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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref: A2514 SCH#: 2018051021

Item: 52

Title: Athos Renewable Energy Project

Proponent: IP Athos, LLC

Location: Predominantly off of Rice Road, north of Interstate 10, near the Desert Center Airport, Riverside County.

Description: Construction, maintenance, and operation of a 500-megawatt (MW) commercial solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical power plant (solar facility) in the Desert Center area of unincorporated Riverside County. The State Lands Commission action is an amendment to a 20-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through August 22, 2039, for construction, use, and maintenance of transmission lines, fiber optic cables, and unpaved access road supporting the solar facility.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as □Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency, approved the above, described project on August 23, 2019, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project \square will \boxtimes will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An \(\subseteq\) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures \boxtimes were \square were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ⊠ was or □ was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations □ was ⋈ was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings \boxtimes were \square were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, Riverside County, certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Mitigation Monitoring Program and approved the project on June 18, 2019. The California State Lands Commission has considered the EIR as prepared for this project by Riverside County. At this time, the Commission's offices are closed to the public due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please contact Commission staff for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the EIR and the record of project approval.

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