

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: James Irrigation District Solar Project #2

Lead Agency: James Irrigation District

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Project Location: unincorporated Fresno
City *County*

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

The project site is an approximately 8.8-acre portion of an approximately 24.2-acre L-shaped parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number 030-170-33T) located immediately north of West Adams Avenue and between South Placer Avenue and the James Bypass Canal in unincorporated Fresno County.

The proposed project involves the installation of a one-megawatt (MW) solar array with single-axis tracking system, including 1.1 MW of direct current photovoltaic (PV) modules, steel support structures, a one-MW alternating current electrical inverter, cabling, and other system components. The project also includes a main service board and a step-up transformer as well as metering facilities, conductors, and safety equipment for interconnection to Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) distribution system via a new primary meter installed within the project site. The electricity generated by the proposed project would offset JID's aggregated electricity usage for the canal and well pumps across JID-owned parcels. The solar power generated on the project site would be used to generate bill credits for JID's meters in the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer Program (RES-BCT) arrangement to offset their PG&E energy generation charges. The project's interconnection with PG&E would require minor off-site construction to connect the proposed solar array to an existing PG&E generation tie line located immediately south of the project site.

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 potentially significant effects to biological, cultural, and tribal cultural resources and geology/soils. However, implementation of the following mitigation measures was determined in the IS-MND to reduce these project effects to less-than-significant levels:

- BIO-1 (Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to Swainson's Hawk, Other Raptors and Nesting Birds)
- CR-1 through CR-3 (Unanticipated Archaeological Resources)
- GEO-1 (Expansion Index Test and Minimization Measures)
- TCR-1 and TCR-2 (Unanticipated Discovery of Tribal Cultural Resources)

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

There are no known areas of controversy associated with the project.

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

- County of Fresno