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SCH #: 2021100444

Project Title: Sloughhouse Solar Facility

Lead Agency: Sacramento County

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Project Location: Sloughhouse (*City*) Sacramento (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Sloughhouse Solar, LLC (applicant) is proposing to construct, operate, and decommission a new 50-megawatt (MW) solar energy facility on an approximately 381-acre project site in the Cosumnes community of unincorporated Sacramento County. Approval of the proposed Sloughhouse Solar project (project) would result in the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of solar-energy generation, energy storage, and electrical distribution facilities. The project parcels would be developed with solar panel arrays and ancillary facilities, energy storage facilities, an electrical substation, internal roads, retention basins, and distribution lines connecting to the regional power grid. The project is located on agricultural grazing lands and is adjacent to an existing solar energy facility. The electrical power provided by the project would be supplied to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) using existing, adjacent SMUD distribution facilities.

The proposed project site is located southwest of the intersection of Meiss Road and Dillard Road, adjacent to an existing solar energy facility at 7794 Dillard Road.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would result in significant or potentially significant effects associated with: Aesthetics (visual impacts and construction lighting), Agricultural Resources and Land Use (agricultural uses), Air Quality (construction particulate matter and ozone precursors, and operational particulate matter), Biological Resources (special status species, wetlands and waters of the U.S., and habitat), Cultural and Paleontological Resources (inadvertent discoveries), Noise (construction), Traffic and Circulation (hazards), Tribal Cultural Resources (inadvertent discoveries), and Wildfire (exacerbate risk). Mitigation measures proposed to reduce these impacts include: install and maintain landscape screening, shield nighttime lighting, implement the agricultural Management Plan, implement best management practices to reduce construction and operational particulate matter, off-set construction ozone precursors through in-lieu fees, pre-construction species surveys, foraging habitat land credit purchase, inadvertent cultural resources discovery protocol, nighttime construction noise shielding, tribal monitors present during initial ground disturbance, and defensible space around all solar structures and equipment.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Input received as a result of the NOP and scoping meetings relate to: biological resources, in particular the implementation of the South Sacramento County Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP), impacts on endangered and threatened species, impacts on vernal pools and seasonal wetlands; drainage; floodplain and hydrology; cultural and tribal cultural resources; land use compatibility; visual impacts; fire risks; and air quality. These comments are addressed in the draft EIR.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The following responsible or trustee agencies include:
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCD)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)