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THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ISSUED A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ON OCTOBER 8, 2020 FOR THE JVR ENERGY PARK DRAFT EIR. THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE DOES NOT HAVE A RECORD OF RECEIVING THE ORIGINAL NOTICE AND MAILED PACKET. THEREFORE, THE COUNTY IS SUBMITTING THE DRAFT EIR AND NOTICE TO THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE ON JANUARY 8, 2021.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, along with a Major Use Permit (MUP) for the JVR Energy Park. The DEIR can be reviewed at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html and at the Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123. Comments on the DEIR must be sent to the PDS address listed below and should reference the project number and name. The County encourages written comments on the project to be submitted in electronic format.

JVR ENERGY PARK (PDS2018-MUP-18-022); (SCH No. 2019039044)

The JVR Energy Park Project involves the operation and construction of a 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (180MWh). The Project components include approximately 300,000 photovoltaic modules fitted on single axis trackers, a battery energy storage system, inverter/transformer platforms, an underground electrical collection system, a collector substation, a switchyard, an overhead gen-tie line, security fencing, and internal access. The development footprint of the proposed facilities is approximately 643 acres. Eventual decommissioning would occur at the end of the Project's useful life, which is conservatively assumed to be 35 years. All Project components would be decommissioned except the switchyard, which would be transferred to San Diego Gas & Electric after construction. The Project requires a Major Use Permit (MUP).

The 1,356-acre Project site is located within unincorporated southeastern San Diego County, within the Mountain Empire Subregion. The Project site is located adjacent to the community of Jacumba Hot Springs and the Jacumba Airport, and south of Interstate 8 (I-8). Primary access would be provided from I-8 with local access from Carrizo Gorge Road and Old Highway 80.

The DEIR identifies significant environmental impacts to the following environmental factors: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Mineral Resources, Noise; Paleontological Resources; Tribal Cultural Resources; and Wildfire.

Impacts to Aesthetics, even with mitigation measures, and impacts to Mineral Resources (due to the biological open space easement for the Project) would remain significant and unavoidable. All other potential significant impacts would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures.

Comments on the DEIR must be sent to Nicolas Koutoufidis, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123 or emailed to Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21167.6.2, the County is preparing the administrative record concurrently with the administrative process for the project. The County will update the administrative record in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21167.6.2(a). All documents and other materials included in the administrative record shall be posted on and be downloadable from the following website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-18-022/JVRAdminRecord.html>

For additional information regarding the Project, please contact Nicolas Koutoufidis by e-mail at Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov or by phone at (858) 495-5329.