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DATE: June 3, 2021

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT (EIR) FOR THE ROSAMOND SOUTH SOLAR PROJECT 2.0 BY
GOLDEN FIELDS SOLAR, LLC

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department as Lead Agency (per CEQA Guidelines Section 15062) has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (per CEQA Guidelines 15161) is necessary for the proposed project identified below. The Planning and Natural Resources Department solicits the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval of the project.

You are invited to view the NOP and submit written comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information in connection with the proposed project should you wish to do so. Due to the limits mandated by State law, your response must be received by **July 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Comments can be submitted to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department at the address shown above or to SmallsT@kerncounty.com. A Scoping meeting will be held on **Friday, June 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

PROJECT TITLE: Rosamond South Solar Project by Golden Fields Solar IV, LLC (PP19151); SPA 40, Map #231; SPA 33, Map #232; ZCC 157, Map #231; ZCC 43, Map #232; ZCC 18, Map #233; CUP 120, Map #231; CUP 40, Map #232; CUP 46, Map #232; CUP 44, Map #232; CUP 16, Map #233; and SPA 31, Map #232.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located in the Mojave Desert within unincorporated Kern County, bounded by Rosamond Boulevard to the north, 90th Street West to the east, West Avenue A to the south and 170th Street West to the west. The proposed project site is in the vicinity of the unincorporated communities of Boron and Desert Lake and north of the of Edwards Air Force Base boundary. Access to the site would be from Rosamond Boulevard, Avenue A, Avenue D, Astoria Avenue, Gaskell Road, Holiday Avenue, Willow Avenue, Kingbird Avenue, 100th Street West, 140th Street West, 130th Street West and 170th Street West.

The site is located within Section 24 Township 9 North, Range 15 West and Sections 20, 21, 27, and 28, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, and Sections 30 and 31 Township 9 N Range 13W, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Notice of Environmental Document

Posted by County Clerk on 06-03-2021
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Notice of Preparation/Initial Study reflects the modified project, titled the Rosamond South Solar Project.

The Rosamond South Solar Project, as proposed by Golden Fields Solar IV, LLC would develop a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate up to 154 megawatt-alternating current (MW-AC) of renewable energy, including up to 200 megawatts of energy storage, on approximately 1,292 acres of privately-owned land. The project site consists of 4 sites (Sites 1 through 4) located on 64 parcels. The project would be supported by a 230-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie overhead and/or underground electrical transmission line(s) originating from one or more on-site substations and terminating at either the Teddy Substation or the Southern California Edison's Whirlwind Substation. The project's permanent facilities would include, but are not limited to, service roads, a power collection system, inverter stations, transformer systems, transmission lines, electrical switchyards, project substations, energy (battery) storage system, and operations and maintenance facilities.

Implementation of the project as proposed includes the following requests:

a) Amendments to the Willow Springs Specific Plan as follows:

- Specific Plan Amendment No. 40, Map No. 231 from map code designation 7.1/4.4 (Light Industrial, Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.1 (Light Industrial) on approximately 247 acres and from map code designation 7.2/4.4 (Service Industrial, Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.2 (Service Industrial) on approximately 118 acres
- Specific Plan Amendment No. 33, Map No. 232 from map code designation 5.3/4.4 (Residential Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Residential, Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on approximately 80 acres and from map code designation 5.3/4.4/2.6 (Residential Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area/Erosion Hazard) to 5.3/2.6 (Residential Maximum 10 units per Net Acre/Erosion Hazard) on approximately 80 acres

b) Changes in zone classifications as follows:

- Zone Change Case No. 157, Map No. 231 – From E(2 ½) RS FPS to A FPS on approximately 607 acres
- Zone Change Case No. 43, Map No. 232 – From E(5) RS FPS to A FPS on approximately 330 acres
- Zone Change Case No. 18, Map No. 233 – From E(2 ½) RS FPS to A FPS on approximately 96 acres

c) Conditional Use Permits to allow for the construction and operation of three (3) solar facilities with a total generating capacity of approximately 154 megawatts-alternating current (MW-AC) of renewable energy (broken down by site, below), including up to 200 megawatts of energy storage (for all sites), within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone Districts (in Zone Maps 231, 232, and 233) pursuant to Sections 19.12.030.G and 19.36.30.G, respectively, of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance:

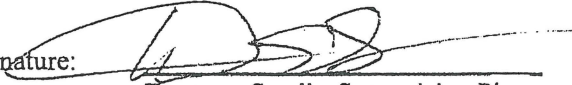
- CUP Area 1 (solar and energy storage)
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 120, Map No. 231 for 70.99 acres
- CUP Area 2 (solar and energy storage)
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 40, Map No. 232 for 240.58 acres
- CUP Area 3 (solar and energy storage)

- Conditional Use Permit No. 46, Map No. 232 for 541.16 acres
 - CUP Area 4 (solar and energy storage)
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 16, Map No. 233 for 439.26 acres
 - Telecommunication Tower
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 44, Map No. 232
- d) General Plan Amendments to the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan to remove future road reservations on the section and mid-section lines within the project boundaries:
- Specific Plan Amendment No. 31, Map No. 232

Documents can be viewed online at: <https://kernplanning.com/planning/notices-of-preparation/>

Signature:

Name:


Terrance Smalls, Supervising Planner

NOTICE OF PREPARATION/INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

Rosamond South Solar Project by Golden Fields Solar IV, LLC, a subsidiary of Clearway Energy Group LLC

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