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SCH # 2024110254**Project Title:** Utility-Scale Solar AmendmentsLead Agency: County of Santa BarbaraContact Person: Zoe CarlsonMailing Address: 123 East Anapamu StreetPhone: (805) 568-3532City: Santa BarbaraZip: 93101-2058County: Santa Barbara**Project Location:** County: Santa BarbaraCity/Nearest Community: Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and SolvangCross Streets: Countywide

Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 101, 1, 154, 192, 246 Waterways: _____

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☒ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Policy & Zoning Amendments

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Power: Type _____ MW
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☒ Other: Future solar projects (utility-scale and smaller facilities)
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☐ Recreation/Parks ☐ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☐ Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities ☐ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☐ Geologic/Seismic ☐ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☒ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☐ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: GHG, Energy, Utilities

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

All Zones

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The project proposes to remove the 600-acre utility-scale solar overlay restriction in Cuyama Valley and allow such projects with Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) on various zoned lands throughout the unincorporated county. It also introduces a new "community-scale" solar category for smaller facilities. The project aims to streamline solar permitting processes and update multiple county plans and regulations to meet state requirements including the County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan; Coastal Land Use Plan; County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC); Montecito LUDC; Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance; and Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones (Uniform Rules).

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☐ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>5</u>	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>3</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☒ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>5</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☒ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August, 19, 2025 Ending Date October 3, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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