

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2017091038

Project Title: Fifth Standard Solar Complex Environmental Impact Report No. 7257

Lead Agency: County of Fresno Contact Person: Christina Monfette
Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor Phone: (559) 600-4245
City: Fresno Zip: 93721 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Unincorporated Fresno City/Nearest Community: Huron

Cross Streets: South Lassen Avenue and West Jayne Avenue Zip Code: 93210

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 08 ' 43.52 " N / 120 ° 07 ' 14.56 " W Total Acres: 1,600

Assessor's Parcel No.: Please see continuation pages Section: 22, 28, 27, 34 Twp.: 20 S Range: 17E Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-269, I-5 Waterways: none

Airports: none Railways: none Schools: none

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [x] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[] Mit Neg Dec Other: FONSI

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Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [x] Use Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Other:
[] Annexation
[] Redevelopment
[] Coastal Permit

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 Photovoltaic Solar MW 170
[] Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
[] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: Storage

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The Fresno County GP land use designation for the entire project site is Agricultural with zoning AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural)

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

Please see continuation pages

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date February 7, 2020 Ending Date March 23, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Stantec Consulting Services Inc.</u>	Applicant: <u>RWE Solar Development, LLC</u>
Address: <u>7502 N Colonial Ave, Suite 101</u>	Address: <u>20 California Street, Suite 500</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Fresno, CA 93711</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>San Francisco, CA 94111</u>
Contact: <u>Elena Nuno</u>	Phone: <u>(415)278-1080</u>
Phone: <u>(559)355-0580</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/4/2020

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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Parcels:

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)	Parcel Size (Approximate Acres)	Ownership
075-060-15S	160	G3 Farming Trust
075-060-52S	159	Woolf Properties
075-070-01S	633	G3 Farming Trust
075-070-32S	144	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-070-34S	151	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-130-10S	1	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-130-12S	2	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-130-54S	77	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-130-59S	79	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-130-60S	157	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-070-35S	10	Woolf Family Trust No. 1
075-070-33S	10	Woolf Family Trust No. 1

Project Description:

The Fifth Standard Solar Facility Project Complex (proposed project) would construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility, a 20-MW solar PV generation facility, and an up to 100-MW energy storage facility. The proposed project includes PV electricity-generating facilities, a battery storage facility, and associated infrastructure. The proposed project would be located on approximately 1,600 acres in unincorporated Fresno County. A new generation-tie line would be constructed to connect the solar and storage components of the proposed project to Pacific Gas & Electric's adjacent Gates Substation (point of interconnect). The anticipated lifetime of the proposed project would be 35 years and would be decommissioned once operations of the facility cease. The final lease agreement is anticipated to occur by 2022 with a lease term of 35 years. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) would tentatively have an end date of August 2057. The lease

agreement would include an option for renewal, in which case a new land use permit subject to the County's review and approval would need to be obtained.

The proposed project includes three separate components, which are summarized here and described in more detail in Section 2, Project Description:

- **Unclassified CUP Application No. 3562 Fifth Standard Solar Facility:** a 150-MW PV solar energy generation facility that is anticipated to require up to 1,400 acres of the site. A 230-kilovolt (kV) project gen-tie line would be constructed from the southwest portion of this site to the point of interconnect. The gen-tie line would consist of a 0.3-mile aboveground power line.
- **Unclassified CUP Application No. 3563 Stonecrop Solar Facility:** a 20-MW PV solar energy generation facility that would be located adjacent to the Fifth Standard Solar Facility and would require less than 200 acres of the site.
- **Unclassified CUP Application No. 3564 Blackbriar Battery Storage Facility:** an up to 100-MW battery storage facility that would be located adjacent to the Fifth Standard Solar Facility and the Stonecrop Solar Facility and would require less than 5 acres of the site.