NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE ENTERPRISE SOLAR STORAGE PROJECT

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days.

PROJECT TITLE: Enterprise Solar Storage Project by Enterprise Solar Storage, LLC (PP23401); <u>Site 1</u> (a) ZCC 60, Map 196; (b) CUP 62, Map 196 (c) NSV Map No. 196; <u>Site 2</u> (d) SPA 34, Map 196; (e) ZCC 61, Map 196; (f) CUP 63, Map 196 (g) NSV Map No. 196; <u>Site 3</u> (h) ZCC 3, Map 195; (i) ZCC 62, Map 196; (j) CUP 2, Map 195; (k) CUP 64, Map 196; (l) CUP 65, Map 196; (m) SPA 35, Map 196 (n) NSV Map No. 195 (o) NSV Map No. 196; <u>Site 4</u> (p) SPA 4, Map 212; (q) ZCC 4, Map 195; (r) ZCC 3, Map 212; (s) CUP 3, Map 195; (t) CUP 6, Map 212; (u) GPA 3, Map 212 (v) NSV Map No. 212; <u>Site 5</u> (w) CUP 20, Map No. 197

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in an unincorporated area in southeastern Kern County, California, at the western edge of the Antelope Valley and south of the community of Mojave. Portions of the project site are adjacent to State Route (SR)-58 and SR-14. The project site is directly south of the unincorporated community of Mojave, approximately 2 miles southwest of California City, approximately 8 miles north of the unincorporated community of Rosamond, and approximately 8 miles northwest of Edwards Airforce Base. The proposed project site is located on Section 6 of Township 10 North, Range 11 West, Sections 20-26, 28, and 36 of Township 11 North, Range 12 West, and Sections 30 and 32 of Township 11 North, Range 13 West. In addition, interconnection facilities are located within Sections 17 and 20 of Township 11 North, Range 13 of the San Bernadino Base Meridian (SBBM).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and the documents referenced in it are available for public review at the Planning and Natural Resources Department, which is located at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, in Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Departmental website at <u>https://kernplanning.com/planning/environmental-documents/</u>.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to solicit comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

DATE: February 8, 2024 TIME: 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter LOCATION: Chambers of the Board of Supervisors Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

And/or by submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on January 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department ATTN: Alexis Brito, Planner I 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Phone: (661) 862-5029 E-mail: Britoal@kerncounty.com If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Enterprise Solar Storage Project, as proposed by Enterprise Solar Storage, LLC, is for the construction and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate 600 megawatts (MW) of renewable electrical energy with up to 4,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy storage capacity (approximately 1,000 MW) on approximately 2,320 acres across five non-contiguous sites. The proposed associated infrastructure includes laydown yards, a meteorological station, and a substation. PV panels, inverters, converters, foundations, and transformers will be installed onsite. The proposed project also includes preferred and optional generation-tie (gen-tie) routes to enter the Windhub Substation, only one of which would be constructed.

Implementation of the proposed project includes the following request from the Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Department:

<u>Site 1 (Northern):</u>

- (a) Zone Classification Change No. 60, Map 196 from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 93 acres;
- (b) Conditional Use Permit No. 62, Map 196, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 93 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.
- (c) Nonsummary Vacations Map No. 196

Site 2 (Western):

- (a) Specific Plan Amendment No. 34, Map 196, of the Mojave Specific Plan from Land Use Designations 3.1 (Parks and Recreation) on approximately 19 acres, 5.2 (Residential, maximum 16 units/net acre) on approximately 13 acres, 5.3 (Residential, maximum 10 units/net acre) on approximately 90 acres, 5.4 (Residential, maximum 4 unit/net acres) on approximately 15 acres, 6.2 (General Commercial) on approximately 15 acres, and 6.3 (Highway Commercial) on approximately 5 acres to 8.5 (Resources Management) for approximately 157 acres.
- (b) Zone Classification Change No. 61, Map 196:
 - From A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 115 acres;
 - From C-2 PD FPS (General Commercial Precise Development Combining Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 18 acres
 - From CH PD (Highway Commercial Precise Development Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) or a more restrictive district, on approximately 7 acres;
 - From CH PD FPS (Highway Commercial Precise Development Combining Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 4 acres
 - From CO PD (Commercial Office Precise Development Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) ,or a more restrictive district, on approximately 5 acres;
 - From OS (Open Space) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 4 acres;

- From OS FPS (Open Space Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 6 acres;
- From E (1/4) (Estate 1/4 Acre) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 16 acres;
- From R-1 (Low Density Residential) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 18 acres;
- From R-1 FPS (Low Density Residential Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 2 acres
- From R-2 PD (Medium Density Residential Precise Development Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 8 acres; and
- From R-2 PD FPS (Medium Density Residential Precise Development Combining Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 2 acres.
- (c) Conditional Use Permit 63, Map 196, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 278.98 acres in the A (Exclusive Agriculture) and A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining) Districts, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.
- (d) Nonsummary Vacations Map No. 196

Site 3 Eastern:

- (a) Zone Classification Change No. 3, Map 195, from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 217 acres;
- (b) Zone Classification Change No. 62, Map 196
 - From A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 165 acres
 - From A-1 H (Limited Agriculture Airport Approach Height Combining) to A H (Exclusive Agriculture Airport Approach Height Combining), or a more restrictive district, on approximately 767 acres
- (c) Conditional Use Permit No. 2, Map 195, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 216.54 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance;
- (d) Conditional Use Permit No. 64, Map 196, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 1,013 acres in the A (Exclusive Agriculture) and A H (Exclusive Agriculture Airport Approach Height Combining) Districts, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance;
- (e) Conditional Use Permit No. 65, Map 196, to allow for the temporary construction staging and equipment storage yard for on approximately 10 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture District and combining zone classifications), pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.K of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance; and
- (f) Specific Plan Amendment No. 35, Map 196, to the Circulation Element of the Mojave Specific Plan to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.
- (g) Nonsummary Vacations Map No. 195
- (h) Nonsummary Vacations Map No. 196

Site 4 Southern:

- (a) Specific Plan Amendment No. 4, Map 212, to the West Edwards Road Settlement Specific Plan to change Land Use designation from 1.1 (State and Federal Lands) to 8.5 (Resource Management) on approximately 186 acres.
- (b) Zone Classification Change No. 4, Map 195, from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 157 acres;
- (c) Zone Classification Change No. 3, Map No 212 from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 573.43 acres;
- (d) Conditional Use Permit No. 3, Map 195, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 157 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance;
- (e) Conditional Use Permit No. 6, Map 212, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility and associated infrastructure, including energy storage, on approximately 573.43 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance;
- (f) General Plan Amendment No. 3, Map 212, to the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.
- (g) Nonsummary Vacations Map No. 212

Site 5 Step-up Substation:

(a) Conditional Use Permit No. 20, Map 197, to allow for the construction and operation of a step-up substation on approximately 23 acres in an A WE (Exclusive Agriculture Wind Energy Combining) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: Anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts on: Aesthetics (Project and Cumulative); Air Quality (Project and Cumulative); Biological (Cumulative); Wildfire (Cumulative)

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cc: County Clerk (2) (with fee) Environmental Status Board LiUNA Supervisorial District No. 2