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File: ZCC #14, Map 152; CUP #10, Map 152; GPA #10, Map 152 (Circulation); Non-summary Vacations

S.D.: #2 - Scrivner

ADDRESSEE LIST (See Distribution List)

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Kudu Solar Project by 69SV 8ME LLC (8Minute Energy) (SCH #2020099017)

Dear Interested Party:

Kern County has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the above-noted land use applications to allow for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power generating facility and associated facilities that would produce up to 500 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) utility-scale solar power with an up to 600 MW-hour (MWh) energy storage capacity on approximately 1,955 acres of privately-owned land in portions of unincorporated Kern County and the City of California City.

The proposed Kudu Solar Project site is located north of the California City Municipal Airport. The majority of the project site is bisected to the east-west by Washburn Boulevard (which is also the Kern County/California City limit line) and to the north-south by Neuralia Road. State Route 14, a four-lane divided highway located approximately one mile to the west, provides regional access to the project site. Access to the site would be from Phillips Road, Gantt Road, Neuralia Road, Pioneer Road, or Sage Street, or through the Eland project site. The project site is located on the California City North and Mojave North East 7.5 minute USGS Quadrangles at Township 31S, Range 37E – portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and Township 32S, Range 37E – portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, County of Kern, State of California.

The project proponent is requesting the following:

Kern County (Lead Agency):

- a. Zone Change Case No. 14, Map No. 152 as follows:
 - From A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) for approximately 164.76 acres;
 - From A-1 MH (Limited Agriculture, Mobile Home Combining) to A for approximately 2.39 acres;
 - From PL RS (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining) to A for approximately 10.29 acres; and
 - From PL RS MH (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining, Mobile Home Combining) to A for approximately 7.73 acres.
- b. Issuance of Conditional Use Permit No. 28, Map No. 152 to allow for the construction and operation, within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) pursuant to Section 19.12.030G of the Kern