



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Bernardino has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is being distributed for public review pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The County of San Bernardino is the Lead Agency for the proposed project.

Date: October 3, 2018

Project Title: Ord Mountain Solar and Energy Storage Project and the Calcite Substation Project (together, the project or proposed project), State Clearinghouse No. 2017051082

To: Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Project Location:

The proposed solar and energy storage project site is located east of State Route (SR) 247, north of Haynes Road, and west of Meridian Road, approximately 8 miles north of Lucerne Valley, in unincorporated San Bernardino County. The interconnecting generation tie line or gen-tie line would extend southwest from the proposed solar and energy storage project site to the proposed Southern California Edison (SCE) Calcite Substation, west of SR 247.

The proposed Calcite Substation Project would be located on an approximately 75-acre parcel of land on the west and east sides of SR 247, directly north of Haynes Road, in San Bernardino County. (See attached maps).

Project Description: The Ord Mountain Solar and Energy Storage Project is proposed by Ord Mountain Solar LLC (applicant); the Calcite Substation Project is proposed by SCE. The Ord Mountain Solar and Energy Storage Project is both practically located to be close to SCE's proposed Calcite Substation and it is the first project to trigger SCE's need for that substation. Both projects are located near the existing SCE Lugo-Pisgah No. 1 220-kilovolt (kV) transmission corridor. Because it is a necessary infrastructure improvement to allow the proposed solar and energy storage project to connect to the grid, the Calcite Substation is a connected action for CEQA review.

Ord Mountain Solar LLC proposes to construct and operate the Ord Mountain Solar and Energy Storage Project on approximately 484 acres to produce approximately 160,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) of renewable energy annually. The proposed solar and energy storage project would be a 60-megawatt (MW) alternating current, photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility with associated on-site substation, inverters, fencing, roads, and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. It would also include a 60-MW alternating current maximum capacity, 4-hour energy storage (battery) system. The gen-tie line would be a 220-kilovolt (kV) overhead line that would extend approximately 0.6 miles southwest to SCE's proposed Calcite Substation, near the existing high-voltage transmission corridor.

SCE proposes to construct and operate the Calcite Substation on an approximately 7 acres, with an additional 4 acres for drainage, grading and access road. This land is a portion of a 75-acre parcel located on the west and east sides of SR 247, directly north of Haynes Road, in San Bernardino County. The Calcite Substation Project would include loop-in transmission lines of approximately 2,500 feet in length for each segment (5,000 feet total) of the existing transmission lines. It would include two new fiber-optic cables to provide telecommunications, and 12-kV distribution lines to provide power for lighting at the substation and along the loop-in transmission line (approximately 1/2-mile) route. SCE would develop access roads to facilitate construction and maintenance of the substation and transmission connections.

This proposed solar and energy storage project and substation is anticipated to be built over an approximately 10-month time frame from the onset of perimeter fence installation through testing and commissioning of the facility.

Government Code Section 65962.5: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC's) (2007) EnviroStor database indicates no evidence of toxic or hazardous materials sites on the project site or areas that could be affected by the proposed project. Additionally, no hazardous sites were identified within a 10,000-foot radius of the project site.

Significant Environmental Impacts: Based on the analysis within the Draft EIR, all significant environmental impacts would be mitigated to less than significant levels except for cumulative aesthetic impacts which would remain significant.

Reviewing Locations: The Draft EIR can be accessed on the County of San Bernardino Land Use Services website at: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx>

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations during regular business hours:

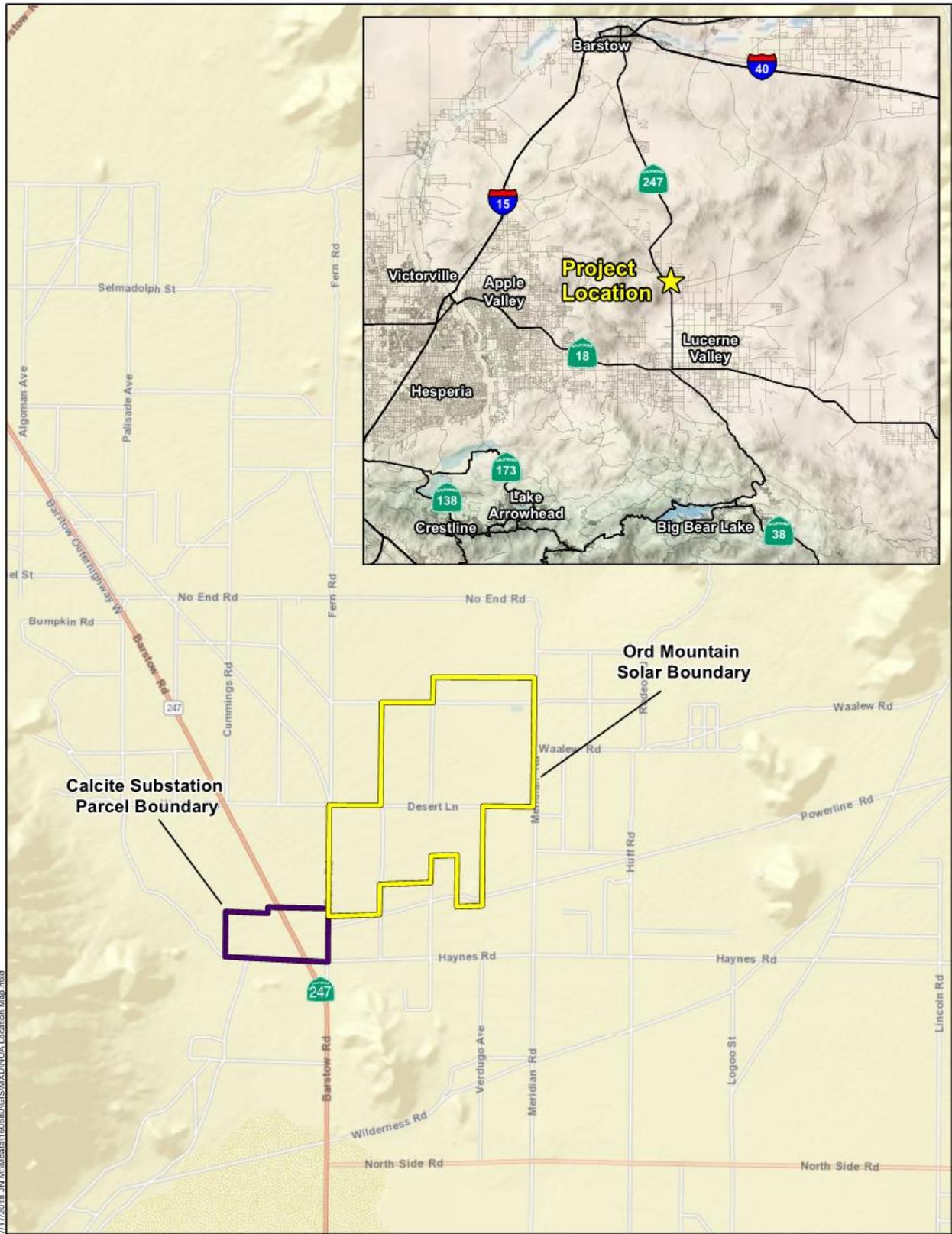
- San Bernardino County High Desert Government Center, 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 1331, Hesperia, CA 92345; between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415; between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Lucerne Valley Janice Horst Branch Library, 33103 Old Woman Springs Road, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356; (760) 248-7521; Library Hours: Monday – Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This branch is closed Friday and Sunday.

Public Comment Period: The Draft EIR and its technical studies are available for the CEQA-required 45-day public review and comment period from **October 3, 2018 through November 16, 2018**.

Written comments on the Draft EIR and technical studies must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, **November 16, 2018**. Please submit comments to:

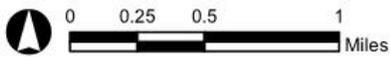
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Please include the name, phone number, and address of the contact person in your response.



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ORD MOUNTAIN SOLAR PROJECT



Source: San Bernardino County, FRRI USA Topographic Base Map, USGS

Project Location Map