

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: to be assigned

Project Title: RES-BCT and Regional Water Reclamation Facility Solar Development Project

Lead Agency: Mission Springs Water District

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs Riverside
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

As part of the District's continued development of the Nancy Wright Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility [Nancy Wright RWRf], the District has determined that its operations would be best served with expanded solar generation to the north of the Nancy Wright RWRf site. Thus, the District will serve as the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, which would involve installation of ground mounted solar to the north and west of the existing solar plant located at the northwest intersection of 19th Avenue and Little Morongo Road. The first photovoltaic system would be installed in support of the existing RES-BCT site (north of the existing photovoltaic system along Little Morongo Road) and would be sized at 3,585 kilowatts (kW) (the system's Direct Current [DC] system rating). The second photovoltaic system would be installed in support of the Nancy Wright RWRf site (west of the existing photovoltaic system along 19th Avenue), and would be sized at 392.04 kW (the system's DC system rating). Each of the proposed solar facilities will require installation of associated transmission lines and electrical appurtenances. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in Quarter 4 of 2025, and conclude in (approximately) the second quarter of 2026. The photovoltaic systems at the Nancy Wright RWRf and RES-BCT would generate a combined 3.97 megawatt of electricity per day .

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Topics requiring mitigation are as follows: (1) Biological Resources: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts to burrowing owls, loggerhead shrike, nesting birds, and to ensure compliance with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). (2) Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to ensure proper treatment of cultural resources that may be encountered during construction; (3) Geology and Soils: Mitigation is required to minimize soil erosion impacts, to ensure that the project is developed in accordance with the geologist recommendations, and to minimize impacts on paleontological resources; (4) Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts from accidental spills of contaminated materials; (5) Hydrology and Water Quality: Mitigation is required to ensure that accidental spills are controlled; (6) Noise: mitigation is required to avoid disruptive construction noise at the site and long-term noise is attenuated; (7) Transportation: mitigation is required to minimize circulation impacts during construction; (8) Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to protect tribal cultural resources during construction.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

· Notice of Intent (NOI) to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for a NPDES general construction stormwater discharge permit. This permit is granted by submittal of an NOI to the SWRCB, but is enforced through a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that identifies construction best management practices (BMPs) for the site. In the project area, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board enforces the BMP requirements described in the NPDES permit by ensuring construction activities adequately implement a SWPPP. Implementation of the SWPPP is carried out by the construction contractor, with the Regional Board and county providing enforcement oversight.

· If listed species are involved, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may have to issue incidental take permits or permits may be obtained under the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).