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SCH #: _____

Project Title: VEGA SES 6 Solar and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County, Planning and Development Services Department

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Project Location: Unincorporated Area (*City*) Imperial (*County*)

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

The project applicant, Apex Energy Solutions, LLC, proposes to construct and operate an 80 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar facility with an integrated 160 MW battery storage system on approximately 320 acres of privately-owned land. The proposed project would be comprised of solar PV arrays panels, an on-site substation, battery storage system, generation tie-line (gen-tie), inverters, transformers, underground electrical cables, and access roads. The County Land Use Ordinance, Division 17, includes the Renewable Energy (RE) Overlay Zone, which authorizes the development and operation of renewable energy projects with an approved conditional use permit (CUP). CUP applications proposed for specific renewable energy projects not located in the RE Overlay Zone would not be allowed without an amendment to the RE Overlay Zone. Implementation of the project requires an amendment to the County's General Plan Renewable Energy and Transmission Element, Zone Change, and approval of a CUP, and Water Supply Assessment. Additionally, the proposed gen-tie lie would be located entirely on BLM land. The project applicant has filed a right-of-way (ROW) grant application with the BLM for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain the gen-tie line.

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

Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology/Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Water Quality; Land Use/Planning; Noise and Vibration; Public Services; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems including water supply.

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

None have been expressed at this time.

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

- California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Imperial County Public Works Department
- Imperial County Fire Department
- Imperial Irrigation District
- US Bureau of Land Management