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Project Title: EIR 03-18; AVEP Solar Project by Chaparral Solar, LLC and Rabbitbrush Solar, LLC
Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department **Contact Person:** Randall Cates
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City: Bakersfield **Zip:** 93301-2323 **County:** Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Rosamond
Cross Streets: The project site is located approximately 5.5 miles west of the unincorporated community of Rosamond; also being located within portions of Section 18 of Township 9 North, Range 13 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), and within portions of Sections 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 15, and 23 of Township 9 North, Range 14 West, SBBM, County of Kern, State of California.
Lat. / Long.: 34° 51' 49.6563" N/ 118° 20' 20.2236" W Total Acres: 1,406 acres
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: portion of Section 18 / portion of Sections 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 23 Twp.: 9N/9N Range: 13W/14W Base: SBB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A Waterways: N/A
Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other
 Mit Neg Dec Other

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
 Other Specific Plan Amendment Other Nonsummary vacation of public access easements

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral: _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Solar PV MW 250
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: two communication towers, two energy storage systems

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

- Chaparral Solar Facility: inhabited residence, undeveloped land / Zoning: A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining), A GH FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Geologic Hazard - Floodplain Secondary Combining), E(2½) RS FPS (Estate (2 1/2 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) / Willow Springs Specific Plan: 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 units/net acre/ Comprehensive Planning Area), 5.3/4.4/2.1 (Maximum 10 units/net acre/ Comprehensive Planning Area/ Seismic Hazard), 5.6 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit), 6.2 (General Commercial).

- Rabbitbrush Solar Facility: uninhabited residence, undeveloped land / *Zoning*: A FPS, E(2½) RS FPS, E(5) RS FPS (Estate (5 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining), E(10) RS FPS (Estate (10 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) / *Willow Springs Specific Plan*: 5.3/4.4, 5.6, 5.7 (Minimum 5 gross acres/unit), 5.75 (Minimum 10 gross acres/unit), 8.5 (Resources Management (Minimum 20-acre parcel size)).
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Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

- Three (3) Specific Plan Amendments (SPA) to the Willow Springs Specific Plan to designations from 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on 10 acres (SPA 1, Map 231-18), 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on 591.96 acres and 5.3/4.4/2.1 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area/Seismic Hazard) to 5.3/2.1 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Seismic Hazard) on 72.15 acres (SPA 25, Map 232), and 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on 40 acres (SPA 27, Map 232);
- Three (3) Zoning Classification Changes (ZCC), from the existing Zone District of E 2 ½ RS FPS to A FPS on 10 acres (ZCC 3, Map 231-18), from the existing Zone District of E 2 ½ RS FPS to A FPS on 120 acres (ZCC 40, Map 232), and from the existing Zone District of E 2 ½ RS FPS, E (5) RS FPS and E (10) RS FPS to A FPS on 222 acres (ZCC 41, Map 232);
- Three (3) Conditional Use Permits (CUP), to allow for the construction and operation of a 125 megawatt solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) zone district on the Chaparral Site (CUP 1, Map 231-18, and CUP 33, Map 232), and to allow for the construction and operation of a 125 megawatt solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility within in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District on the Rabbitbrush Site (CUP 35, Map 232), pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance;
- Two (2) CUPs, each to allow for the construction and operation of a communication tower (Section 19.12.030.F) in an A District (CUP 34, Map 232; CUP 36, Map 232);
- Two (2) requests for nonsummary vacation of public access easements on the project site, one corresponding to each of the two solar facilities; and
- Three (3) Specific Plan Amendments to the Circulation Element of Willow Springs Specific Plan to remove Section and mid-section line road reservations as follows:
 - The portion of the Section line between Section 18, T9N, R13W and Section 13, T9N, R14W lying north of Truman Road, the south half of the Section line between Section 18, T9N, R13W and Section 7, T9N, R13W, lying west of property owned by the City of Los Angeles Department Water and Power (Specific Plan Amendment 2, Map 231-18);
 - The west quarter of the Section line between Section 13, T9N, R14W and Section 12, T9N, R14W, the east three quarters of the south half of the Section line between Section 13 T9N,R14W and Section 12 T9N/R14W; the east-west mid-section line of Section 13, T9N, R14W, the north-south mid-section line of Section 13, T9N, R14W; the east one-eighth of the south half of the east-west mid-section line of Section 14, T9N, R14W (Specific Plan Amendment 26, Map 232);
 - The south half of the north-south mid-section line of Section 10, T9N, R14W; the north half of the north-south mid-section line of Section 15, T9N, R14W; the north half of the east-west mid-section line of Section 15, T9N, R14W; the west half of the east half of the west half of the south half of the east-west mid-section line of Section 14, T9N, R14W (Specific Plan Amendment 28, Map 232).
- The project’s permanent facilities would include service roads, two communication towers, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, and operations and maintenance facilities.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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Education, Department of
 Energy Commission
 Fish & Game Region # Fresno
 Food & Agriculture, Department of
 General Services, Department of
 Health Services, Department of
 Housing & Community Development
 Integrated Waste Management Board
 Native American Heritage Commission

SWRCB: Water Quality
 SWRCB: Water Rights
 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
 Toxic Substances Control, Department of
 Water Resources, Department of

 Other So. San Joaquin Arch. Info. Ctr.
 Other CalGEM - Bakersfield
 Other SWRCB: Division of Drinking Water

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date January 11, 2021 Ending Date February 25, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Phone: _____

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** January 11, 2021

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.