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Project Title: Bellefield Solar Project by 50LW 8ME (8Minute Energy)

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City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301-2323 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: City of California City/Mojave
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; Hwy 14 Waterways: None
Airports: Mojave Air and Spaceport Railways: Southern Pacific Railroad Schools: None

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 NOD
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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 SPA/Non-Sum Vac.

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 MW 1,500
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Battery Energy Storage – 1,500 MW Hours

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 GHG, Wildfire, Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy

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).

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

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

Project Description:

The Bellefield Solar Project by 50LW 8ME LLC (8Minute Energy - 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 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.

The project proponent is requesting the following: **Kern County (Lead Agency):** **a)** GPA #2, Map 195 from the existing Map Code 1.1 (State or Federal Land) to 8.5 (Resource Management) for approximately 82.19 acres; **b)** ZCC # 2, Map 195 from existing Zone District A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) for approximately 5,291.55 acres and from A-1 MH (Limited Agriculture - Mobile Home Combining) to A for approximately 146.71 acres.; **c)** ZCC #57, Map 196 from existing Zone District M-3 PD (Heavy Industrial - Precise Development Combining) to M-1 PD (Light Industrial - Precise Development Combining) for approximately 477.39 acres and M-2 PD (Medium Industrial – Precise Development Combining) to M-1 PD for approximately 141.43 acres; **d)** Issuance of CUP #1, Map 195 to allow for the construction and operation of a 5,438.26-acre PV solar facility with a total project generating capacity, in both Kern County and California City, of up to 1,500 MW of alternating current power and 1,500 MW hours of storage capacity within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance; **e)** Issuance of CUP #57, Map 196 to allow for the construction and operation of a 830.87-acre PV solar facility with a total project generating capacity, in both Kern County and California City, of up to 1,500 MW of alternating current power and 1,500 MW hours of storage capacity within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G, M-1 PD (Light Industrial - Precise Development Combining) District pursuant to Section 19.36.030.G, and M-3 PD (Heavy Industrial - Precise Development Combining) District pursuant to Section 19.40.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance; **f)** GPA #3, Map 195 to amend the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan to remove road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the Kern County project boundaries; **g)** SPA #31, Map 196 to amend the Circulation Element of the Mojave Specific Plan to remove road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the Kern County project boundaries; and **h)** Non-Summary Vacations of Public Access Easements within the Project Boundaries. **California City (Responsible Agency):** **a)** For the parcels within California City city-limits, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) must be obtained from the City to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility, in the O/RA (Open Space/Residential Agricultural) zone (CUP 19-03), of a 2,102.63-acre PV solar facility with a total project generating capacity, in both Kern County and California City, of up to 1,500 MW of alternating current power and 1,500 MW hours of storage capacity. The project proponent has requested to remove the future section and mid-section lines for the portion of the project within the City of California City's jurisdiction. The City will determine during the CUP process (Sec. 9-2-2501 of the California City Municipal Code) what section lines will be required to be preserved and what ones will be removed.

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Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

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:** 12/15/2021

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