

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Wonderful Solar Facilities Project

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Project Location: Shafter, Kern
City County

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

The project consists of a requested Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the construction of three solar facilities on three sites (project). The three solar facilities include: 1) Lerdo West, 2) Lerdo Middle, and 3) Ranch 3461. The 2.3-acre Lerdo West site [Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 089-090-30] is located northeast of the Cherry Avenue and Lerdo Highway (at coordinates 35.504149, -119.232113) and would include a 716-kilowatt (kW) fixed ground mount solar photovoltaic (PV) system. The 8.6-acre Lerdo Middle site (APN 091-320-03) is located southwest of the intersection of Wallace Road and Road 5039 (at coordinates 35.506220, -119.162031) and would include a 2,537-kW tracker solar PV system. The 11.7-acre Ranch 3461 site (APN 091-252-34) is located east of Mendota Street (at coordinates 35.456388, -119.225118) and would include a 3,412-kW tracker solar PV system. Since each proposed facility would generate greater than 5 kilowatts of electricity, these uses are conditionally allowed within the A (Agricultural) zone and therefore, a CUP is required. A CUP is a discretionary action and therefore triggers California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review.

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

Biological Resources - Possible effects to special-status species during construction. Mitigation includes preconstruction surveys and avoidance/buffer measures, if needed.

Cultural Resources - Possible unearthing of previously unknown cultural resources or buried remains. Mitigation includes stopping work if resources found and employing a qualified archaeologist to determine significance of resources, including curating if needed. If buried remains found, then mitigation requires stopping work and following the directions of the county coroner.

Geology and Soils - Possible unearthing of previously unknown paleontological resources. Mitigation includes stopping work if resources found and employing a qualified paleontologist to determine significance of resources, including curating if needed.

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

There are no areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency regarding this project.

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

None.