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Project Title: Sandrini Solar Project by EDPR CA Solar Park, LLC

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Dept Contact Person: Johnathan Jensen
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City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301-2323 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Town of Mettler
Cross Streets: Copus Road and Old River Blvd. Zip Code: 93311
Lat. / Long.: 35°6'28.85" N / 119° 5'29.15"W Total Acres: 3,469.87
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: Multiple Twp.: 32S Range: Multiple Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 99, SR 166 Waterways: _____
Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

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 - WALUC

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 300
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Battery Energy Storage – 100 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/*Kern County General Plan*: 8.1 (Intensive Agriculture), 8.1/2.3 (Intensive Agriculture/Shallow Groundwater), and 8.1/2.5 (Intensive Agriculture/Flood Hazard). *Kern County Zoning*: A (Exclusive Agriculture).

Project Description:

The Sandrini Solar Project (proposed project or project) as proposed by EDPR CA Solar Park, LLC (project proponent) would allow for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power generating facility and associated facilities that would produce up to 300 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) utility-scale solar power with an up to 100 MW of energy storage capacity in the Valley Region of unincorporated Kern County. The proposed project consists of five separate sites (Sites 1 through 5), located on 33 parcels of privately-owned land, totaling approximately 3,469.87 acres; however, it is anticipated that approximately 2,472.89 acres would be utilized (developed) for the construction of the solar panels and permanent facilities and the remaining 996.98 acres would be restricted to use for conservation of habitat (on-site conservation land) and could not be developed. In addition to the photovoltaic solar arrays and associated equipment as proposed, other permanent facilities would be installed as part of the project including service access roads, a power collection system, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, electrical switchyards, two collector substations, inverter stations, an up to 100 MW battery energy storage system, and operations and maintenance (O&M) facilities.

The project would be supported by both a 70 kV and a 230 kV overhead and/or underground electrical transmission line(s) originating from two on-site project collector substations and terminating at the PG&E Wheeler Ridge Substation. Both lines would convey electricity back and forth between various phases of the Sandrini Solar project and the larger electrical grid. Any overhead electrical transmission lines may be additionally supported by guy-wires. Additionally, 34.5 kV collector lines would connect the various project components to transmit energy to the larger transmission line system.

Implementation of the project as proposed would require: CUP 9, Map #159; CUP 27, Map #160; CUP 28, Map #160; CUP 29, Map #160; CUP 27, Map #161; GPA 2, Map #159 (Circulation); GPA 3, Map #160 (Circulation); GPA 4, Map #161(Circulation); and Williamson Act Land Use Cancellations #21-01, #21-03, and #21-04.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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

Starting Date September 17, 2021 Ending Date November 1, 2021

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:** 9/17/2021

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