvements. The solar facility would include solar PV modules, support structures, electrical inverters, intermediate voltage transformers, two electrical substations, and a switchyard, and a generation intertie (gen-tie) transmission line. Improvements to PG&E electrical infrastructure would include expansion of PG&E's Tranquillity Switching Station and approximately 1,900 feet of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the solar facility's 230 kV gen-tie line to the Tranquillity Switching Station.

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

The following potentially significant effects were analyzed in the EIR and were determined to be less than significant:

Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems

The following potentially significant effects were analyzed in the EIR and were determined to be less than significant with implementation of mitigation:

Air Quality: Mitigation Measures AQ-1 and AQ-2

Biological Resources: Mitigation Measures BIO-1(a) through BIO-1(u), BIO-3(a), and BIO-3(b)

Cultural Resources: Mitigation Measures CR-1(a) through CR-1(c)

Geology and Soils: Mitigation Measure GEO-2 and GEO-6(a) through GEO-6(d)

Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Mitigation Measure HAZ-3(a) through HAZ-3(d), HAZ-4, and HAZ-5

Hydrology and Water Quality: Mitigation Measure HWQ-4

The Project would have no significant and unavoidable impacts.

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

Issues identified as potential areas of controversy prior to the publication of this Draft EIR relate to Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources, and Transportation/Traffic.

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

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
California Department of Transportation, District 6
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 4
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
California Public Utilities Commission