

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: PM #4318/CUP #2024-003 – Firebaugh CSG 1 Solar Project

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Project Location: Unincorporated area of Madera, Madera County

*City*

*County*

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

The applicant proposes to construct a single-axis tracker ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) community solar and battery storage facility, approximately 6.68MWdc/5.00MWac in capacity. The PV solar array with attached battery storage will generate and store clean renewable solar energy with electricity offtake sold to residential customers within Madera County and the larger PG&E utility territory. The proposed project will occupy approximately 25 acres of the 40 acre parcel created by Parcel Map #4318.

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

The Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) prepared for the Project noted that one special-status wildlife species, Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), was determined to have a moderate potential to occur in or adjacent to the Study Area (which included the Project area, access road, interconnect route and interconnect area) and surrounding vicinity.

Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey. A nesting bird survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist no earlier than one week prior to construction or vegetation removal during the nesting season (March 1 – August 31) to determine if any native birds are nesting on or near the site (including a 350-foot buffer for raptors, where accessible). If any active nests are observed during surveys, a suitable avoidance buffer from the nests should be determined by the qualified biologist based on species, location, and extent and type of planned construction activity. These nests would be avoided until the chicks have fledged and the nests are no longer active, as determined by the qualified biologist. The removal of any suitable nesting habitat (i.e., trees and vegetation) outside of the bird breeding season to avoid impacts to nesting birds is also recommended.

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 controversies.

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

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Regional Water Quality Control Board