

NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Desert Peak Energy Center  
Case No. 5.1543—CUP

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palm Springs  
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PROJECT TITLE: Desert Peak Energy Center  
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PROJECT LOCATION: North and South of Dillon Road, north of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and generally south of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east of Diablo Road and west of Melissa Lane (extended) in the northern portion of the city.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project includes a 700-MWe battery energy storage system (BESS) facility with associated on-site substation, inverters, fencing, roads, and supervisory control and data acquisition system (“SCDACA”). The Project will be built on 78± acres of a 357± acre planning area and will consist of approximately 728± battery containers, each with two (2) “silenced” Bard externally-mounted air-conditioning units. Phase 1 will have a storage capacity of 300 MWe and Phase 2 will have a capacity of 400 MWe. The Project also includes a 230-kilovolt overhead generation tie line (“gen-tie line”). The proposed gen-tie will be comprised of galvanized steel pole structures up to 160 feet tall and spaced approximately every 200 - 600 feet, and will carry load to and from the Project collector substation and the SCE Devers substation. The gen-tie line would extend approximately 0.5 miles to the west from the Phase 1 collector substation to its point of interconnection with the SCE Devers substation.

Site development will include the construction of six or more on-site stormwater retention basins, which will be located just north of Dillon Road in Phase I and just north of 18th Avenue on the south side of battery arrays in Phase 2. The Project has multiple uses, including improving grid reliability, optimizing electricity dispatch, or allowing the capture and storage of surplus electricity from SCE’s grid during times of low demand, which can be returned to the grid and used during times of high demand, when energy is in short supply and more expensive.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that any potentially significant impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence at 8:00 a.m. on May 6, 2022, and end on June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: [Edward.Robertson@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Edward.Robertson@palmspringsca.gov).

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review on the city website at: <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/planning/ceqa-documents>.

PUBLIC MEETING: This matter has tentatively been set for public hearing before the Planning Commission on June 22, 2022.