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SCH #2015031066

Project Title: Desert Quartzite Solar Project

Lead Agency: Riverside County Contact Person: Russell Brady
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City: Riverside Zip: 92501 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Blythe
Cross Streets: 16th Avenue/Seeley Avenue Zip Code: 92225
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ... Total Acres: 160
Assessor's Parcel No.: 879-110-001 Section: NE/4 15 Twp.: 7 South Range: 21 East Base: San Bern.
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: ... Waterways: ...
Airports: Blythe Railways: ... Schools: ...

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [X] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [X] Final Document
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Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone After 12 pm
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone SEP 30 2019
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [X] Use Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Use/Map Amendment Other: ...

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Development Type:

[] Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
[] Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[] Educational: _____
[] Recreational: _____
[] Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
[] Transportation: Type _____
[] Mining: Mineral _____
[X] Power: Type Solar PV MW450
[] Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [X] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [X] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [X] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [X] Solid Waste [X] Land Use
[X] Drainage/Absorption [X] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Cumulative Effects
[X] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [] Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

W-2-10, formerly agricultural, currently no land use.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Applicant proposes to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the DQSP in the southern California inland desert. The Project would generate up to 450 megawatts (MW) using solar photovoltaic (PV) technology. The Project would occupy 3,616 acres of BLM land. In addition to the BLM ROW application, the Applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application to the County of Riverside on February 25, 2015 (Riverside County CUP No. 3721), for 160 acres of privately-owned land adjacent to the BLM-administered land. Within this application area, the Applicant has proposed a Project that would occupy approximately 3,770 acres.

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| _____ Boating & Waterways, Department of | _____ Office of Public School Construction |
| _____ California Emergency Management Agency | _____ Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| _____ California Highway Patrol | _____ Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| _____ Caltrans District # _____ | _____ Public Utilities Commission |
| _____ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <u>X</u> Regional WQCB # <u>7</u> _____ |
| _____ Caltrans Planning | _____ Resources Agency |
| _____ Central Valley Flood Protection Board | _____ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| _____ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | _____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| _____ Coastal Commission | _____ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| _____ Colorado River Board | _____ San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| _____ Conservation, Department of | _____ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| _____ Corrections, Department of | _____ State Lands Commission |
| _____ Delta Protection Commission | _____ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| _____ Education, Department of | _____ SWRCB: Water Quality |
| _____ Energy Commission | _____ SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <u>S</u> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u> _____ | _____ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| _____ Food & Agriculture, Department of | _____ Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| _____ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | _____ Water Resources, Department of |
| _____ General Services, Department of | _____ Other: _____ |
| _____ Health Services, Department of | _____ Other: _____ |
| _____ Housing & Community Development | |
| <u>S</u> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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City/State/Zip: <u>Greenville, SC 29615</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>San Francisco, CA 94105</u>
Contact: <u>Robert Dover</u>	Phone: <u>415-935-2514</u>
Phone: <u>864-918-2892</u>	





Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 8/11/19



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Desert Quartzite Solar Project EIS/EIR




Legend

-  Right-of-Way Application Boundary
-  Boundary of Private Land Parcel
-  Colorado River Substation
-  Gen-Tie Line





Surface Management

-  BLM
-  State

Boundaries

-  State Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Urban Area

Roads

-  Interstate
-  US Highway
-  State Highway
-  Other Roads

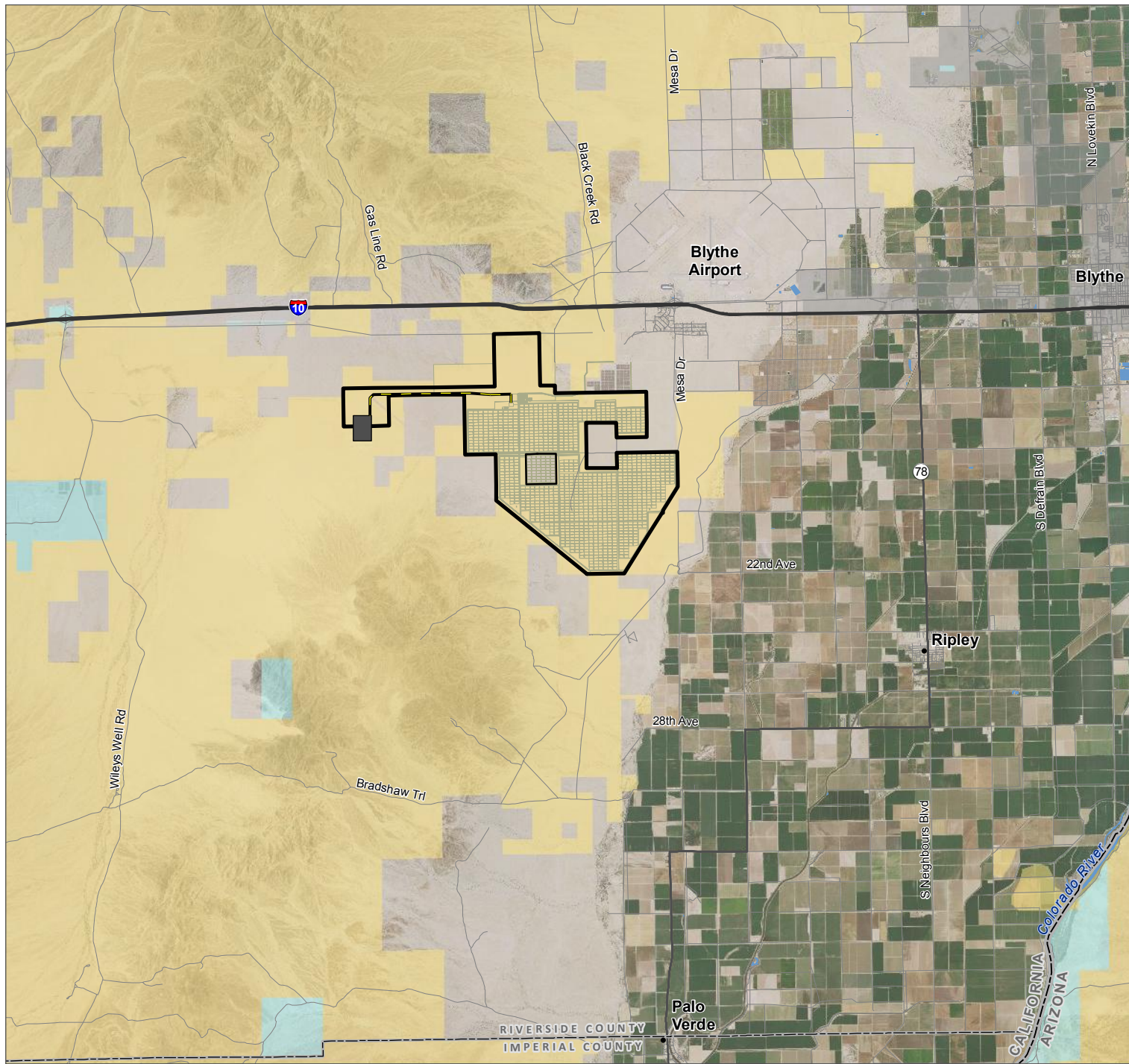


Figure 2-1 Project Location

