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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
Vidal Energy Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed Vidal Energy Project, which is subject to a Conditional Use Permit and Lot Merger.

**Project Title:** Vidal Energy Project – Conditional Use Permit/Lot Merger

**Project No.:** PROJ-2021-00012

**Project Location:** Approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Vidal, in an unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino that is east of U.S. Route 95, north of the Riverside County border, and west of the Colorado River.

**Project Description:** CDH Vidal LLC (CORE) plans to construct and operate the Vidal Energy Project (Project), a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility that would produce up to 160 megawatts (MW) of solar power and include up to 640 megawatt hours (MWh) of energy storage capacity rate in a battery energy storage system (BESS) on up to approximately 1,090 acres of land. The Project would be supported by the existing, adjacent Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) 161-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission corridor. The Project would include the construction of one on-site substation facility, which would collect and convert the power generated on-site for transmission in an overhead or underground line to the WAPA transmission system and interconnection location. The Project's permanent facilities would include PV panels, BESS, fencing, service roads, a power collection system, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, electrical switchyards, a Project substation, and operations and maintenance (O&M) facilities.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft EIR is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft EIR at the following physical locations:

**Land Use Services Department - Planning Division**  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

**Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center**  
15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131  
Hesperia, CA 92345

You may obtain the document in electronic format at <https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/> or by emailing the Planner at [Jim.Morrissey@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Jim.Morrissey@lus.sbcounty.gov). To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the Draft EIR opens on **December 9, 2022**, and closes on **January 23, 2023 at 4:30 PM**. Please submit comments to [Jim.Morrissey@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Jim.Morrissey@lus.sbcounty.gov) or to:

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