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SCH #2025010194

Project Title: Grace Solar Energy Center

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City: Riverside Zip: 92501 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Blythe/ Mesa Verde

Cross Streets: Buck Boulevard and 9th Avenue Zip Code: 92225

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds)*: 33 0 38 ' 46.25" N / 114 0 41 ' 3.09" W Total Acres: 3,705

Assessor's Parcel No.: See attached page for APNs Section: 23.26.35/2-8,10,11 Twp.: 6S/7S Range: 21E Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 10 Waterways: McCoy Wash

Airports: Blythe Municipal Airport Railways: None Schools: Palo Verde College

* Required field

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [x] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) 2012081026 [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[] Mit Neg Dec Other:

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [x] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Other:

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units* Acres*
[] Office: Sq.ft.* Acres* Employees* [] Transportation: Type*
[] Commercial: Sq.ft.* Acres* Employees* [] Mining: Mineral*
[] Industrial: Sq.ft.* Acres* Employees* [x] Power: Type* Solar MW*500
[] Educational: [] Waste Treatment: Type* MGD*
[] Recreational: [] Hazardous Waste: Type*
[] Water Facilities: Type* MGD* [] Other:

* Required field based on Development Type selected

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[x] Aesthetics [x] Energy [] Mandatory Findings of Significance [x] Solid Waste
[x] Agriculture and Forestry [] Fiscal Impacts [x] Mineral Resources [x] Transportation
[x] Air Quality [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Noise [x] Tribal Cultural Resources
[x] Biological Resources [x] Geology/Soils [x] Population/Housing [x] Utilities/Service Systems
[] Coastal Zone [x] Greenhouse Gas Emissions [x] Public Services [x] Vegetation
[x] Cultural Resources [] Growth Inducement [x] Recreation [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Cumulative Effects [x] Hazards/Hazardous Materials [x] Schools/Universities [x] Wildfire
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Hydrology/Water Quality [x] Septic System [] Other:
[] Economic/Jobs [x] Land Use/Planning [] Sewer Capacity

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

W-2-10 Controlled Development Areas, A-1-10 Light Agriculture, and N-A Natural Assets

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

The Palo Verde Mesa Solar Project (Approved Project) is an up to 450 megawatts (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating facility and associated infrastructure located on approximately 3,278 acres of private land. The Palo Verde Mesa Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) No. 532, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3684, Public Use Permit (PUP) No. 916, and Development Agreement (DA) No. 86 were approved by Riverside County in August 2017. Grace Orchard Solar II LLC, Grace Orchard Energy Center LLC, Grace Orchard Solar III LLC, and Grace Orchard Interconnection, LLC ("Applicant") propose to modify the approved project design and change the project name to Grace Solar Energy Center (Project) under a Supplemental EIR (SEIR) and CUP amendment. The Applicant proposes to entitle, construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the modified Project. The modified Project is located on approximately 3,705 acres, of which approximately 3,310 acres are located on private lands and approximately 395 acres are located on land administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Project would include two phases. Under Phase 1, the Project would construct the 500-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility, ancillary facilities, and an approximately 3.5-mile transmission line to interconnect with the existing Parker - Blythe 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line owned by Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) on private land. The Phase 1 transmission line would interconnect through a tie-in with the existing Parker - Blythe 161 kV transmission line via a new 161 kV switchyard. Under Phase 2, the Project would construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a battery energy storage system (BESS) with a capacity up to 500 MW. Phase 2 would also include ancillary facilities on private land and an approximately 10.5-mile transmission line to interconnect with the Southern California Edison (SCE) 230-kV Colorado River Substation located on BLM-administered land. The majority of the Phase 2 transmission line (8.6 miles) would utilize the existing open-circuit of the double-circuit Arlington transmission line; and therefore, would be located within existing rights-of-way (ROW). The 395 acre area on BLM-administered lands would be limited to the transmission line in Phase 2.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Grace Solar Energy Center

Assessor's Parcel Numbers

821020007, 821060003, 818180011, 821020019, 821060006, 818180014, 821020020, 821080043, 818180015, 821020021, 821080044, 818180017, 821020022, 821080045, 818180018, 821020023, 821080046, 818210003, 821020024, 821080047, 818210004, 821020025, 821080050, 818210014, 821020026, 821090011, 818241019, 821020027, 821090012, 818241021, 821020028, 821090013, 818242025, 821020029, 821090014, 818242026, 821050004, 821090015, 818242027, 821050016, 821090016, 879080020, 821050017, 821090017, 879080021, 821050018, 821090018, 879080022, 821050019, 821100034, 879080025, 821050020, 821050012, 879090031, 821050021, 821050013, 879090032, 821050022, 821050014, 879090033, 821050023, 821050015, 879090034, 821050028, 821050024, 821050029, 821050025, 821060001, 821050026, 821060002, 821050027

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

Starting Date February 18, 2026 Ending Date April 6, 2026

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