Print Form

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113, Sacramento, CA 95814

☐ County Clerk
County of: _____
Address: _____

From:
Public Agency: Kern County General Services
Address: 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Contact: Grace Imamura
Phone: (661) 868-3071

Lead Agency (if different from above):
_____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): _____

Project Title: Bellefield Solar Project - Second Amendment to Franchise Ordinance F-668

Project Applicant: 26SB 8ME LLC

Project Location (include county): Kern County, Unincorporated Mojave, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, ⊞

Project Description:

Application made by 26SB 8ME LLC requesting the Board of Supervisors' consent to the assignment from 59TC 8ME LLC to 26SB 8ME LLC of Co-Tenancy interest in the shared use of the Transmission System, which assignment also required the consent of 50LW 8ME LLC as the existing Co-Tenant. The second amendment allows for the addition of 26SB 8ME LLC as a second Co-Tenant and clarifies that 3 solar projects, 59TC 8ME LLC, 50LW 8ME LLC and 26SB 8ME LLC, will share the one Transmission ⊞

This is to advise that the Kern County Board of Supervisors (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on October 22, 2024 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
County of Kern, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Senior CAO Manager, Kern Coun⊞

Date: 10/25/2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Revised 2011

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following described project in the County of Kern, State of California;

a. Applicant, or sponsoring agency or department: County of Kern, General Services;

b. Name of Project: Bellefield Solar Project - Second Amendment to Franchise Ordinance F-668;

c. Location of Project: All public highways, public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Arroyo Avenue, Holt Street, and Oak Creek Road), which are within the County of Kern, and are within Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 18, and 24, Township 11 North, Range 12 West, S.B.B.M., and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, Township 11 North, Range 13 West, S.B.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city;

Map of Project: Attached

d. Description of Project: Application made by 26SB 8ME LLC requesting the Board of Supervisors' consent to the assignment from 59TC 8ME LLC to 26SB 8ME LLC of Co-Tenancy interest in the shared use of the Transmission System, which assignment also required the consent of 50LW 8ME LLC as the existing Co-Tenant. The second amendment allows for the addition of 26SB 8ME LLC as a second Co-Tenant and clarifies that 3 solar projects, 59TC 8ME LLC, 50LW 8ME LLC and 26SB 8ME LLC, will share the one Transmission System covered under Franchise Ordinance F-668. Project contemplated in this non-exclusive franchise were described and analyzed as part of the Bellefield Solar Project. The Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Bellefield Solar Project encompasses several phases which includes the 26SB 8ME LLC solar project. The EIR was prepared by Kern County's Planning and Natural Resources Department and certified by the Board of Supervisors on September 23, 2021, and approved as being compliant with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). In connection with the previously approved Bellefield Solar Project, Franchise Ordinance F-668 was granted to 59TC 8ME LLC for a non-exclusive franchise to construct, install, maintain, operate, repair, renew and remove a transmission system and fiber optic cables for transmitting electrical power;

2. Board of Supervisors Approval – Summary of Proceedings:

Resolution No. 2024-309 Adopted October 22, 2024
Ordinance No. F-708 Adopted October 22, 2024

3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has determined that said project in its approved form will have certain significant effects on the environment.

4. Mitigation Measures were incorporated into the EIR and a Mitigation Measures Monitoring Program adopted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, and was certified by the Board of Supervisors as required by Section 15090 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

5. Mitigation measures and a Mitigation Measures Monitoring Program were made as conditions of approval of the project. Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project, pursuant to section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

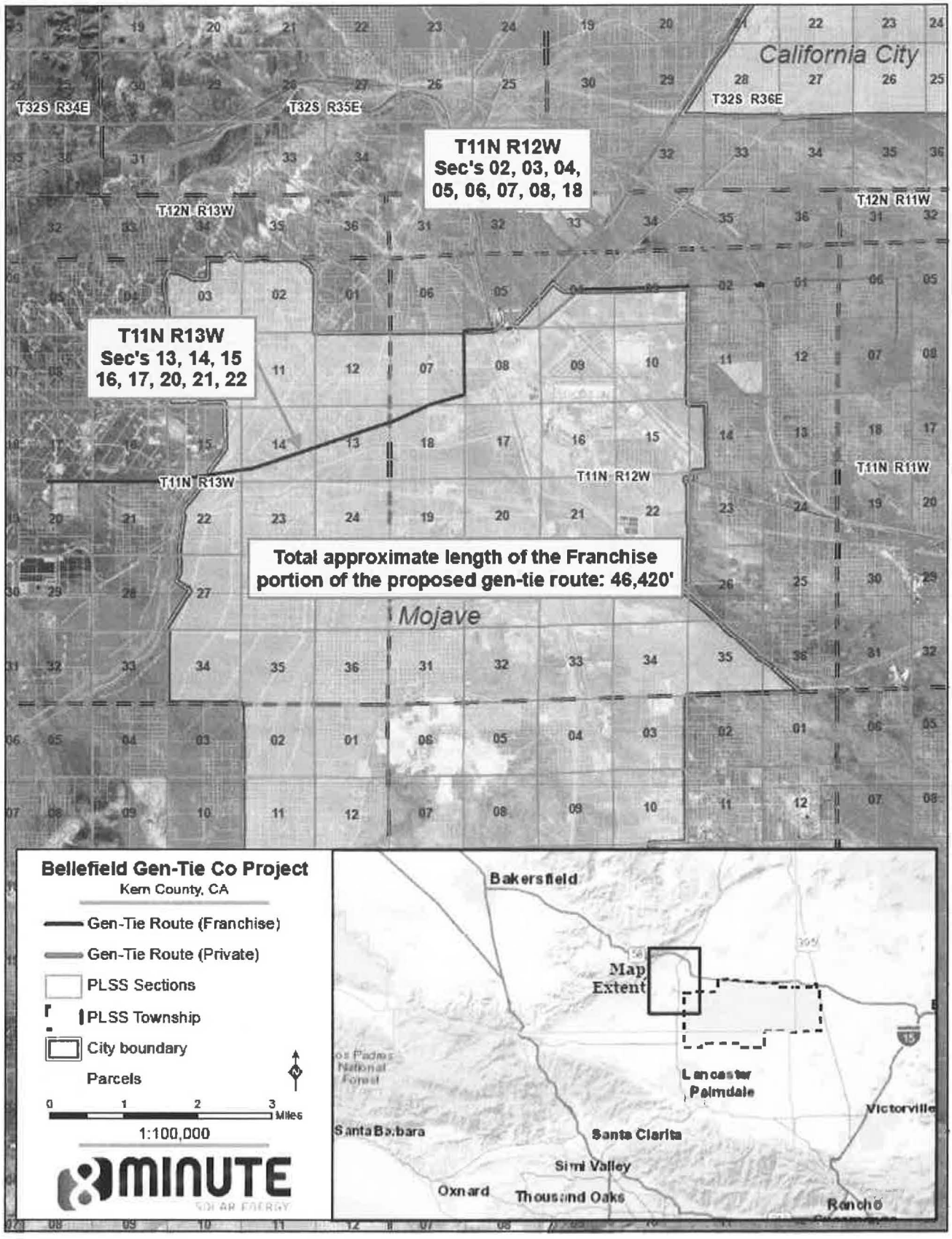
6. A copy of said EIR may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours at the following location: Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301, telephone no. (661) 868-3585.

Dated this 25th day of October 2024

Senior CAO Manager, General Services
County of Kern, State of California

Telephone No. (661) 858-3000

By: Michelle Burns-Lusich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Total approximate length of the Franchise portion of the proposed gen-tie route: 46,420'
Mojave
Bellefield Gen-Tie Co Project
Kern County, CA
Gen-Tie Route (Franchise)
Gen-Tie Route (Private)
PLSS Sections
PLSS Township
City boundary
Parcels
0 1 2 3 Miles
1:100,000
8MINUTE
SOLAR ENERGY
Bakersfield
Map Extent
Los Padres National Forest
Lancaster
Palmdale
Victorville
Santa Barbara
Santa Clarita
Simi Valley
Oxnard
Thousand Oaks
Rancho

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
15 — 12152021 — 15146998

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(if applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES D		12/15/2021

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Kern	20882

PROJECT TITLE
PP20403 - BELLEFIELD SOLAR PROJECT BY 50LW 8ME, LLC

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
BELLEFIELD SOLAR PROJECT BY 50LW 8ME LLC (8MINUT		(415) 404-0256

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
250 SUTTER STREET, SUITE 600	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94108

PROJECT APPLICANT *(check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☒ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$3,343.25	$	3,343.25
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,406.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	$1,136.50	$	0.00

☐ Exempt from fee
- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		$	50.00
☐ Other _____		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 3,495.25

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X PD	P. DEL VILLAR, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSA

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12012019)