

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

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 below-named project.

Project Title: Desert Breeze Solar Project

Project No.: PROJ-2022-00110

Project Location: Approximately 7 miles northwest of State Highway 58 at the northwest corner of Harper

Lake Road. and Hoffman Road (APN 0490-223-33 and 0490-101-56).

Project Description: A proposed zoning amendment to change the current zoning designation to Resource Conservation (RC) from Rural Living (RL), as well as two Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) to develop the Desert Breeze Solar Project (Project), a utility scale, solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility that would produce up to 130 megawatts (MW) of solar power and include up to 2 gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy storage capacity rate in a battery energy storage system (BESS) within an approximately 923-acre Project Site.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft EIR and Technical Studies at the following physical locations:

San Bernardino Government Center

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

San Bernardino County Library

Barstow Branch 304 E. Buena Vista Barstow, CA 92311

High Desert Government Center

Land Use Services – Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131 Hesperia, CA 92345

You may obtain the Draft EIR and Technical Studies in electronic format at https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/ or by emailing the Planner at Jon.Braginton@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 IS/MND closes on **November 10, 2023 at 4:30 PM.** Please submit comments to <u>Jon.Braginton@lus.sbcounty.gov</u> or to:

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