

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Las Camas Solar Project

Lead Agency: Merced County, Community and Economic Development Department Contact Person: Tiffany Ho, Planner III  
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 City: Merced Zip: CA County: 95340

**Project Location:** County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Santa Nella  
 Cross Streets: Interstate 5 and SR 33/152 Zip Code: 93655

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 03 ' 12 " N / 120 ° 58 ' 37 " W Total Acres: 1,745

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple - see NOP Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 33/152 and Interstate 5 Waterways: California Aqueduct, Los Banos Creek, San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: \_\_\_\_\_  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 \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type Solar Facility MW 200  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input checked="" 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 with multiple zones and land use designations - see NOP

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

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## **Project Description**

EDPR CA Solar Park III LLC (project applicant) proposes to develop, own, and operate a 200-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant located on vacant lands in unincorporated Merced County. The goal of the proposed project is to provide renewable solar energy to be sold to a load serving entity through a power contract, generating electrical power from a clean source that would supplement the energy capacity of the existing power grid, thereby increasing the stability and operability of the transmission system, as well as offsetting supplies from fossil fuel generating sources.

The applicant has filed applications for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (CUP Application No. CUP 20-011), General Plan Amendment (General Plan Amendment Application No. 20-001), and Zone Change (Zone Change Application No. ZC 21-002) with Merced County to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project, which entails the long-term generation of clean renewable energy from solar power. The EIR will provide a project-level analysis of the potential effects on the environment that could occur as a result of the County's approval of the proposed general plan amendment, zone change, and conditional use permit authorizing constructing, operating, and decommissioning the proposed project.

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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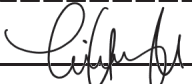
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Office of Emergency Services</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission   |  |

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

Starting Date 08/13/2021 Ending Date 09/13/2021

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 08/12/2013

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