

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Power and Risk Office
2135 Butano Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Laurel Cluster Solar Farms

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017121078

Lead Agency: County of the Imperial, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Project Location: Unincorporated area in Imperial County, approximately 8 miles southwest of the City of El Centro. The proposed solar photovoltaic facility is generally located south of I-8, west of Drew Road and Vogel Road, north of Mandrapa Road, and east of the Westside Main Canal and Westmorland Road.

Project Description: The Project is a Power Purchase Agreement between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and 8minute Solar Energy to purchase 100 MW of capacity and associated energy from Laurel Cluster Solar Farms, a proposed solar photovoltaic facility, for the period of 25 years. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial, as the CEQA lead agency, certified the Final EIR for and approved the Laurel Cluster Solar Farms project on January 15, 2019.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on November 25, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval are available to the General Public at: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 9224.

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Date: 11/25/2020

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