

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: NorthStar 1 Solar and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department Contact Person: Gerardo Quero, Planner II
 Mailing Address: 801 Main Street Phone: 442-265-1736
 City: El Centro Zip: 92243 County: Imperial

Project Location: County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Niland
 Cross Streets: Highway 111 and Wilkins Road Zip Code: 92233
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 20 ' 0.97 " N / 115 ° 34 ' 9.62 " W Total Acres: 288
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 003-110-005 and 003-110-007 Section: 01 Twp.: 10S Range: 13E Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-111 Waterways: Coachella Canal, East Highline Canal, Salton Sea
 Airports: None Railways: None Schools: None

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: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Solar; BESS MW 50; 75
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

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 Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: GHG

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Vacant/Open Space/Preservation (S-2)/Agriculture

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

The project applicant is requesting the issuance of two 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.

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

Starting Date June 20, 2024 Ending Date July 25, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Phone: <u>714-730-2300</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** _____

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