

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2022010271

Project Title: Coyote Creek Agrivoltaic Ranch

Lead Agency: Sacramento County

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Project Location: Folsom Sacramento
City *County*

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

The project is a request for a use permit to construct, operate, and ultimately decommission an approximately 200-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generating facility and associated 4-hour/100 MW AC battery energy storage system (BESS) on parcels that total approximately 2,700 acres in the Cosumnes community of unincorporated Sacramento County. The project is generally located south of U.S. Route 50, northwest of Rancho Murieta, southeast of the Prairie City State Vehicle Recreation Area (PCSVRA), and south of White Rock Road in the Cosumnes community. Specifically, it is located on what is known as the "Barton Ranch" adjacent to 3830 Scott Road. A dedicated transmission line would extend approximately 1.3 miles west to provide an interconnection to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) 230 kilovolt (kV) powerline which runs through PCSVRA. The applicant is proposing to construct, operate, and at the end of the project's life, decommission a solar generation and energy storage facility. The development area (approximately 1,412 acres of the 2,700 acres) will include an on-site substation, inverters, fencing, roads, and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

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

The DEIR identified significant impacts to Aesthetics - scenic roads, Biological Resources - cumulative oak woodland impacts, and Tribal Cultural Resources - tribal landscape, which cannot be reduced to a less than significant level. The DEIR identified potentially significant impacts to Agricultural Resources, Air Quality - construction emissions, Biological Resources - special status species, wetlands, oak woodlands (project level), Climate Change (GHG) - construction emissions, Cultural Resources, Hazards, Hydrology - water supply, Noise and Vibrations, Paleontological Resources, Traffic and Circulation - hazards, and Tribal Cultural Resources - resources. Mitigation measures include: the application of agricultural management plan, construction equipment emission reductions, obtaining Clean Water Act permits and take permits from federal and State agencies, pre-construction species surveys, preservation of hawk and oak woodland habitat, replanting native oaks, prevention of groundwater plume movements, preparation of a fire prevention plan, groundwater study if on-site wells used, preparation of noise and vibration reduction plan for associated pile drive and blasting activities, and inadvertent cultural and tribal cultural resources discovery plan.

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

The project covers a very large portion of Eastern Sacramento County. Given the resources on the project site and potential impacts to wildlife habitat, several conservation groups and tribes are concerned with the project.

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

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will use the information contained in the EIR in evaluating the proposed project and rendering a decision to approve or deny the proposed solar facility. The EIR will serve as an informational document for the general public as well. Responsible agencies may include but not be limited to the: United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Department of Parks and Recreation, State Department of Toxic Substance Control, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and/or Pacific Gas and Electric.