

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: NorthStar 1 Solar and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department

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Project Location: Niland Area Imperial
City *County*

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

The proposed project consists of the issuance of two conditional use permits (CUPs) to allow for the construction and operation of a 50-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility and a 75-MW battery energy storage system (BESS) within an Open Space/Preservation zone (S-2 zone). The project is proposed to connect to the electrical grid via an off-site transmission line, which would extend to the east from the project site, connecting to the existing Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) 161-kilovolt (kV) "N" Line adjacent to Coachella Canal Road. Construction and operational water supply is proposed via a new groundwater well which would be drilled and operated on-site. Access will be provided via Wilkins Road off of Highway 111.

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

AQ: Emissions of PM10 would exceed the ICAPCD significance threshold even with the implementation of ICAPCD Regulation VIII emission-reduction measures applied on the project site. Implementation of MM AQ-1 would reduce potential impacts and would need to comply with ICAPCD CUP Conditions of Approval for a Construction and Operational Dust Control Plan, as well as monitoring.
BIO: Special-status plant and wildlife have the potential to occur within or near the project site, the project site also contains jurisdictional ephemeral streams, sensitive vegetation communities and falls within a DRECP area. Implementation of MMs BIO-1 through BIO-10 would reduce potential impacts.
CUL: There is potential of finding a buried archaeological site and encounter subsurface human remains during project construction; implementation of MMs CR-1 and CR-2 would reduce potential impacts.
GEO: The project site is located within an area where paleontological sensitivity is considered to be high; implementation of MM GEO-1 would reduce potential impacts.

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