

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: RE Slate Solar Project

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Project Location: SR-198/Avenal Cutoff Road, Lemoore, Kings County, CA

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

RE Slate, LLC seeks a Conditional Use Permit from Kings County to construct, operate, maintain, and eventually decommission a photovoltaic electricity generating and energy storage facility and associated infrastructure. The project would generate 300 megawatts of alternating current electricity on approximately 2,490 acres of privately-owned land in unincorporated western Kings County. The project site consists of twenty-three Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 024-190-008, 024-190-019, 024-190-033, 024-190-037, 024-190-045, 024-190-047, 024-190-049, 024-190-057, 024-190-060, 024-190-062, 024-190-072, 024-200-012, 024-200-017, 024-200-018, 024-200-020, 026-020-012, 026-020-017, 026-020-018, 026-020-019, 026-020-020, 026-040-011, 026-040-016 and 026-110-001. The project would provide solar power to utility customers by interconnecting to the nearby regional electricity grid at Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) existing Mustang Switching Station located west of the project site (on the site for the operational RE Mustang Solar Generation Facility), utilizing a future shared generation intertie electric transmission line that will be built as part of the approved RE Mustang Two Solar Generation Facility directly south and west of the project site.

The County of Kings will act as the lead agency as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will have the authority to determine if the environmental document is adequate under CEQA.

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

Potential impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources include those related to the conversion of Farmlands and Williamson Act contracted lands. Mitigation Measures (MM) AG-1: Agricultural Management Plan, MM AG-2: Soil Reclamation Plan, MM AG-3: Financial Assurance, and MM AG-4: Solid Waste Management Plan would reduce impacts to less than significant (LTS). Potential impacts to Air Quality include construction related emissions and the potential to expose workers to Valley Fever. MM AQ-1: Tier 4 Off-Road Equipment, MM AQ-2: Voluntary Emissions Reduction Agreement, and MM AQ-3: Reduce Valley Fever Exposure would reduce impacts to LTS. Potential impacts to Biological Resources include potential impacts to special status wildlife and plants, including nesting birds and Swainson's hawk. MM BIO-1a-e: Burrowing Owl, MM BIO-2: Swainson's Hawk Nest Avoidance, MM BIO-3a-c: San Joaquin Kit Fox, MM BIO-4: Preconstruction Nesting Bird Surveys, MM BIO-5: Cap Hollow Tubes and Poles, MM BIO-6: Protect Aquatic Resources would reduce impacts to LTS. Potential impacts to cultural resources include inadvertent discovery of historic, archaeological, and human remains. MMs CUL-1-4 are standard discovery measures that would reduce impacts to LTS. Potential impacts to Geology and Soils include risks from expansive soils. MM GEO-1: Expansive Soils and MM GEO-2: Discovery of Paleontological Resources would reduce impacts to LTS. Potential impacts from Hazards and Hazardous Materials include accidental release, discovery of previously unknown hazardous materials, natural gas pipelines, and aerially deposited lead. MM HAZ-1: Protection from Hazardous Materials, MM HAZ-2: Discovery of Previously Unknown Hazardous Materials, MM HAZ-3: Old Valley Pipeline Buffer, MM HAZ-4: Avoid and Minimize Impacts to Underground Natural Gas Pipelines would reduce impacts to LTS. Impacts to Hydrology and Water Quality are related to stormwater quality protection and MM HYD-1 would reduce impacts to LTS. Impacts to Traffic would result from construction and MM TRA-1: Level of Service and TRA-2: Traffic Management would reduce impacts to LTS.

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

This project does not have any significant areas of controversy.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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