

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: Aratina Solar Project 2.0 by 64NB 8ME LLC

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department Contact Person: Ronelle Candia

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City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Boron, Desert Lake Community

Cross Streets: Straddling State Route 58 between Gephart Road on the west and the San Bernardino County line on the east. Zip Code: 93501

Lat. / Long.: 34°59'31.59" N / 117° 40'36.62"W Total Acres: 2,554

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: Multiple Twp.: Multiple Range: Multiple Base: SBB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 58 Waterways: N/A

Airports: _____ Railways: BNSF Schools: West Boron Elementary School

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 _____
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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 _____

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 PV MW 530
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Battery Energy Storage up to 600 MW

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. Zoning: A-1 (Limited Agriculture), M-1 (Light Industrial), R-1 (Low-Density Residential) *Kern County General Plan: 7.1 (Light Industrial); 7.3 (Heavy Industrial); 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture, Min. 20 Acre Parcel Size); 8.5 (Resource Management (Minimum 20 acres)); and 8.5/2.5 ((Resource Management (Minimum 20 acres)/Flood Hazard)*

Project Description:

In August 2020, the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department circulated a Notice of Preparation for the previously proposed Aratina Solar Farm Project. Since that time, the project proponent, 64NB 8ME LLC, has modified the project design to incorporate additional setbacks from the unincorporated communities of Boron and Desert Lake and submitted a revised project description to the County. The proposed project described in the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study reflects the modified project, titled the Aratina Solar Project 2.0.

The Aratina Solar Project 2.0, as proposed by 64NB 8ME LLC, would develop a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate up to 530 megawatt-alternating current (MW-AC) of renewable energy, including up to 600 megawatts of energy storage, on approximately 2,317 acres of privately-owned land. The project site consists of five sites (Sites 1 through 5) located on 22 parcels. The project would be supported by a 230-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie overhead and/or underground electrical transmission line(s) originating from one or more on-site substations and terminating at the Southern California Edison's Holgate Substation to the north. Alternatively, the project may interconnect at Southern California Edison's Kramer Substation to the east, located in San Bernardino County via an up to 230kV transmission line located within an Edwards Air Force Base utility corridor. The project's permanent facilities would include, but are not limited to, service roads, a power collection system, inverter stations, transformer systems, transmission lines, electrical switchyards, project substations, energy (battery) storage system, and operations and maintenance facilities.

Implementation of the project as proposed would require:

Aratina Solar Project 2.0 by 64NB 8ME LLC (PP20401); ZCC 6, Map #192; ZCC 3, Map #208-5; ZCC 6, Map #208-6; ZCC 1, Map #209-1; CUP 16, Map #192; CUP 17, Map #192; CUP 3, Map #208-5; CUP 7, Map #208-6; CUP 1, Map #209-1; CUP 1, Map #209-2; GPA 6, Map #192; GPA 2, Map #192-35; GPA 3, Map #208-5; GPA 3, Map #208-6; GPA 1, Map #209-1; and GPA 1, Map #209-2.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 26, 2021 Ending Date March 29, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Los Angeles, CA 90036</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ /s/ _____ **Date:** 02/26/2021
Ronelle Candia, Supervising Planner