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Project Title: Bullhead Solar Project
Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department **Contact Person:** Janice Mayes
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City: Bakersfield **Zip:** 93301-2323 **County:** Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Rosamond

Cross Streets: The project site is located just south of the City of Rosamond and would connect to the Big Beau Solar site via private road on a portion of 1,343.2-acres comprised of 21 privately owned parcels in Section 1 of Township 9 North, Range 14 West; Sections 5 and 6 of Township 9 North, Range 13 West; and Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Township 10 North, Range 13W in the San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBB&M).

Lat. / Long.: 34.90' 136" N/118.29' 131" W Total Acres: 1343.2 acres
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: 1, 5, 6, 31, 32, 33 Twp.: 9N/10N; Range:13W/14W Base: (SBB&M)
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Sierra Hwy 14 Waterways: N/A
Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

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 Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
 Other Specific Plan Amendment Other Nonsummary vacation of public access easements; Exclusion from Agricultural Preserve

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. 1343.2 Acres _____ Employees 627 peak Mining: Mineral: _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Solar PV MW 270
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Communication/microwave tower and battery storage

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 Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Land Use: Agriculture/ Zoning: A (Exclusive Agriculture, Floodplain); E 2.5 RS MH FPS (Estate 2.5 Acre, Residential Suburban, Mobilehome Combining, Flood Plain Secondary); E 5 MH FPS (Estate 5 Acre, Mobilehome Combining, Flood Plain Secondary)/ **Kern County General Plan:** 8.1(Intensive Agriculture); 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture); 8.3/ 2.5 (Extensive Agriculture Flood Hazard Overlay)/ **Willow Springs Specific Plan:** 5.3/4.4, 5.5, 5.6, (Residential/Comprehensive Plan); 6.2 (General Commercial/Comprehensive Plan)

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

The Bullhead Solar is a proposed project photovoltaic (PV) solar facility with associated infrastructure on approximately 1,343.2 acres of privately-owned land in southeastern Kern County. As stated above, the proposed project would generate up to 270 MW of renewable electrical energy with a battery energy storage system (BESS) capable of storing approximately 270 MW, or 1,080 MWh of storage capacity. The proposed project includes the installation of solar development with associated PV panels, battery storage, inverters, converters, generators, foundations, transformers, and preferred and optional generation-tie (gen-tie) routes to the Rosamond and Whirlwind Substations, only one of which would be constructed. The project also includes laydown yards, a meteorological station, a microwave/communication tower, and a substation.

Implementation of the project as proposed includes the following requests:

- Amendments to the Land Use Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan as follows:
 - Specific Plan Amendment No. 43, Map No. 231 from Map Code 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to Map Code 5.3 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on approximately 288 acres, and from Map Code 6.2/4.4 (General Commercial/Comprehensive Planning Area) to Map Code 6.2 (General Commercial) on approximately 15 acres; and
 - Specific Plan Amendment No. 35, Map No. 232 from Map Code 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre/Comprehensive Planning Area) to Map Code 5.3 (Maximum 10 Units per Net Acre) on approximately 160 acres;
- Changes in Zone Classifications as follows:
 - Zone Classification Change No. 158, Map No. 231 from E(5) RS MH FPS (Estate, 5 Acres, Residential Suburban, Mobile Home Combining, Flood Plain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture, Flood Plain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 94 acres and from E(2 ½) RS MH FPS (Estate, 2 ½ Acres, Residential Suburban, Mobilehome Combining, Flood Plain Secondary Combining) district, to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture, Flood Plain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 215.7 acres; and
 - Zone Classification Change No. 36, Map No. 232 from E (5) RS FPS (Estate, 5 Acres, Residential Suburban, Flood Plain Secondary Combining) district on approximately 8.4 acres, and E 2 ½ RS FPS (Estate, 2 ½ Acres, Residential Suburban, Flood Plain Secondary Combining) district on approximately 151.7 acres to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture, Flood Plain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district.
- Conditional Use Permits to allow for the construction and operations of a combined approximate 270 MW solar facility, as well as ancillary structures including an approximate 270 MW battery storage system with up to 1,080 MWh of storage capacity, within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance (in Zone Maps 214, 231, and 232):
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 48, Map No. 214 for approximately 842 acres;
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 121, Map No. 231 for approximately 311 acres; and
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 50, Map No. 232 for approximately 160 acres
- Conditional Use Permits to allow the construction and operation of a microwave telecommunications tower, within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District pursuant to Section 19.12.030.f F of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance (in Zone Maps 214, 231, and 232):
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 49, Map No. 214;
 - Conditional Use Permit NO. 122, Map No. 231; and
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 49, Map No. 232
- Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan No. 8, Map No. 214 to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundaries of Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Township 10 North, Range 13 West, (SBB&M);
- Amendments to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan as follows:
 - Specific Plan Amendment No. 42, Map No. 231 to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundaries of Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 13 West, SBB&M; and
 - Specific Plan Amendment No. 36, Map No. 232 to remove future road reservations on section lines with the project boundaries of Section 1 of Township 9 North, Range 14 West, SBB&M;
- Petition for Exclusion from the Boundaries from Agricultural Preserve 24, in Zone Map No. 214, for approximately 842 acres of the project site; and
- Nonsummary Vacations of various public access easements in Zone Map No. 232, in and around the project site.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
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| _____ Boating & Waterways, Department of | _____ Office of Historic Preservation |
| <u>S</u> California Highway Patrol | _____ Office of Public School Construction |
| _____ CalFire | _____ Parks & Recreation |
| <u>S</u> Caltrans District # 6 & 9 | _____ Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| _____ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <u>S</u> Public Utilities Commission |
| _____ Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <u>S</u> Regional WQCB # <u>Lahontan</u> |
| _____ Central Valley Flood Protection Board | _____ Resources Agency |
| _____ Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | _____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| _____ Coastal Commission | _____ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| _____ Colorado River Board | _____ San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <u>S</u> Conservation, Department of | _____ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| _____ Corrections, Department of | <u>S</u> State Lands Commission |
| _____ Delta Protection Commission | _____ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
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| <u>S</u> Energy Commission | _____ SWRCB: Water Rights |
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| <u>S</u> Integrated Waste Management Board | _____ Other _____ |
| <u>S</u> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date November 30, 2023 Ending Date January 15, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ /s/ Jessica Hayes Date: November 30, 2023

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.