Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2021-	03-0426					
Project Title:	Oberon Renewable Energy Project					
Lead Agency:	Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Contr	ol Board				
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Project Location	n: Desert Center, Riverside County, CA					
	City	County				

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

IP Oberon, LLC, a subsidiary of Intersect Power, LLC, proposes to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 500 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station, battery energy storage facility, electrical substation, gen-tie lines and associated access roads on approximately 5,000 acres of BLM managed land in Riverside County, California. The proposed Oberon Renewable Energy Project would interconnect to Southern California Edison's (SCE) 500 kV Red Bluff Substation via one new 500 kV gen-tie line. The proposed 500-kV gen-tie line would be located within one 175-foot ROW, running approximately southeast from the solar facility, across BLM-administered land, to the existing SCE Red Bluff Substation. All of the lands within the Project application area are within the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Planning Area, within a Development Focus Area (DFA) pursuant to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and associated ROD.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project would result in significant and unmitigable impacts in aesthetics and cultural resources, as well as a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact under aesthetics and cultural resources.

--Aesthetics - Implementation of Mitigation Measures (MM) AES-1 through AES-4, BIO-5, and AQ-1 would reduce potential degradation of the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. Regardless, the resulting visual change would be adverse and unavoidable in the immediate vicinity of Oberon Project along SR-177 and adjacent to I-10 except for from the vicinity of the Lake Tamarisk Desert Resort.

--Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources - Potential impacts would be less than significant with implementation of MM CUL-1 through CUL-13 and TCR-1, except direct and indirect impacts to prehistoric resources and Tribal Cultural Resources would remain significant and unmitigable. Cumulatively Considerable (Significant) impacts would remain to the Prehistoric Trails Network Cultural Landscape/Historic District.

Implementation of the following mitigation measures would reduce all other potential impacts to less than significant: Air Quality (MM AQ-1 & MM AQ-2); Biological Resources (MM BIO-1 through BIO-14); Geology/Soils (MM AQ-1, HWQ-1, & HWQ-4); Hazards/Hazardous Materials (MM HAZ-1 & MM HAZ-2); Hydrology/Water Quality (MM HWQ-1 through HWQ-5); Noise (MM N-1 through N-4); Paleontology (MM PR-1 & PR-2); Transportation (MM TRA-1 & TRA-2); Wildfire (MM FIRE-1).

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

The Colorado River Basin Water Quality Control Board and BLM are discussing the Project with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Native American tribes under Assembly Bill 52 tribal consultation and Section 106 government-to-government consultation. The EIR addresses input and concerns received during consultations, the public scoping period, and at the combined CEQA and NEPA scoping meeting.
Concerns expressed by the public and agencies on the purpose and need and potential impacts of the proposed project at the scoping meeting and during the NEPA and CEQA scoping periods included the following resource areas: aesthetic/visual resources; cultural resources; existing or planned land uses solid waste, public health and safety environmental justice, transportation and traffic, hazards, biological resources, water resources, air resources soils, mitigation measures, indirect and cumulative impacts, project alternatives, agency permits and consultation.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be a CEQA trustee agency for the Oberon Project.

BLM will be the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.