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SCH # 2024020501

Lead Agency: City of Barstow

Project Title: City of Barstow Proposed General Plan and Barstow International Gateway Specific Plan DEIR

Project Location: Barstow San Bernardino
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City of Barstow last updated its General Plan in 2015, with a short planning horizon that only extended to 2020. The proposed General Plan will provide the long-term planning blueprint for the improvements needed to accommodate the City's growing population over a 25-year planning horizon, and includes a proposed annexation of unincorporated County lands immediately west of the City. The Project also includes the Barstow International Gateway (BIG) Specific Plan, and the various offsite improvements needed for its implementation. The BIG Specific Plan proposes a rail yard consisting of an intermodal facility, a block swap yard, and ancillary rail area, as well as a transload warehouse center and private utility (i.e., solar farm). The BIG Specific Plan would also establish site-specific zoning regulations and development standards for the Specific Plan area.

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Mitigation measures were identified for aesthetics; agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; cultural resources; geology, soils, and mineral resources; greenhouse gas emissions; noise; transportation; tribal cultural resources, and utilities and services systems. Mitigation measures for these impacts are included in Chapter 5, Environmental Impacts, in the DEIR.

If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Prior to the preparation of the DEIR, the Notice of Preparation (NOP) was distributed for comment from February 15, 2024, to Tuesday, March 26, 2024. A total 39 agencies/interested parties responded to the NOP/ NOP comment letters received during the review period are summarized in Chapter 2, Introduction (see Table 2-1, NOP Comment Letters and Scoping Meeting Summary), and identify potential environmental issues associated with tribal cultural resources; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; land use and planning; hydrology and water quality; transportation; hazards, hazardous materials, and wildfire; public services and recreation; noise; aesthetics; population and housing; biological resources; utilities and service systems; agriculture and forestry resources.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
State Historic Preservation Office
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Public Utilities Commission
State Water Resources Control Board
Caltrans
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
County of San Bernardino
San Bernardino County Department of Public Health
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission
Southern California Edison