

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # **2019089012**

Project Title: Deer Creek Solar 1 Project

Lead Agency: County of Tulare Resource Management Agency

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Project Location: Near the unincorporated community of Terra Bella
City

Tulare
County

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

The proposed Project consists of the construction and operation of a 378-acre, approximately 70 mega-watt (MW) ac photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility, battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure (e.g., access roads, perimeter fencing, weather station, etc.) on the site described above. The proposed Project would transmit the power generated directly to Southern California Edison's (SCE) 66kV Poplar-Terra Bella line. The power would then be sold to California investor-owned utilities, municipalities, or other purchasers. The Project proponent may eventually choose to decommission and remove all or none of the systems from the site. If the site is decommissioned, it would be properly reclaimed as an agricultural use or converted to another use consistent with the applicable land use regulations in effect at that time. If the site is not decommissioned, it is assumed that it will continue in use as a solar facility which will likely require processing for approval under subsequent CEQA review and SUP document.

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 is a summary of the potential impacts and mitigation proposed to reduce potentially significant impacts:

Air Quality: Engine standards for off-road equipment;

Biological Resources: pre-construction survey, worker environmental awareness program, general, general measures for the avoidance and protection of biological resources, nesting bird and raptor survey, avoid disturbance, bird collision reduction strategy, USFWS and CDFW coordination;

Cultural Resources: cease construction related activities within 50 feet of the find, contacting relevant parties,

Hazards and Hazardous Materials: HAZ-1 (Phase II Environmental Site Assessment), HAZ-2 (Suspected Asbestos-containing Materials);

Noise: Construction noise reduction measures;

Tribal Cultural Resources: halt work and have qualified archaeologist make an assessment;

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

No known controversies at the moment.

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

*California Air Resources Board *California Department of Transportation District 6 (Caltrans District # 6)
*Caltrans Planning *Central Valley Flood Protection Board *California Department of Conservation
*California Energy Commission *California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 4 *California Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection *California Native American Heritage Commission *Office of Historic Preservation
*California Public Utilities Commission *California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 5) *California
Natural Resources Agency *California State Water Resources Control Board (Clean Water Grants, Water Quality,
Water Rights) *California Department of Toxic Substances Control *California Environmental Protection Agency
*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service *San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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