

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Sonrisa Solar Project

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Project Location: Unincorporated Fresno County

City

County

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

EDP Renewables CA Solar Park VI, LLC applied to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3677 to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission an approximately 200-megawatt alternating current (MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility, 184 MWac energy storage system, and related facilities and infrastructure, known as the Sonrisa Solar Project. The Project would extend (by approximately 0.2 mile) and share use of an existing 3.3-mile long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to PG&E's existing Tranquillity Switching Station. In addition to the shared use of the transmission line and switching station, which is considered as part of the Scarlet Solar EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2018091022, Fresno County EIR No. 7230), the Project would share other facilities with Scarlet Solar, including an electrical substation and operation and maintenance building. The Project is expected to be decommissioned after a 35-year permit term.

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

Biological Resources: potential impacts to special-status species would be mitigated through Mitigation Measure 4.5-1 (preconstruction surveys for special status species), Mitigation Measure 4.5-2 (Worker Environmental Awareness Training and Best Management Practices for Biological Resources), Mitigation Measure 4.5-3 (Protection of Nesting Birds), and Mitigation Measure 4.5-4 (Roosting Bat Protection Measures).

Cultural and Tribal Resources: potential impacts to cultural and tribal cultural resources would be mitigated through Mitigation Measure 4.6-1 (Cultural Resources Awareness Training) and Mitigation Measure 4.6-2 (Inadvertent Discovery of Cultural Resources).

Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources: potential impacts regarding unanticipated fossil discovery would be mitigated by implementing Mitigation Measure 4.8-7 (a paleontological worker education and awareness program and through appropriate procedures for recovery).

Noise: potential construction noise impacts would be mitigated by implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.14-1 (a construction noise reduction plan).

Transportation: potential transportation impacts would be mitigated through implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.18-1 (a traffic management plan), Mitigation Measure 4.18-2 (preconstruction road surveys), and Mitigation Measure 4.18-3 (a road repair agreement).

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

Any of the environmental issues considered during scoping or identified in comments on the Draft EIR, once it is issued, could become an issue of controversy. Based on the scoping process, the County preliminarily has identified the following as possible areas of controversy: Transportation impacts, mitigation, planning, and encroachments on the State right of way; cultural resources, including archaeological and tribal cultural resources; the potential to encounter wells on the project site; and the potential for air quality impacts.

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

Fresno County
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Transportation
California Public Utilities Commission
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Native American Heritage Commission
State of California Department of Conservation
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board