

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING ON
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED BUTTONBUSH SOLAR STORAGE PROJECT**

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below.

As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days.

PROJECT TITLE: Draft EIR for the Buttonbush Solar and Storage Project by 29SC 8me, LLC. (PP24407); Site 1: CUP No. 17, Map 98; CUP No. 19, Map 98; CUP No. 25, Map 99; GPA No. 4, Map 98; SPA No. 5, Map 98; GPA No. 8, Map 99; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations; Farmland Security Zone Contract Cancellation; Non-Summary Vacation, Map 99. Site 2: CUP No. 14, Map 77; CUP No. 20, Map 77; CUP No. 18, Map 98; GPA No. 10, Map 77; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations. Site 3: CUP No. 15, Map 77; GPA No. 11, Map 77; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations. Site 4: CUP No. 16, Map 77; GPA No. 12, Map 77; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellation. Site 5: CUP No. 26, Map 99; CUP No. 27, Map 99; CUP No. 28, Map 99; CUP No. 61, Map 100; GPA No. 10, Map 99; GPA No. 31, Map 100; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations; Non-Summary Vacation, Map 99. Site 6: CUP No. 17, Map 78; GPA No. 10, Map 78; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations. Site 8: CUP No. 12, Map 54; CUP No. 17, Map 77; CUP No. 18, Map 77; CUP No. 19, Map 77; GPA No. 1, Map 54; GPA No. 13, Map 77; Williamson Act Land Use Contract Cancellations.

PROJECT LOCATION: The several separate sites of the proposed Project are entirely located within unincorporated Kern County, directly north of the community of Buttonwillow, approximately four miles west of the City of Bakersfield, two miles west of the City of Shafter, and seven miles southwest of the City of Wasco. The proposed Project straddles and crosses Interstate 5 (I-5) and is east of Buttonwillow Raceway Park, north of State Route (SR) 58, and south of Kimberlina Road.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and the documents referenced in it are available for public review at the Planning and Natural Resources Department, which is located at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, in Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Department website at:

<https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/buttonbush-solar-project/>

PUBLIC COMMENT: The required Draft EIR public review period is 45 days.

November 18th, 2025 – January 2nd, 2026

Written comments may be submitted to the project planner identified below prior to the close of the Draft EIR public review period on **January 2nd, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** to:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
ATTN: Jack Foster, Planner II
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301
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E-mail: Fosterja@kerncounty.com

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to consider a recommendation on the proposed project and solicit comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

DATE: February 12, 2026
TIME: 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter
LOCATION: Chambers of the Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

After consideration by the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled for the Kern County Board of Supervisors for final consideration and action. Comments may be provided at that hearing or prior to any action by the Board of Supervisors on any matter. The Board of Supervisors decision is final.

If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Buttonbush Solar and Storage Project as proposed by 29SC 8me, LLC. would allow for the construction and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar facility with the associated infrastructure on 7 proposed project sites that would collectively generate up to 2,000 megawatts (MW) or 2 gigawatts (GW) of renewable electrical energy including a battery energy storage system (BESS) with the capacity of storing approximately 16,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) or 16 gigawatt-hours (GWh) on approximately 11,983 acres across 128 privately owned parcels in an unincorporated area of northwestern Kern County. Implementation of the proposed project includes requests for multiple General and Specific Plan Amendments (GPAs/SPAs), Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), the cancellation of Williamson Act Land Use and Farmland Security Zone Contracts (WALUC/FSZC), and Non-Summary Street Vacations (NSV) from the Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: Anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts on Aesthetics and Visual Resources (Visual Character), Agricultural Resources, Air Quality (Construction), Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, Wildfire.

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Planning and Natural Resources Department

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cc: County Clerk (2) (with fee)
Environmental Status Board
Supervisory District No. 4

**Buttonbush Solar and Storage Project
by 29SC 8me LLC**

Draft Environmental Impact Report

Regional Vicinity Map

-  Project Areas
-  Kern County Boundary



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