

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

Areas of controversy were identified through written agency and public comments received during the scoping period. Public comments received during the scoping period are summarized in Chapter 2, Introduction, and provided in Appendix A.2. In summary, the following issues were identified during scoping and are addressed in the appropriate sections of Chapter 4, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures:

- Conversion of agricultural land and impacts to California's agricultural land resources.
- Special status species and high-value biological resources that provide important habitat are present.
- Project parcels are in close proximity to the CDFW's Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve, Lokern Ecological Reserve, and Semitropic Ecological Reserve.
- Responsibility for any plugged or abandoned well.
- Environmental concerns about solar chips.
- Air quality concerns for criteria pollutants and safety of operations.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal Agencies

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Agencies

California Air Resources Board; California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; California Department of Public Health; California Department of Toxic Substances Control; California Department of Transportation; California Energy Commission; California Highway Patrol; California Native American Heritage Commission; California Office of Historic Preservation; California State Lands Commission; Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; Office of the State Fire Marshall; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley District; State Water Resources Control Board

Local Agencies

San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District; Kern Council of Governments; Kern County Public Works Department; Kern County Fire Department; Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department; Kern County Public Health Services Department, Environmental Health Division