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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DISCOVERY SOLAR PV AND STORAGE PROJECT

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days.

PROJECT TITLE: Draft EIR for the Discovery Solar PV and Storage Project by Discovery Solar Storage, LLC. (PP24408); ZCC No. 56, Map 197; ZCC No. 71, Map 198; ZCC No. 29, Map 214; ZCC No. 16, Map 215; CUP No. 22 Map 197; CUP No. 47, Map 198; CUP No. 50, Map 214; CUP No. 51, Map 214; CUP No. 19, Map 215; ZV No. 20, Map 197; ZV No. 36, Map 198; ZV No. 15, Map 214; ZV No. 3, Map 215; GPA No. 18, Map 197 (Circulation); GPA No. 5, Map 198 (Circulation); GPA No. 10, Map 214 (Circulation); GPA No. 7, Map 215 (Circulation); Multiple Vesting Tentative Parcel Maps (VTPM)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located at the western edge of the Antelope Valley, approximately 6 miles southwest of the community of Mojave, approximately 9 miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi, approximately 8 miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Rosamond, and approximately 20 miles west of Edwards Air Force Base. Portions of the proposed project are adjacent to and on both sides of the Tehachapi Willow Springs Road, and the LADWP aqueduct. The proposed project is located within the Monolith, Willow Springs, and Soledad Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles, and spans multiple Townships, Ranges, and Sections including the following: Township 10 North, Range 13 West, Sections 2-8, 10, and 18; Township 10 North, Range 14 West, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, and 23; Township 11 North, Range 13 West, Sections 21, 31, 32, and 33; and Township 11 North, Range 14 West, Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36 of the San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBB&M).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and the documents referenced in it are available for public review at the Kern County Clerk's Office, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301; the Planning and Natural Resources Department, located at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Planning and Natural Resources Department website at: **https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/discovery-solar-pv-and-storage-project/**

PUBLIC COMMENT: The required Draft EIR public review period is 45 days.

January 28, 2026 – March 13, 2026

Written comments may be submitted to the project planner identified below prior to the close of the Draft EIR public review period on **March 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** to:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
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PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to consider a recommendation on the proposed project and solicit comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

DATE: **April 23, 2026**
TIME: **7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter**
LOCATION: **Chambers of the Board of Supervisors**
Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

After consideration by the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled for the Kern County Board of Supervisors for final consideration and action. Comments may be provided at that hearing or prior to any action by the Board of Supervisors on any matter. The Board of Supervisors decision is final.

If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Discovery Solar PV and Storage Project is a photovoltaic (PV) solar facility with associated infrastructure necessary to generate up to 1,400 megawatts (MW) of renewable electrical energy with up to 8 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of energy storage capacity (approximately 1,000 MW) on an approximate 7,700 acre project site, across 473 privately owned parcels, in an unincorporated area of southeastern Kern County.

A 13.8-acre portion of an additional parcel located adjacent to the southern portion of the proposed project site is proposed for a temporary, off-site construction laydown yard to supplement proposed laydown areas within the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) boundaries of the solar arrays. An additional approximate 411 acres on six (6) parcels are allotted for the proposed medium-voltage (MV) transmission and access easement. PV solar panels, a power collection system, including MV lines that connect the solar facilities, inverters, a 230 kilovolt switchyard, foundations, and transformers will be installed onsite.

Associated infrastructure includes an operations and maintenance (O&M) facility, telecommunication facilities, energy storage system(s), up to three onsite collector substations, and temporary laydown yards. The proposed project also includes a generation-tie (gen-tie) line to connect the project to the existing Windhub Substation.

Implementation of the project as proposed includes the following land use entitlement requests:

Zone Change

(a) Zone Classification Change No. 56, Map 197 from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 357.88 acres, A-1 FP (Limited Agriculture, Floodplain Combining) to A FP (Exclusive Agriculture, Floodplain Combining) on approximately 10.02 acres, A-1 (Limited Agriculture) and A-1 FP (Limited Agriculture, Floodplain Combining) to A FP (Exclusive Agriculture, Floodplain Combining) on approximately 574.63 acres, and A-1 (Limited Agriculture) and A-1 WE (Limited Agriculture, Wind Energy Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) and A WE (Exclusive Agriculture, Wind Energy Combining) on approximately 85.06 acres, for a total of approximately 1,027.59 acres.

(b) Zone Classification Change No. 71, Map 198 from A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 80.26 acres, E (2.5) RS (Estate 2.5 acres, Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 10 acres, E (20) RS (Estate 20 Acres, Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 493.64 acres, and A WE (Exclusive Agriculture, Wind Energy Combining) and E (20) RS (Estate 20 Acres, Residential Suburban Combining) to A WE (Exclusive Agriculture,

Wind Energy Combining) on approximately 40.01 acres, and A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 40 acres, for a total of approximately 623.91 acres.

(c) Zone Classification Change No. 29, Map 214 from E (2.5) RS (Estate 2.5 Acres, Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 150.70 acres, PL RS (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 308.69 acres and A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture), and PL RS FP (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining, Floodplain Combining) to A FP (Exclusive Agriculture, Floodplain Combining) on approximately 170.39 acres, for a total of approximately 629.78 acres.

(d) Zone Classification Change No. 16, Map 215 from PL RS (Platted Lands, Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 111.71 acres.

Conditional Use Permit

(a) Conditional Use Permit No. 22, Map 197, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility up to 200 MW and associated infrastructure, including energy storage and a switchyard, on approximately 811.23 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G and 19.12.030.K of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

(b) Conditional Use Permit No. 47, Map 198, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility up to 150 MW and associated infrastructure, including energy storage and temporary construction staging, on approximately 721.65 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G and 19.12.030.K of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

(c) Conditional Use Permit No. 50, Map 214, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility up to 550 MW and associated infrastructure, including energy storage and temporary construction staging and equipment storage, on approximately 3,164.18 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G and 19.12.030.K of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

(d) Conditional Use Permit No. 19, Map 215, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar facility up to 500 MW and associated infrastructure, including energy storage and temporary construction staging and equipment storage, on approximately 2,773.09 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District, pursuant to Chapter 19.12.030.G and 19.12.030.K of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

General Plan Amendment (Circulation)

(a) General Plan Amendment No. 18, Map 197, to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines as called for within the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan; and to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.

(b) General Plan Amendment No. 5, Map 198, to remove road reservations on section and mid-section lines as called for within the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan; and to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.

(c) General Plan Amendment No. 10, Map 214, to remove road reservations on section and mid-section lines as called for within the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan; and to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.

(d) General Plan Amendment No. 7, Map 215, to remove road reservations on section and mid-section lines as called for within the Circulation Element of the Kern County General Plan; and to remove future road reservations on section and mid-section lines within the project boundary.

Zone Variance:

(a) Zone Variance No. 20, Map 197, to authorize multiple parcels of substandard size where a minimum of 20 acres is required for each change in base zoning from the A-1 (Limited Agriculture) District to the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District across approximately 140.15 total acres.

(b) Zone Variance No. 36, Map 198, to authorize multiple parcels of substandard size where a minimum of 20 acres is required for each change in base zoning from the A-1 (Limited Agriculture) District or the E(20) (Estate - 20 acres) District to the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District across approximately 205.68 total acres.

(c) Zone Variance No. 15, Map 214, to authorize multiple parcels of substandard size where a minimum of 20 acres is required for each change in base zoning from the PL (Platted Lands) District to the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District across approximately 89.83 total acres.

(d) Zone Variance No. 3, Map 215, to authorize multiple parcels of substandard size where a minimum of 20 acres is required for each change in base zoning from the PL (Platted Lands) District to the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District across approximately 10.12 total acres.

Vesting Tentative Parcel Maps:

(a) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12587 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of five (5) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 197, Section 31, Township 11, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 220.32 acres (gross), resulting in a 220.32 acre (gross) parcel.

(b) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12589 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of four (4) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 198, Parcel Map 3816, Lots 1-4 of County of Kern, consisting of 159.83 acres (gross), resulting in a 159.83 acre (gross) parcel.

(c) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12590 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of six (6) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 198, Section 31, Township 11, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 20.06 acres (gross), resulting in a 20.06 acre (gross) parcel.

(d) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12591 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of twenty-four (24) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 198, Section 26, Township 11, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 160.71 acres (gross), resulting in a 160.71 acre (gross) parcel.

(e) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12592 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of seventeen (17) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 2, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 140.76 acres (gross), resulting in a 140.76 acre (gross) parcel.

(f) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12593 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of ten (10) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 3, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 74.86 acres (gross), resulting in a 74.86 acre (gross) parcel.

(g) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12594 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of sixty-eight (68) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 4, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 502.73 acres (gross), resulting in a 502.73 acre (gross) parcel.

(h) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12595 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of fifty (50) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 6, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 530.27 acres (gross), resulting in a 530.27 acre (gross) parcel.

(i) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12597 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of twenty-three (23) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 7, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 231.36 acres (gross), resulting in a 266.74 acre (gross) parcel.

(j) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12598 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of nineteen (19) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 7, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 106.21 acres (gross), resulting in a 106.21 acre (gross) parcel.

(k) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12599 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of twenty-six (26) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 214, Section 8, Township 10, Range 13, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 336.79 acres (gross), resulting in a 336.79 acre (gross) parcel.

(l) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12600 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of four (4) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 215, Section 23, Township 10, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 40.47 acres (gross), resulting in a 40.47 acre (gross) parcel.

(m) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12601 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of seven (7) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 215, Section 15, Township 10, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 281.45 acres (gross), resulting in a 281.45 acre (gross) parcel.

(n) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12602 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of forty-seven (47) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 215, Section 12, Township 10, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 503.38 acres (gross), resulting in a 501.78 acre (gross) parcel.

(o) Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12603 – Proposing a merger and re-subdivision of five (5) parcels into one (1) parcel of Case Map 215, Section 2, Township 10, Range 14, Quarter of County of Kern, consisting of 407.89 acres (gross), resulting in a 407.89 acre (gross) parcel.

Offsite Features:

(a) Conditional Use Permit No. 51, Map 214, to allow for a temporary, offsite construction laydown area on approximately 13.7 acres of a 30.21 acre parcel in the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: Anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts on Aesthetics (Project and Cumulative), Biological Resources (Project and Cumulative), Wildfire (Cumulative)

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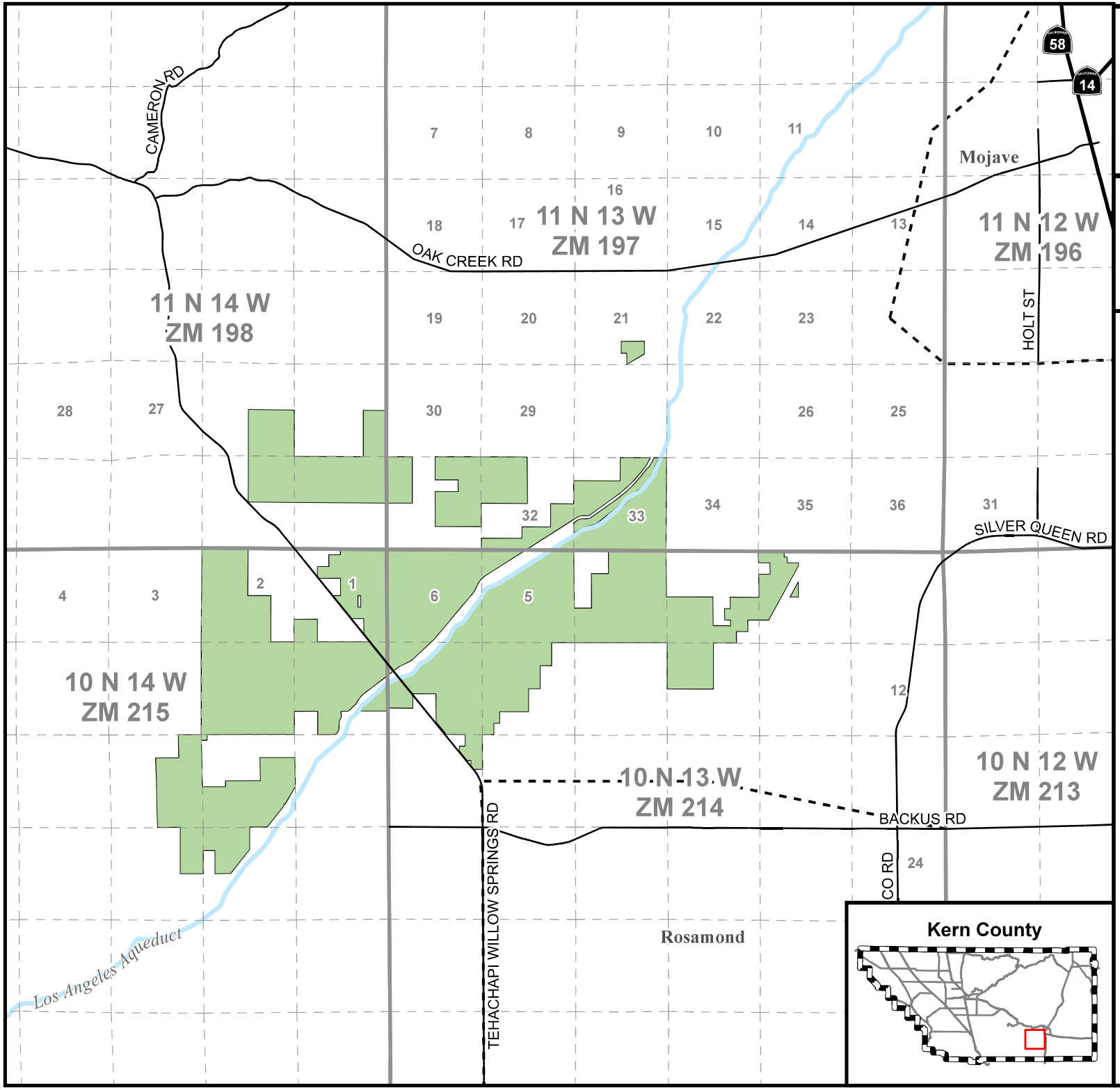

Discovery PV Solar and Storage Project

by Discovery Solar PV and Storage, LLC

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- Project Site
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