

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #2019110140**Project Title:** Wister Solar Energy Facility ProjectLead Agency: Imperial CountyContact Person: Patricia ValenzuelaMailing Address: 801 Main StreetPhone: (442) 265-1749City: El CentroZip: 92243County: Imperial**Project Location:** County: ImperialCity/Nearest Community: NilandCross Streets: Wilkins and Weist Roads

Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: 003-240-001Section: 27Twp.: 10SRange: 14EBase: SBBMWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 111Waterways: East Highline Canal

Airports: _____

Railways: Union Pacific Railroad

Schools: _____

Document Type:CEQA: ☒ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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Other: _____

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☒ Rezone**NOV 06 2019**☐ Annexation☒ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☒ Use Permit**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: Variance**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☒ Power: Type Solar (PV)

MW20

☐ Educational: _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____

MGD

☐ Recreational: _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Other: _____**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☐ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other: _____**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**Vacant/Open Space/Preservation with a geothermal overlay (S-G-2)/Recreation**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a 20 Megawatt photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility on approximately 100 acres of privately-owned land. The proposed project would be comprised of solar PV panels on single-axis horizontal trackers, on-site substation and inverters, transformers, and underground electrical cables. The project also includes approximately 2 miles of fiberoptic line from the proposed on-site substation to the existing Niland Substation to connect the proposed Wister Substation to the region's telecommunications system. A gen-tie line would connect the Wister substation to the Point of Interconnection at the existing Imperial Irrigation District's 92kV "K" line. Upgrades to off-site IID facilities (92 kV line from New Mecca to the North Shore substation, and Niland substation) are also proposed to support the proposed project.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 6, 2019

Ending Date December 10, 2019

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Date: 10/31/19

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