

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** VEGA SES 2, 3, and 5 Solar Energy Project

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**Project Location:** County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Niland  
 Cross Streets: East Highland Canal Road/Wiest Road/Flowing Wells Road Zip Code: 92233

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 12 ' 52.62 " N / 115 ° 26 ' 16.50 " W Total Acres: 1,963

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: 9 Twp.: 11S Range: 15E Base: SBBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 111 Waterways: Coachella Canal, East Highline Canal

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: Union Pacific Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec	(Prior SCH No.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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**Local Action Type:**

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input 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:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power: Type <u>Solar</u> MW <u>350</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input 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"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Vacant/ A-2-RE, A-3-RE and S-2-RE/Recreation/Open Space, Agriculture

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

Construction and operation an expansive photovoltaic solar energy facility and associated infrastructure on approximately 1,963 acres of privately-owned land. Three separate Conditional Use Permits have been filed with the County, which together define the project sites (VEGA SES 2, 3, and 5). Collectively, the proposed projects involve the construction of up to 350 megawatt (MW) alternating current PV solar energy facility with an integrated 350 MW battery storage system (not to exceed 700 MW). The projects propose to utilize either thin film or crystalline solar PV technology modules mounted either on fixed frames or horizontal single-axis tracker (HSAT) systems. The projects would include electronic/electrical equipment, on-site substations, interconnection facilities, access roads and fencing. The electrical energy produced by the projects would be conducted through the projects' interconnection facilities to the following: VEGA SES 2 - IID KN/KS Line; VEGA SES 3 - IID 161 kV "F" Transmission Line; and VEGA SES 5- IID 92 kV Midway Substation.

*Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.*

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>11</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>7</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input 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>6</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"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Imperial County Air Pollution Control District</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Imperial Irrigation District</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date May 4, 2021 Ending Date June 7, 2021

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### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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