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NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN for the preparation of a ☒ Negative Declaration ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration for Parcel Map #02508 (Initial Study #24-0001) Vikings Energy Farm, LLC, pursuant to the *California Environmental Quality Act* and the County of Imperial's *Rules and Regulations to Implement California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as amended*.

LEAD AGENCY: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department (ICPDS)

APPLICANT: Vikings Energy Farm, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: 2910 E. Nelson Pit Road, Holtville, CA 92250

The project site ☐ is ☒ is not listed on any list under Government Code Section 65962.5.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant has applied for Parcel Map #02508 in response to the Imperial Irrigation District's request to convey the existing Nelson Switching Station within the Vikings Solar Energy Generation & Storage Facility. Such action will create a lot to separate the existing switching station from the solar energy generation and storage facility, which was previously evaluated environmentally in 2022 under Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #20-0025 through the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) SCH#2021050036.

PUBLIC HEARING: An Imperial County Planning Commission public hearing will be conducted at a date to be determined, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Center (Board Room) located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA, 92243 to consider the adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the proposed project.

COMMENT PERIOD: 06/18/23 to 07/13/24 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments will be accepted for the proposed project during this period. You may submit comments by mail, fax or email at ICPDSCCommentLetters@co.imperial.ca.us. Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered unless otherwise allowed under CEQA.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: All required documents for the project are available at the ICPDS office located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243 during normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



Jim Minnick, Director
Planning & Development Services

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**Cover Sheet
Assessment Form
(County of Imperial)**

Initial Study #24-0001 (Vikings Energy Farm, LLC) Date: 06/18/2024

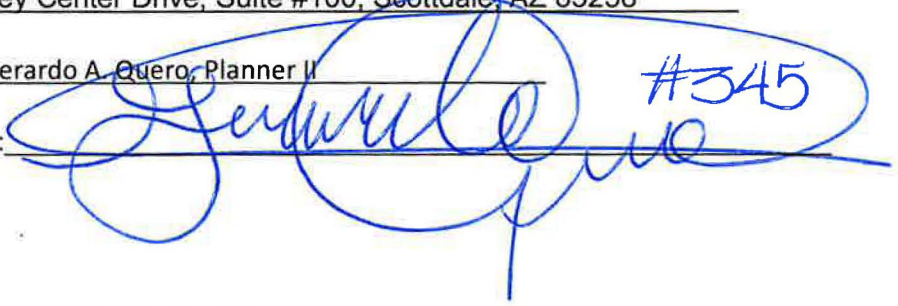
Project type/name: Parcel Map #02508

Applicant's name: Vikings Energy Farm, LLC

Applicant's address: 8800 North Gainey Center Drive, Suite #100, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Name of person preparing Initial Study: Gerardo A. Quero, Planner II

Signature of person preparing Initial Study:

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I. Project Information

- a. Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 050-070-019-000
- b. Street address: 2910 E. Nelson Pit Road, Holtville, CA 92250
- c. Cross street: Nelson Pit Road and Graeser Road (East Highline Canal)
- d. Township/Section/Range: Township 15 South, Range 16 East, SBBM
- e. Project area (acres) ☐: 80.00 Acres

II. General Plan Consistency

- a. General Plan Designation. Agriculture
- b. Is Project in an Urban area? No
- c. Name of Urban area. N/A
- d. Is Project within an adopted Specific Plan area? No
- e. Name of Specific Plan area. N/A
- f. Existing zoning. A-2-RE (General Agriculture, Renewable Energy Overlay)

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| g. | Proposed zoning, if any. | N/A |
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| h. | Adjacent zoning. | North: G/S, South: A-2-RE & G/S, East: S-2
on BLM Lands and West: A-2 |
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| i. | Is proposal consistent with the site's existing or proposed zoning? | Yes |
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| j. | Is proposal compatible with existing or surrounding zoning or can it be made compatible? | Yes |
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| k. | Is the proposal consistent with a Specific Plan for the area? | N/A |
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| l. | Is the proposal compatible with existing plans and planned surrounding land uses or can it be made compatible? | Yes |
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| m. | Is the proposal consistent with the land use designation and policies of the 1993 General Plan? | Yes |
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Comments: (if any)

None.