

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Mesa Wind Repower Project

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Project Location: 11 miles northwest of the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County

City

County

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

The project would include construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of eight new WTGs. In addition, a new free-standing permanent met tower, electrical collections system upgrades, and permanent access roads would be constructed, and remain for the life of the project. The new facilities would be decommissioned at the end of their estimated 30-year useful life (2053). The total overall potential ground disturbance would be 98.0 acres. The 98.0 acres include 18.2 acres of permanent and 79.8 acres of temporary disturbance.

Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in mid-2021 and would be completed in approximately 16 months. During construction, access roads would be temporarily widened to accommodate construction equipment and temporary workspaces and staging areas would be established. Upon completion of construction, temporary disturbance areas would be restored.

CDFW has prepared the proposed MND under CEQA in response to Mesa Corp's submittal of an application for an ITP for the Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) under CESA. The ITP, if issued, would authorize project-related incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise subject to certain conditions under CESA. Mesa Wind also submitted an application to CDFW for a Lake and Streambed Agreement. The Agreement, if issued by CDFW subject to certain conditions, would remain in effect for 5 years.

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 could be potentially affected by the project; however, all potential impacts would be less than significant through implementation of the following mitigation measures (MM):

MM BIO-1: Habitat Compensation

MM BIO-2: Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy Standards

MM BIO-3: Restoration and Revegetation Standards

MM BIO-4: CVMSHCP Consistency

The full text for the mitigation measures is included in the Initial Study.

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

No known areas of controversy.

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

Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Aviation Administration
California Department of Transportation
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Riverside, Certified Unified Program Agency (delegated from Cal EPA)
Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
South Coast Air Quality Management District
State Water Resources Control Board