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Project Title: Kudu Solar Farm by 69SV 8ME LLC

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

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City: Bakersfield

Zip: 93301

County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern

City/Nearest Community: City of California City

Cross Streets: bisected E/W by Washburn Blvd. and N/S by Neuralia Road; 1-mile west of State Route 14 Zip Code: 93501

Lat. / Long.: 35°10'41.39" N / 118° 00'37.92" W

Total Acres: approx. 1,955

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple

Section: Multiple

Twp.: 31S, 32S

Range: 37E

Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 14

Waterways: Cache Creek

Airports: California City Airport

Railways: Union Pacific

Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP
 Early Cons
 Neg Dec
 Mit Neg Dec

Draft EIR
 Supplement/Subsequent EIR
(Prior SCH No.) _____
Other _____

NEPA: NOI
 EA
 Draft EIS
 FONSI

Other: Joint Document
 Final Document
 Other _____

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update
 General Plan Amendment
 General Plan Element
 Community Plan

Specific Plan
 Master Plan
 Planned Unit Development
 Site Plan

Rezone
 Prezone
 Use Permit
 Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Annexation
 Redevelopment
 Coastal Permit
 Other _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational _____
 Recreational _____

Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type Solar PV MW 500
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Battery Energy Storage up to 600 MWh

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual
 Agricultural Land
 Air Quality
 Archeological/Historical
 Biological Resources
 Coastal Zone
 Drainage/Absorption
 Economic/Jobs
 Other GHG, Wildfire, Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy

Fiscal
 Flood Plain/Flooding
 Forest Land/Fire Hazard
 Geologic/Seismic
 Minerals
 Noise
 Population/Housing Balance
 Public Services/Facilities

Recreation/Parks
 Schools/Universities
 Septic Systems
 Sewer Capacity
 Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
 Solid Waste
 Toxic/Hazardous
 Traffic/Circulation

Vegetation
 Water Quality
 Water Supply/Groundwater
 Wetland/Riparian
 Wildlife
 Growth Inducing
 Land Use
 Cumulative Effects

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Undeveloped Land/*Kern County General Plan*: 5.6 (Min. 2.5 Gross Acres/Unit (Fremont Interim Rural Community Plan), 8.5 (8.5 - Resource Management, Min. 20 Acre Parcel Size). *Kern County Zoning*: A (Exclusive Agriculture); A-1 (Limited Agriculture); A-1 MH (Limited Agriculture, Mobile Home Combining); PL RS (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining); PL RS MH (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining, Mobile Home Combining). *California City General Plan*: O/RA - Controlled Development, Public Parks & Recreation or Public Schools. *California City Zoning*: O/RA (Open Space/Residential/Agricultural).

Project Description:

The Kudu Solar Farm Project by 69SV 8ME LLC (project proponent), is a proposed photovoltaic solar facility and energy storage system capable of producing up to 500 MW of alternating current power and 600 MW hours of storage capacity on approximately 1,955.13 acres of privately-owned land. The proposed project would be supported by a 230-kV gen-tie overhead and/or underground generation tie-line (gen-tie) from originating from the Eland substation and terminating at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Barren Ridge Substation located approximately two miles to the

northwest of the project site, or through an upgraded connection through Eland 1. The proposed project intends to share the Eland 1 Solar Project's gen-tie line and right of way, which will be accomplished by constructing the line conductor capable of supporting both projects. Construction of the gen-tie and substation will be done as part of the Eland 1 Solar Project, consistent with the conditions of approval outlined in that project's CUP(s). If the proposed project cannot share these facilities, a new gen-tie line would be developed within one of the routes previously analyzed in the Eland 1 Solar Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2012011029). The proposed project's permanent facilities would include solar arrays and inverters, service roads, a power collection system, communication cables, overhead and underground electrical switchyards, project substations, energy storage system(s), and operations and maintenance (O&M) facilities.

Implementation of the project as proposed would require: *Kern County*: a) ZCC 14, Map #152; b) CUP 28, Map #152; and c) GPA 10, Map #152 (Circulation). *California City*: a) CUP 19-04

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CalFire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 19, 2021 Ending Date January 3, 2022

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 11/19/2021

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