## DATE: December 23, 2020

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: (Not available at the time of this transmittal)

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO.: CEQ 200004

PROJECT NO. AND NAME: Commercial WECS Permit No. 71, Revised Permit No. 10 / Variance Case No. 200001, Alta Mesa Wind Project

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Riverside County Planning Department

Contact Person: Jay Olivas, Project Planner

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TRANSMITTAL DATE: December 23, 2020

ALL COMMENTS, IF ANY, MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN: January 24, 2021

**Project Location:**

The Riverside County Planning Department is currently reviewing a proposed project for Alta Mesa Wind Project. Commercial WECS Permit No. 71, Revised Permit No. 10 proposes to install up to seven (7) new commercial wind turbines up to 499-feet in height with a total project generating capacity of 27 MW. These 7 new turbines would replace the 159 turbines currently on the site which are scheduled for decommissioning Q1 2021 under existing permits, including demolition permits issued by the County. The project also includes associated equipment such as existing on-site substation, temporary construction yard, and existing 220kV- transmission line. No work is proposed on existing interconnection line, and the project would use an existing access road from Haugen-Lehmann Way. Variance Case No. 200001 proposes to eliminate the setbacks along the western and northern lot lines as required by Zoning Ordinance No. 348.

The Riverside County Planning Department is currently recommending a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above project with 30 day State Clearinghouse Review. The comment period is projected to end on January 24, 2021. The Environmental Assessment (EA) and Technical Appendices are available at Ongoing Projects at <https://planning.rctlma.org/>

The project name and number should be noted on all correspondence and the comments. The project will be scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing in February 2021.

All comments should be sent to the Riverside County Planning Department, Attention: Jay Olivas, 77588 El Duna Ct, Ste. H Palm Desert, CA 92211, jolivas@rivco.com.

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