

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Department of Water Resources  
State Water Project Power and Risk Office  
2135 Butano Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95825

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

**Project Title:** Sanborn Solar Project

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019060259

**Lead Agency:** Kern County Planning and Natural Resource Department (Planning Department),  
2700 M Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, California 93301

**Project Location:** The project site is located approximately 14 miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi, approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Mojave, and approximately 7.5 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Rosamond. The project site is bounded by SR 58 and the Mojave Air and Space Port to the north, open space to the east and the west, and Edwards Air Force Base to the south, adjacent to the southernmost portion of the project site. The site is located in Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 West (SBB&M), Section 1, Township 10 North, Range 12 West (SBB&M), and Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 11 West (SBB&M), County of Kern, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to enter into a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Sanborn Solar 1B, LLC, to purchase 36 MW of capacity and associated energy from the proposed Sanborn Solar Project for the period of 20 years. The PPA would fulfill part of DWR's commitment to renewable energy procurement for operation of the State Water Project pursuant to DWR's Climate Action Plan Phase 1, Update 2020. The Sanborn Solar Project would involve construction and operation of one photovoltaic (PV) power-generating facility, on two discontinuous sites, which would produce a combined total of 300 megawatts (MW) of electricity with up to three (3) gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy storage on approximately 2,006 acres of land in unincorporated Kern County. The project's permanent facilities would include service roads, overhead and underground transmission lines, a step-up conversion station, solar arrays, project substations, energy storage facilities, telecommunication equipment, perimeter security fencing, operations and maintenance facilities, and gen-tie lines. Kern County, as the lead agency under CEQA, certified the Final EIR and approved the Sanborn Solar Project in June 2020.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project January 19, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project could have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.

6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval are available to the General Public at: Kern County Planning and Natural Resource Department, 2700 M Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, California 93301.

Responsible Agency Contact Person: Deane Burk, (916) 574-0669.

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**Date:** 1/20/2021

**Date Received for Filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_