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CEQA Transmittal #2879

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Lead Agency: KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Project Title: PP18141 / EIR 03-18 AVEP SOLAR PROJECT

Project Applicant Name: CHAPARRAL SOLAR, LLC AND RABBITBF Phone Number: (661) 862-8600

Address: 2700 "M" STREET, SUITE #100

City: BAKERSFIELD

State: CA

ZIP: 93301

Posting Period: 30 Days 45 Days Other 30

Project Applicant Type: Private Entity ▼

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Notice of Intent

Notice of Availability

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Preparation

Mitigated Negative Declaration/Negative Declaration

Environmental Impact Report

Notice of Exemption

Other

No Fish & Wildlife Fee

Total: \$3,495.25 ✓

Proof of Payment

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Additional Information

Reference Number:

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Notes: 24012/2750/5730 \$50.00 CC FEE ✓

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4-28-21*

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970)

MARY B. BEDARD
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
BY M. J. [Signature] DEPUTY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following described project in the County of Kern, State of California:

- a. Applicant, or sponsoring agency or department: Chaparral Solar, LLC and Rabbitbrush Solar, LLC by Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC (PP18141);
- b. Name of Project: (a) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 1, Map No. 231-18; (b) Amendment of Zoning Map No. 231-18, Zone Change Case No. 3; (c) Conditional Use Permit Case No. 1, Map No. 231-18 (d) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 2, Map No. 231-18; (e) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 25, Map No. 232; (f) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 27, Map No. 232; (g) Amendment of Zoning Map No. 232, Zone Change Case No. 40; (h) Amendment of Zoning Map No. 232, Zone Change Case No. 41; (i) Conditional Use Permit Case No. 33, Map No. 232 (j) Conditional Use Permit Case No. 34, Map No. 232; (k) Conditional Use Permit Case No. 35, Map No. 232; (l) Conditional Use Permit Case No. 36, Map No. 232; (m) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 26, Map No. 232; (n) Specific Plan Amendment Case No. 28, Map No. 232; (o) Streets and Highways – Nonsummary Vacation – Map No. 232 (Chaparral Site); and (p) Streets and Highways – Nonsummary Vacation – Map No. 232 (Rabbitbrush Site)
- c. Street Address/Cross-Street of Project: Approximately 5.5 miles west of the unincorporated community of Rosamond
- d. Map of Project (if no street address): Attached
Description of Project The proposed project would involve construction and operation of two (2) photovoltaic (PV) power generating facilities which would produce a combined total of approximately 250 megawatts (MW) of renewable electrical energy and approximately 2,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of energy storage capacity on 1,406 acres of privately-owned land in unincorporated Kern County. The proposal includes: (a) Three (3) Specific Plan Amendments to the Willow Springs Specific Plan to designations from Map Code(s) 5.3/4.4 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre) on 10 acres or a more restrictive map code designation (SPA No. 1, Map No. 231-18), from Map Code(s) 5.3/4.4 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Comprehensive Planning Area) to Map Code(s) 5.3 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre) on 591.96 acres or a more restrictive map code designation, and from Map Code(s) 5.3/4.4/2.1 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area/Seismic Hazard) to 5.3/2.1 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Seismic Hazard) on 72.15 acres or a more restrictive map code designation (SPA No. 25, Map No. 232), and from Map Code(s) 5.3/4.4 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre) on 40 acres or a more restrictive map code designation (SPA No. 27, Map No. 232); (b) Three (3) changes in zone classification from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on 10 acres or a more restrictive district (ZCC No. 3, Map No. 231-18), from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive

district (ZCC No. 40, Map No. 232), and from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on 40.5 acres, E (5) RS FPS (Estate - 5 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on 162.7 acres and E (10) RS FPS (Estate - 10 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on 17.6 acres to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) or a more restrictive district (ZCC No. 41, Map No. 232); (c) Three (3) Conditional Use Permits to allow for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility (Section 19.12.030.G) in an A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) and an A GH FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Geologic Hazard Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) Districts on the Chaparral Site (CUP No. 1, Map No. 231-18, and CUP No. 33, Map No. 232), and to allow for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic electrical generating facility (Section 19.12.030.G) in an A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) District on the Rabbitbrush Site (CUP No. 35, Map No. 232); (d) Two (2) Conditional Use Permits to allow for the construction and operation of a communication tower (Section 19.12.030.F) in an A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) District (CUP No. 34, Map No. 232, CUP No. 36, Map No. 232); (e) Three (3) Amendments to the Circulation Element of Willow Springs Specific Plan to remove section and midsection line road reservations within and around the project site (SPA No. 2, Map No. 231-18; SPA No. 26, Map No. 232; and SPA No. 28, Map No. 232); (f) Two (2) requests for nonsummary vacations of several public access easements, and portions thereof, located within and around the project site, within Sections 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of T9N, R14W, SBB&M (Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 232 (Chaparral Site); Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 232 (Rabbitbrush Site)); and (g) The project's permanent facilities would include service roads, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, and operations and maintenance facilities

2. Approval – Summary of Proceedings:
Adoption date April 27, 2021, Item No. 5 2:00 p.m.

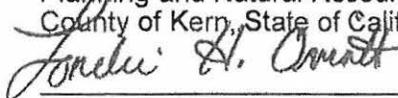
3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has determined that the project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Mitigation Measure Monitoring Program were prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines and were received and considered by this Board and certified as required by Section 15090 the State CEQA Guidelines.

5. Mitigation measures and a Mitigation Measure Monitoring Program were made as conditions of approval of the project. Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project, pursuant to Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

6. A copy of the EIR may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours at the following location: Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301, Telephone No. 868-3585.

Lorelei H. Oviatt, AICP, Director
Planning and Natural Resources Department
County of Kern, State of California



Telephone No. 862-8600

By: _____

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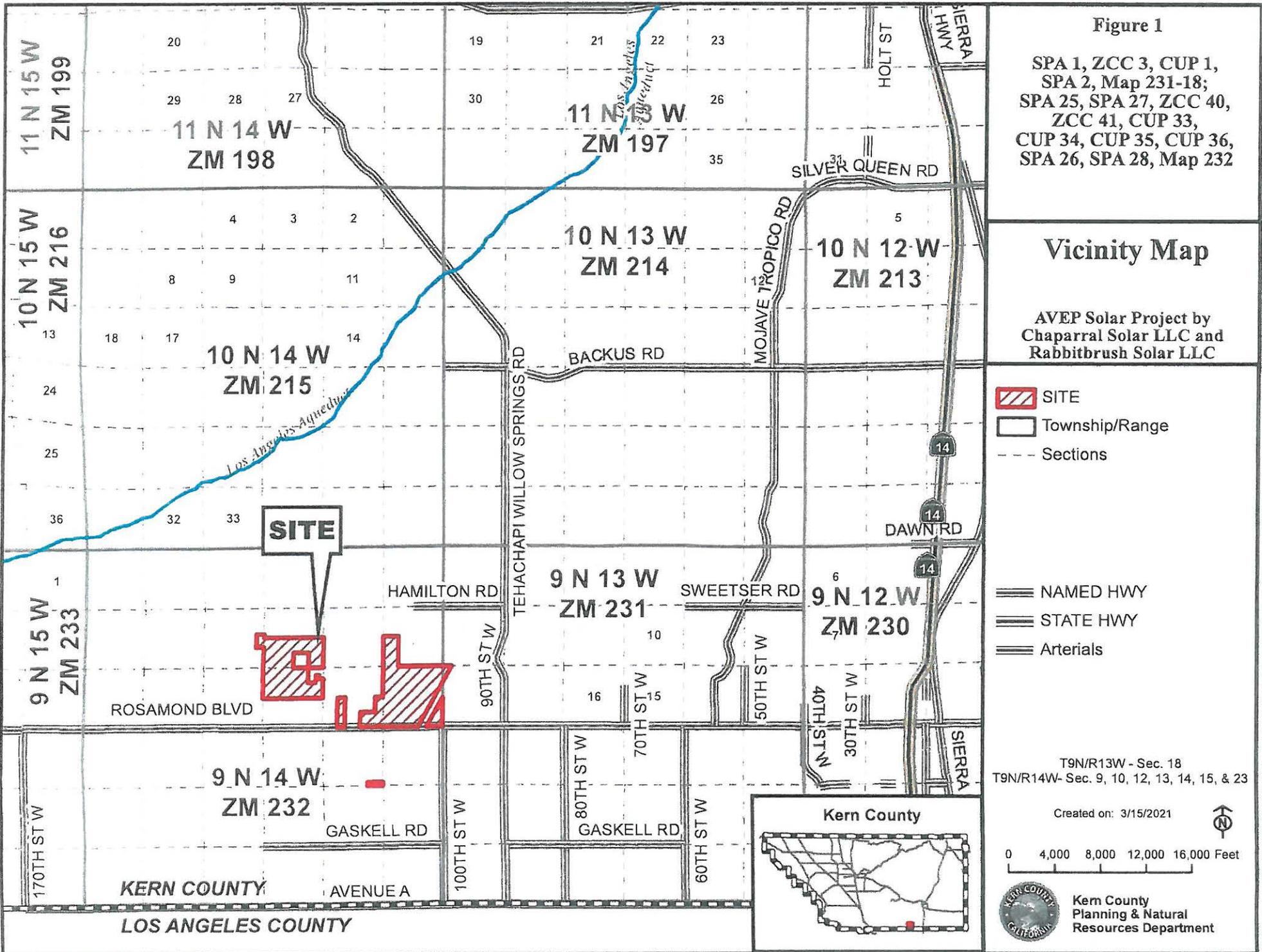


Figure 1

SPA 1, ZCC 3, CUP 1,
 SPA 2, Map 231-18;
 SPA 25, SPA 27, ZCC 40,
 ZCC 41, CUP 33,
 CUP 34, CUP 35, CUP 36,
 SPA 26, SPA 28, Map 232

Vicinity Map

AVEP Solar Project by
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 Rabbitbrush Solar LLC

-  SITE
-  Township/Range
-  Sections
-  NAMED HWY
-  STATE HWY
-  Arterials

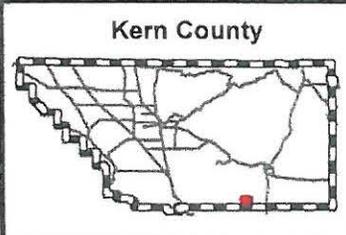
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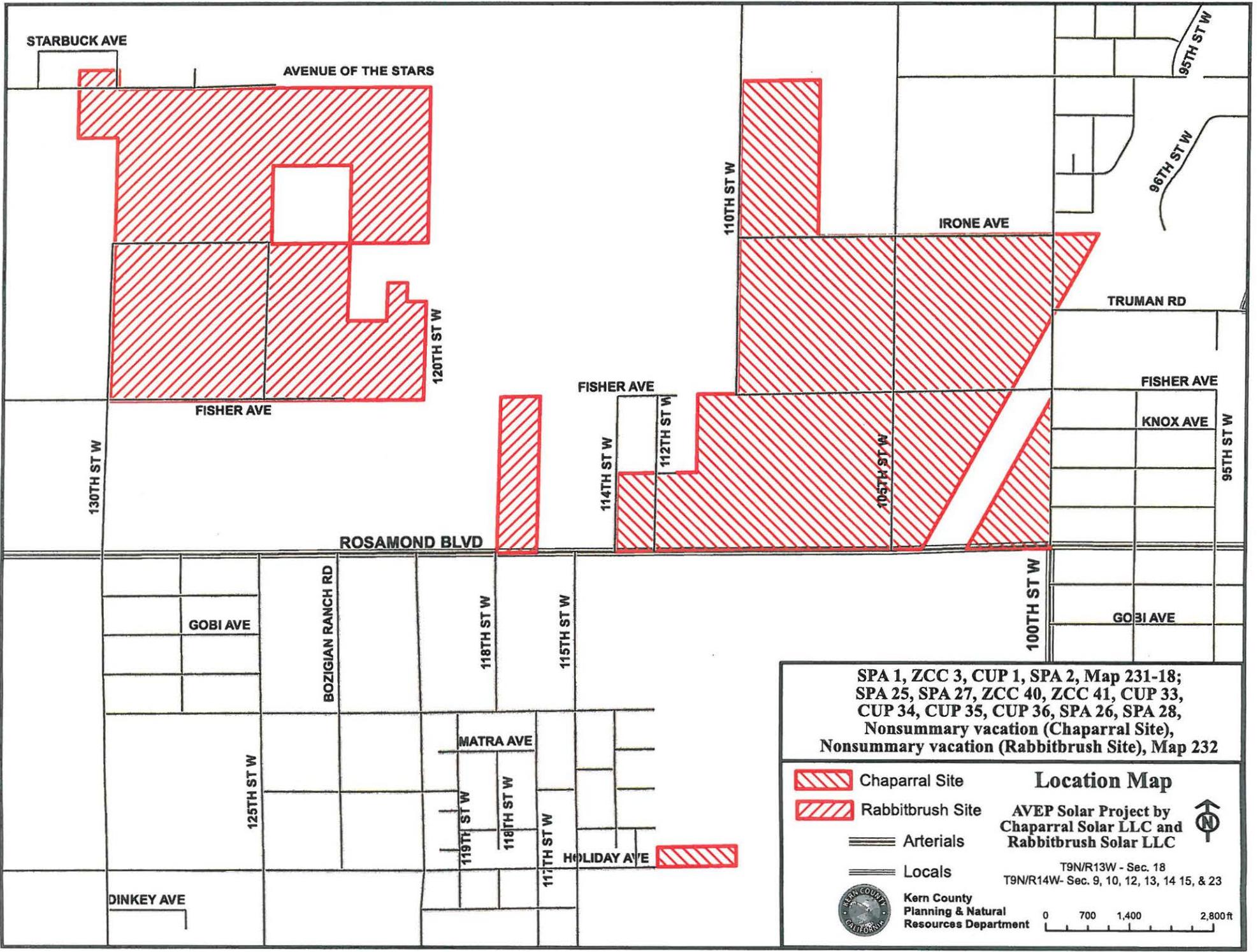
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 SPA 25, SPA 27, ZCC 40, ZCC 41, CUP 33,
 CUP 34, CUP 35, CUP 36, SPA 26, SPA 28,
 Nonsummary vacation (Chaparral Site),
 Nonsummary vacation (Rabbitbrush Site), Map 232

Location Map

Chaparral Site (Red diagonal hatching)

Rabbitbrush Site (Red diagonal hatching)

Arterials (Double line)

Locals (Single line)

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 Rabbitbrush Solar LLC**

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