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| <b>SCH #</b> |
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**Project Title:** Vikings Solar Energy Generation and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department Contact Person: Diana Robinson  
 Mailing Address: 801 Main Street Phone: (442) 265-1736  
 City: El Centro Zip: 92243 County: Imperial

**Project Location:** County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Holtville  
 Cross Streets: East Nelson Pit Road amd Graeser Road Zip Code: 92250  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 48 ' 10 " N / 115 ° 16 ' 31 " W Total Acres: 604  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 050-070- 018, -019, -021 Section: 36 Twp.: 15 Range: 16 Base: SBB&M  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 115 Waterways: East Highline Canal  
 Airports: Holtville Airport Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

**Document Type:**

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| 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:**

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| <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:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power: Type PV Solar MW 150                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Battery storage system not to exceed 300MW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption                 | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Non-Welland Waters of the State |

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

Recreation/Open Space & Agriculture (Imperial County General Plan)/ Zoning A-2-RE General Agriculture with a Renewable Energy Overlay & GS-RE Government/Special Public Zone with a Renewable Energy Overlay)

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

Construction of a 150 MW PV solar energy facility with an integrated, not to exceed 300MW, battery storage system on approximately 604 acres of land located 5.5 miles east of the City of Holtville within the County of Imperial. The Project site is designated and zoned for agricultural and recreation/open space use within the County of Imperial's Renewable Energy Overlay Zone. The Project includes a ground mounted PV solar power generating system, battery storage system, substation, and switching station. The Electrical energy produced would be conducted through the proposed 230 kilovolt (kV) switching station and delivered to the Imperial Irrigation District's 230 kV "KN & KS" line via a single overhead gen-tie line 120 feet in height. The Project proposes to utilize either thin film or crystalline solar PV technology modules mounted either on fixed frames or horizontal single-axis tracker systems. The proposed battery energy storage system would be constructed on the Project site and consist of either lithium ion or flow batteries. The batteries would either be housed in storage containers or buildings with a maximum height of 10 feet.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                 | <input 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 # 11              | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy   |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 6              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Imperial County PDSO, Imperial County APCD, County DPW</u>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>US Army Corps of Engineers, USFWS and Imperial Irrigation District</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

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

Starting Date May 6, 2021 Ending Date June 9, 2021

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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| Consulting Firm: <u>McIntyre Environmental</u> | Applicant: <u>Vikings Energy Farm LLC</u> |
| Address: <u>1900 W Desert Highlands Drive</u>  | Address: <u>750 W. Main Street</u>        |
| City/State/Zip: <u>Tucson/AZ/85737</u>         | City/State/Zip: <u>El Centro/CA/92243</u> |
| Contact: <u>David McIntyre</u>                 | Phone: <u>(619) 985-9461</u>              |
| Phone: <u>(520) 775-1490</u>                   |   |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 5-5-21

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