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Project Title: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2021-0111 - BELTRAN SOLAR ENERGY CENTER
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Project Location: 24776 Davis Rd City/Nearest Community: Newman / Crows Landing
Cross Streets: I-5, Davis Road Zip Code: 95360
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ... N / ... W Total Acres: 1,720±
Assessor's Parcel Number: See Initial Study for List Section: See IS Twp.: See IS Range: See IS Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-5 Waterways: Crow Creek, California Aqueduct, Delta Mendota Canal
Airports: Crows Landing Railways: Schools:

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

Starting Date: June 6, 2022 Ending Date: July 11, 2022

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:
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Local Action Type:

- [] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [X] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Other

Development Type:

- [] Residential Units: Acres: Water Facilities Type: MGD
[] Office Sq.ft.: Acres: Transportation Type:
[] Commercial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: Mining Mineral:
[] Industrial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [X] Power Type: Solar MW 300
[] Educational Waste Facilities Type: MGD
[] Recreational Hazardous Waste Type:
[] OCS Related Other

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 [] Geological/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 [X] Other Not Applicable

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Irrigated farmland, unirrigated rangeland / General Agriculture (A-2-40/A-2-160) / Agriculture

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

Request to amend Use Permit No. 2011-11 – Beltran Ranch Solar Farm, which was approved by the Stanislaus County Planning Commission on April 18, 2013 to construct a utility-grade 140 megawatt (MW) solar facility comprised of three phases on 606± acres of a 1,720± acre project site. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and adopted in conjunction with the approved project. A Time Extension, granting the applicant an additional five years to construct, was approved by the Planning Commission on February 15, 2018. Staff Approvals may be requested in accordance with Section 21.100 – Staff Approvals which allows up to 25% increase of a use approved by Use Permit; however, the current request is an expansion of the approved facility by more than 25% which requires a new Use Permit. The proposed modifications will remain within the project footprint approved in 2013, on land regularly disturbed in conjunction with on-site crops and crop rotation, with the exception of a proposed 400-foot-wide 24.5 kilovolt (kV) collector line, which will be located outside of the original project site in order to connect to a substation located on the Proxima Solar Energy Center, approved by Staff Approval Permit No. PLN2020-0061. The 2013 project identified three phases totaling 606 acres (113, 167, and 326 acres approved for each phase respectively) within the 1,720-acre project site to be developed over the course of three to four years. To date, none of the phases have been developed. The applicant is proposing to develop the project in a single phase within an 18-month construction schedule and expand the overall development footprint by up to 211± acres depending on the chosen collector line alignment, from 606 acres to 817± acres, to be contained within the overall project area originally analyzed in the 2013 MND.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

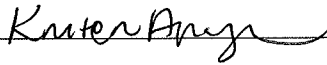
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