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**Project Title:** Vikings Solar Energy Generation and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning &amp; Development Services Department

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City: El Centro

Zip: 92243

County: Imperial

**Project Location:** County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Holtville

Cross Streets: East Nelson Pit Road and 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&amp;M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 115

Waterways: East Highline Canal

Airports: Holtville Airport

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

**Document Type:**CEQA:  NOP Draft EIRNEPA:  NOIOther:  Joint Document Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document Neg Dec

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 FONSI**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Educational: \_\_\_\_\_ Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_ Power: Type PV Solar MW 150 Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Other: Battery storage system not to exceed 300MW**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 Growth Inducement Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: Non-Wetland Waters of the State**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Recreation/Open Space &amp; Agriculture (Imperial County General Plan)/ Zoning A-2-RE General Agriculture with a Renewable Energy Overlay &amp; 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 type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>US Army Corps of Engineers, USFWS and Imperial Irrigation District</u> |
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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

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

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/21/21

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