

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Utility-Scale Solar Amendments

Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara

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Project Location: Countywide Santa Barbara
City *County*

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

The project proposes to remove the 600-acre utility-scale solar overlay restriction in Cuyama Valley and allow such projects with Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) on various zoned lands throughout the unincorporated county. It also introduces a new "community-scale" solar category for smaller facilities. The project aims to streamline solar permitting processes and update multiple county plans and regulations to meet state requirements including the County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan; Coastal Land Use Plan; County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC); Montecito LUDC; Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance; Gaviota Coast Plan and other relevant community plans; and Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones (Uniform Rules).

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

The Project could have potentially significant environmental impacts to the following environmental topic areas: Aesthetics and Visual Resources; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources; Energy; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Transportation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Cumulative Impacts. Based on the initial environmental review, it was determined that the Project would not result in potentially significant impacts in the following areas: Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Mineral Resources; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; and Wildfire.

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

No known areas of controversy

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

California Coastal Commission; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Regional Water Quality Control Board; Native American Heritage Commission; California Department of Food and Agriculture