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Project Title: Bellefield Solar Project by 50LW 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: Altus Avenue & State Route 58 Zip Code: 93501 & 93505

Lat. / Long.: 35° N / 118°W

Total Acres: 8,371

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple

Section: Multiple Twp.: 11N

Range: 11W, 12W Base: SBB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 58

Waterways: None

Airports: Mojave Air and Spaceport

Railways: Southern Pacific Railroad 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power: Type <u>Solar PV</u> MW <u>1,500</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Battery Energy Storage – 1,500 MW</u> |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Undeveloped Land/*Kern County General Plan*: 1.1 (State and Federal Land); 8.5 (Resource Management, Min. 20 Acre Parcel Size); and 8.5/2.5 (Resource Management, Min. 20 Acre Parcel Size/Flood Hazard).

Undeveloped Land/*Mojave Specific Plan*: 7.1 (7.1 – Light Industrial); and 7.3 (7.3 – Heavy Industrial).

Kern County Zoning: A (Exclusive Agriculture); A-1 (Limited Agriculture); A-1 MH (Limited Agriculture Mobilehome Combining District); M-2 PD (Medium Industrial Precise Development Combining District); and M-3 PD (Heavy Industrial Precise Development Combining District).

California City General Plan: O/RA – Controlled Development & Open Space.

California City Zoning: O/RA (Open Space/Residential/Agricultural).

Project Description:

The Bellefield Solar Project by 50LW 8ME LLC (project proponent), is a proposed photovoltaic solar facility and energy storage system capable of producing up to 1,500 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) utility-scale solar power with an up to 1,500 MW-hour (MWh) energy storage capacity on approximately 8,371 acres of privately-owned land. The proposed project would be supported by a 230 kilovolt (kV) overhead and/or underground electrical transmission line(s) originating from one or more on-site substation(s)/switchyard(s) and terminating at the Southern California Edison (SCE) Windhub Substation. The combined linear distance of the gen-tie alternatives are 89.6 miles with a width of 200 feet. The collector lines are generally located within or adjacent to the Kern County and/or California City parcels, while the gen-tie alternatives generally originate from the central portion of the Project heading west around Mojave, before reaching Oak Creek Road and SCE's Windhub Substation. The project may require the acquisition of up to 200 feet of privately-owned land, abutting the Oak Creek Road right-of-way for gen-tie routing purposes. The proposed project's permanent facilities would include service roads, a power collection system, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, 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 (Lead Agency)*: a) GPA #2, Map 195; b) ZCC 2, Map 195; c) ZCC #57, Map 196; d) CUP #1, Map 195; e) CUP #57, Map 196; and f) SPA #31, Map 196. *California City (Responsible Agency)*: a) CUP 19-03.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CalFire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6 & 9</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>Lahontan</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>Fresno</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date January 15, 2021 Ending Date February 15, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ /s/ _____ Date: 01/15/2021
Ronelle Candia, Supervising Planner