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**Project Title:** Spikes Peak Solar Project

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City: Merced Zip: 95340 County: Merced

Project Location: County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Santa Nella

Cross Streets: McCabe Road, Butts Road, Interstate 5 Zip Code: 95322

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 08 ' 23.4 " N / 121 ° 02 ' 57.9 " W Total Acres: 860

Assessor's Parcel No.: 069-220-014, -036, -046, -049, -067, and 069-240-028 Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 5 Waterways: California Aqueduct, Delta-Mendota Canal, Quinto Creek, Romero Creek, O'Neill Forebay

Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

**Document Type:**

- CEQA: [X] NOP [ ] Draft EIR NEPA: [ ] NOI Other: [ ] Joint Document
[ ] Early Cons [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [ ] EA [ ] Final Document
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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 [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\* 150
[ ] 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 [ ] 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 [ ] Tribal Cultural Resources
[X] Biological Resources [X] Geology/Soils [X] Population/Housing [ ] Utilities/Service Systems
[ ] Coastal Zone [ ] Greenhouse Gas Emissions [X] Public Services [X] Vegetation
[X] Cultural Resources [X] 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 [X] Other: Water Supply/Groundwater
[ ] Economic/Jobs [X] Land Use/Planning [X] Sewer Capacity

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Use: undeveloped grassland/cattle grazing, Zoning: General Agriculture, General Plan Designation: Agricultural

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

The Project consists of the construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of a utility-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic development on approximately 860 acres of land in western Merced County. The Project would include the construction of a generation tie line to connect to an existing switching station that would generate up to 150 megawatts (MW) of energy with up to 150 MW of battery energy storage system. The purpose of the Project is to generate, store, and transmit renewable energy to the statewide wholesale electricity grid in support of California's renewable energy goals.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>10</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Office of Emergency Services</u>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date June 12, 2025 Ending Date July 14, 2025

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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