Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2018041007

Project Title: Daggett Solar Power Facility

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Project Location: Daggett, San Bernardino County

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

The project would construct and operate a utility scale, solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility that would produce up to 650 megawatts (MW) of power and include up to 450 MW of battery storage capacity on approximately 3,500 acres of land. The project would use existing electrical transmission infrastructure adjacent to the Coolwater Generating Station, a recently retired natural gas-fired power plant, to deliver renewable energy to the electric grid. The project site was selected based on its proximity to existing electrical transmission infrastructure in order to repurpose former fossil fuel-based electricity generation capacity with renewable energy. The project includes an Operations and Maintenance building, inverters and switchgear, transformers, battery storage, substations (one with each project phase), gen-tie line and internal access roads. The proposed solar PV facility is an allowed use under the existing zoning classifications with County approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). It is anticipated that the project will be constructed in three phases. Six (6) individual CUPs are being requested by the project applicant to facilitate project phasing and financing.

The project site is generally bounded by the town of Daggett approximately 0.5 mile to the west; the Mojave River, Yermo, and Interstate 15 to the north; Barstow Daggett Airport, State Route 66, and Interstate 40 to the south; and Newberry Springs and Mojave Valley to the east in San Bernardino County.

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

The following issues are analyzed in depth in the EIR: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural/Tribal Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials (including wildfires), Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Transportation and Traffic, and Utilities and Services. Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impacts to less than significant, as applicable.

The project would have a less than significant impact on Mineral Resources, Population/Housing, Public Services and Recreation.

Significant and unavoidable impacts were identified for Air Quality (construction) and Hydrology/Water Quality (groundwater resources).

Table ES-1 in the Executive Summary of the EIR provides a complete listing of the proposed mitigation measures.

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

Comment letters received by the lead agency in response to the Notice of Preparation for the EIR (30-day comment period) identified concerns relative to Air Quality (blowing dust and sand); Biological Resources; Groundwater Resources; Historic/Cultural Resources; and Land Use and Planning (including airport hazards). All public comments received have been considered in preparation of the EIR, as appropriate.

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

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) - Responsible Agency
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) - Responsible Agency
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) - Responsible Agency
Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) - District 6 Lahontan - Responsible Agency
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 - Responsible Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - District 6 - Responsible Agency
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - Responsible Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Responsible Agency
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - Responsible Agency