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CEQA Transmittal #4331

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Lead Agency: KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Project Title: PP21401 / AZALEA SOLAR PROJECT

Project Applicant Name: SF AZALEA, LLC **Phone Number:** (628) 213-5528

Address: 50 CALIFORNIA STREET, SUITE 820 **City:** SAN FRANCISCO

State: CA **ZIP:** 94111

Posting Period: ◉30 Days ○45 Days ○Other 30

Project Applicant Type: Private Entity

Select Fee

- ○Notice of Intent
- ○Notice of Availability
- ○Notice of Public Hearing
- ◉Notice of Preparation
- ○Mitigated Negative Declaration/Negative Declaration
- ○Environmental Impact Report
- ○Notice of Exemption
- ○Other
- ☐No Fish & Wildlife Fee

Total: $0.00

Proof of Payment

Please enter Proof of Payment: N/A

Additional Information

Reference Number:

Notes:
FEE SELECTION:
NOTICE OF PREPARATION
***NO FEE
***NO JV

Enter JV Information (if needed) N/A

☐I would like a JV to be created to charge the County Clerk CEQA fee.

Fund	Dept	Acct	Amount

☐I would like to assign an existing JV to charge the County Clerk CEQA fee.

JV Sequence No:

ok/pw 9-28-21

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 09-28-2021
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Planning
Community Development
Administrative Operations

DATE: September 30, 2021

TO: See Attached Mailing List

FROM: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
Attn: Terrance Smalls
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE AZALEA SOLAR PROJECT 2.0 BY SF AZALEA, LLC

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department as Lead Agency (per CEQA Guidelines Section 15062) has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (per CEQA Guidelines 15161) is necessary for the proposed project identified below. The Planning and Natural Resources Department solicits the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval of the project.

You are invited to view the NOP and submit written comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information in connection with the proposed project should you wish to do so. Due to the limits mandated by State law, your response must be received by **November 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Comments can be submitted to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department at the address shown above or to SmallsT@kerncounty.com. A Scoping meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** at the address shown above

PROJECT TITLE: Azalea Solar Project by SF Azalea, LLC (PP21401); CUP 10, Map #3; CUP 14, Map #3; and Williamson Act Land Use Cancellation # 20-06

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Twisselman Road and Kings Road, approximately 16 miles south of Kettleman City, approximately 14 miles northwest of the community of Lost Hills, approximately 6 miles west of Interstate 5, and approximately 4 miles east of State Route 3. The proposed project is located in the northwestern portion of the Kern County Valley Region.

The project site is located in Section 11 of Township 25 South, Range 19 East in the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Notice of Preparation/Initial Study reflects the modified project, titled the Rosamond South Solar Project.

The Azalea Solar Project, as proposed by SF Azalea, LLC would develop a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure necessary to generate up to 60 megawatt-alternating current (MW-AC) of renewable energy, on approximately 640 acres of privately-owned land. The project

site consists of 1 site located on 2 parcels. The project would be supported by a 230-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie overhead and/or underground electrical transmission line(s) originating from one or more on-site substations and terminating at either the nearby PG&E Substation. The project's permanent facilities would include, but are not limited to, service roads, a power collection system, inverter stations, transformer systems, transmission lines, electrical switchyards, project substations, energy (battery) storage system, and operations and maintenance facilities. Implementation of the project as proposed includes the following requests:

a) Conditional Use Permit No. 10, Map No. 3 to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility with a total generating capacity of approximately 60 megawatts-alternating current (MW-AC) of renewable energy including up to 200 megawatts of energy storage (for all sites), within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G, of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

b) Conditional Use Permit No. 14, Map No. 3 to allow for the construction and operation of a microwave communications tower, within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District pursuant to Section 19.12.030.F, of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

c) Cancellation of an Existing Williamson Act Land Use Contract #20-06

Documents can be viewed online at: https://kernplanning.com/planning/notices-of-preparation/

Signature: 
Name: Terrance Smalls, Supervising Planner

NOTICE OF PREPARATION/INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

Azalea Solar Project
by SF Azalea, LLC

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Conditional Use Permit No. 14, Map No. 3
Williamson Act Land Use Cancellation No 20-06

PLN19-02332
(PP21401)

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