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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

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The County of Imperial will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the Environmental Information, which is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study is attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but ***not later than 35 days*** after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Imperial County Planning & Development Services, Attn: Luis Bejarano at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Titan II Battery Energy Storage System and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) R-Line Upgrades Project

Project Location: The Titan II battery energy storage system (BESS) site is located on the northern portion of one privately owned parcel (Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 018-170-067) in west-central Imperial County, California (Figure 1). It lies approximately 8 miles west of the junction of State Route (SR) 78 and SR 86, and approximately 5 miles east of the San Diego County line. The BESS site is located approximately 12 miles west of the southern tip of the Salton Sea and bordered on the east by the unpaved section of Pole Line Road south of SR 78.

The proposed transmission line upgrades would occur along an approximately 34-mile segment of the IID’s existing 92 kV R-Line located between the Dixieland Substation (southern extent) and Anza Substation (northern extent) (Figure 2). The transmission line route traverses private land as well as federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the California Desert Conservation Area planning area (Table 1).

Project Description (brief):

Project Background

Originally Approved Project – Seville 4 Solar Project (2019; Conditional Use Permit #17-0006). On January 15, 2019, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2017061062) and approved one Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (CUP #17-0006) for the Seville 4 Solar Project. CUP #17-0006 authorized the construction, operation, and reclamation of a 20-megawatt (MW) solar generation facility,

a substation, internal transmission lines, security fence, and internal access roads on Lot 8 of Tract Map No. 00988 (now APN 018-170-067). The previously approved CUP also authorized construction of a 34.50-kV gen-tie line to connect the facility to the regional electrical grid.

Currently Proposed Project. Since approval of CUP #17-0006, which authorized development of a 20 MW solar facility, the Seville 4 Solar Project (2019) has been renamed Titan II. The project applicant, Titan II, LLC, is currently requesting to modify the previously approved CUP to add a 40 MW BESS and gen-tie line to interconnect with the existing IID R-Line on APN 018-170-067 (CUP #22-0003).


The proposed project would also include replacing and upgrading equipment along an approximately 34-mile segment of the existing IID 92 kV R-Line, between the Dixieland Substation and Anza Substation. The R-Line upgrades are planned in order to address long-term integrity of the system as well as capacity and maintenance issues associated with the existing R-Line, which among others, is susceptible to further deterioration and damage from high wind events and/or storms. Generally, the R-Line upgrades would involve replacing existing wooden transmission poles that are approximately 50 to 80 feet in height with steel monopoles. The new steel pole structures would be of similar height, ranging from approximately 50 to 80 feet.

The transmission line route traverses private land as well as federal land under the jurisdiction of BLM. The majority of the proposed transmission line upgrades would be located within the existing transmission line alignment and right-of-way (ROW); however, in a few areas, the existing ROW is very limited/narrow and will need to be expanded to accommodate the improvements. Accordingly, the project applicant is seeking an ROW grant from BLM to authorize expansion of the existing ROW on BLM-managed lands, as well as temporary access required to support construction activities.

In order to process the requested authorization, the project applicant would be required to submit a Standard Form 299 (SF-299) Application and an associated Plan of Development to BLM. Review and approval of the ROW application constitutes a federal action; therefore, the proposed R-Line upgrades would be subject to environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and applicable BLM implementing regulations and guidance.

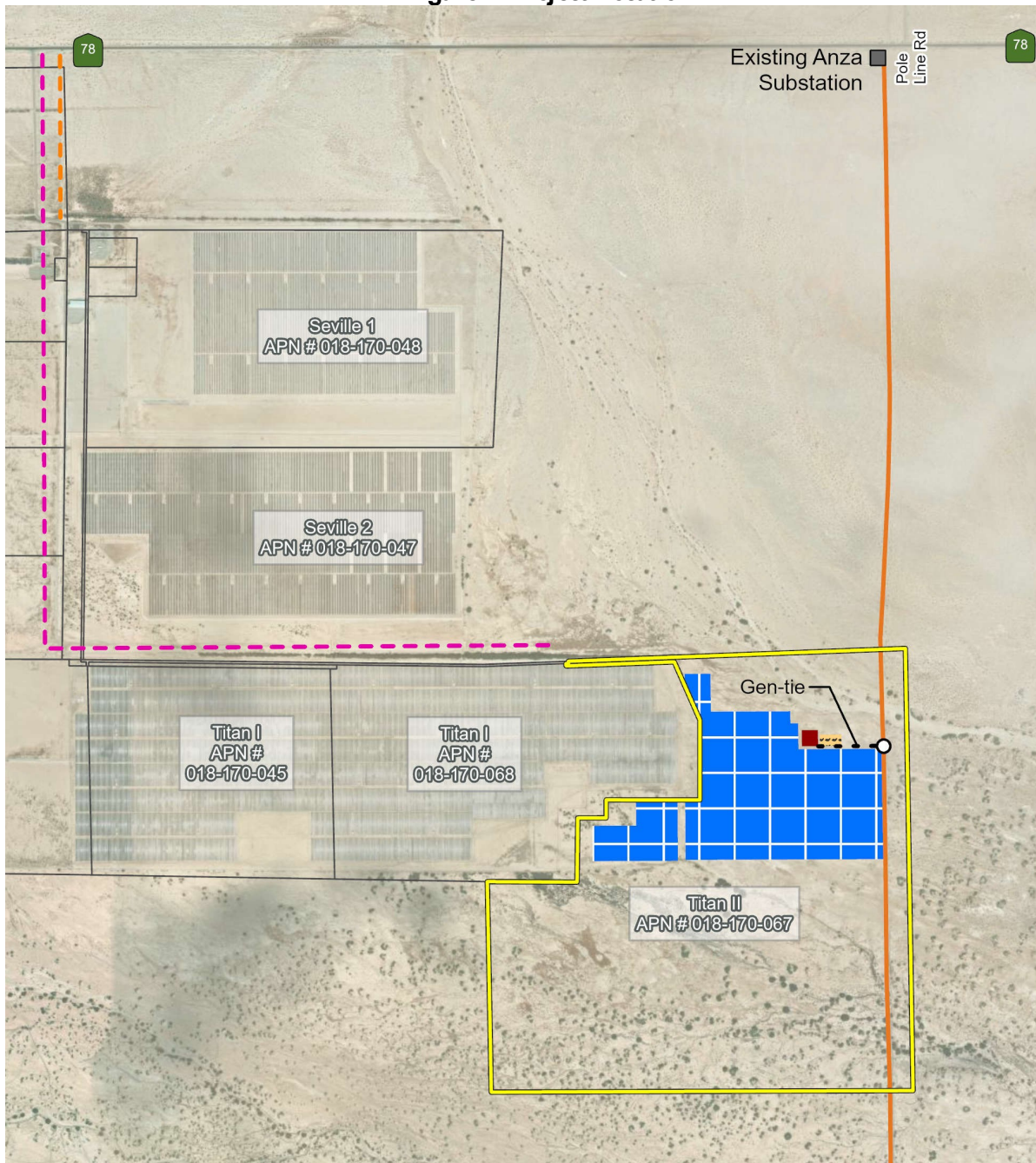
The proposed project consists of the following components: 1) Modification to CUP #17-0006 to add the BESS and gen-tie line to interconnect with the R-Line (CUP #22-0003), and 2) Upgrades to the IID's R-Line.

Project Applicant: Titan II, LLC

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Reference: California Administrative Code, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Figure 1. Project Location



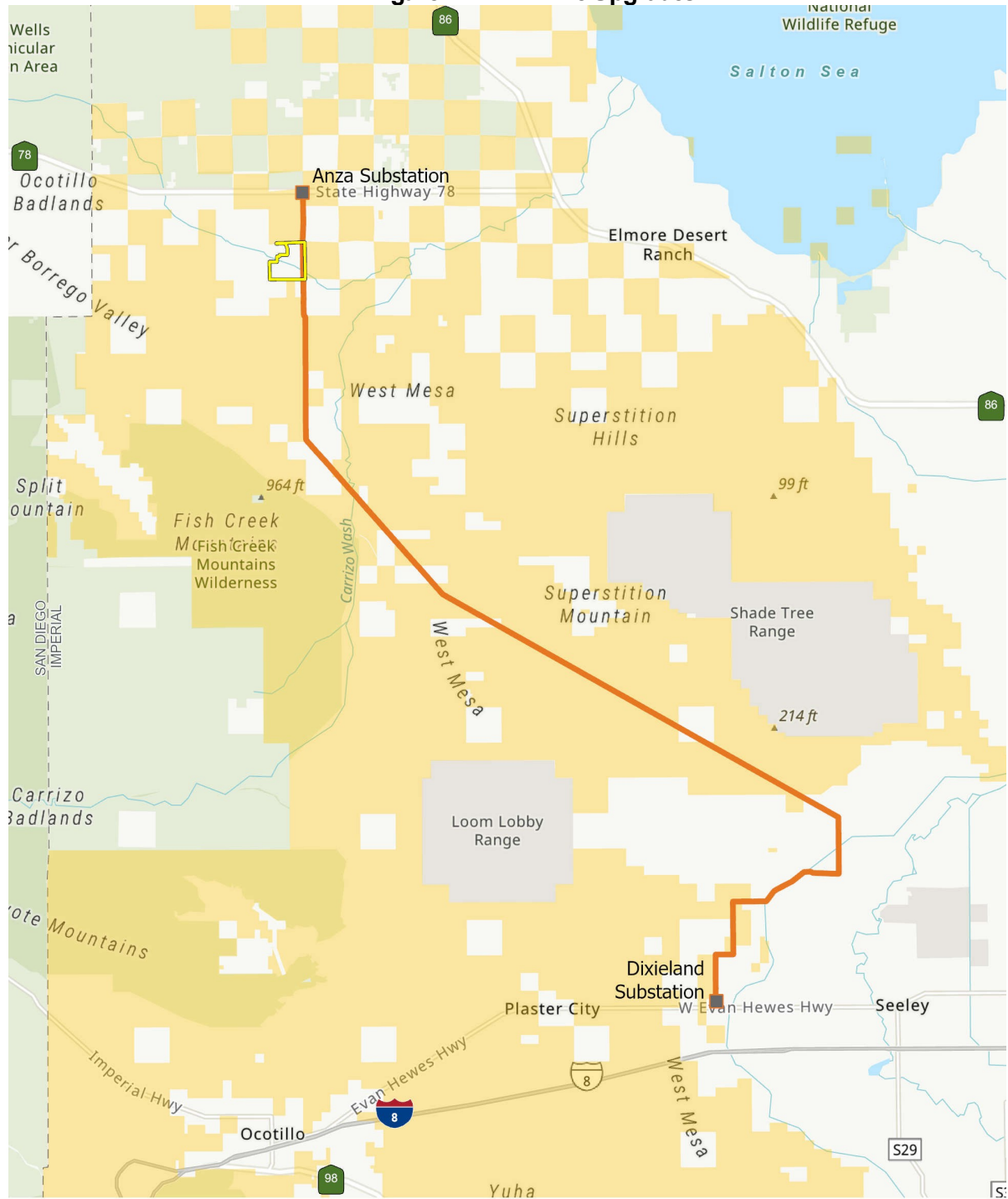
- Titan II Project Parcel
- Existing Anza Substation
- Upgrade of Existing Transmission Line IID R Line
- Existing Access Road
- Secondary Access Road

- Previously-Approved CUP #17-0006 - Authorized Development**
- Solar Panels
 - Substation
- Proposed Project**
- BESS
 - Point of Interconnection
 - Gen-tie



0 1,200 Feet

Figure 2. IID R-Line Upgrades







-  Titan II Project Parcel
-  Upgrade of Existing Transmission Line IID R Line
-  Bureau of Land Management Land
-  Substations

Table 1. Parcels Traversed by the Proposed R-Line Upgrades Project

Assessor Parcel Number	Land Ownership
018-170-067	Private
018-220-016	Private
018-220-017	Private
018-220-018	Private
018-220-019	Private
018-220-020	Private
018-220-021	Private
033-030-013	Private
033-100-003	Private
033-100-025	Private
033-100-037	Private
033-100-052	Private
033-100-065	Private
033-120-008	Private
033-120-042	Private
033-120-043	Private
033-120-062	Private
033-150-040	Private
034-200-019	Private
034-230-009	Private
034-260-032	Private
034-260-042	Private
034-260-044	Private
034-260-046	Private
034-260-047	Private
034-260-049	Private
034-290-003	Private
034-290-024	Private
034-290-025	Private
034-290-032	Private
034-290-033	Private
034-300-027	Private
034-300-035	Private
034-300-038	Private
034-300-041	Private
034-300-042	Private
034-310-008	Private
034-310-009	Private

Assessor Parcel Number	Land Ownership
034-310-017	Private
034-310-025	Private
034-330-019	Private
034-370-001	Private
034-370-014	Private
034-370-019	Private
051-020-027	Private
051-031-001	Private
018-010-033	Bureau of Land Management
018-170-009	Bureau of Land Management
018-170-037	Bureau of Land Management
033-030-002	Bureau of Land Management
033-030-003	Bureau of Land Management
033-030-012	Bureau of Land Management
033-100-001	Bureau of Land Management
033-100-039	Bureau of Land Management
033-120-010	Bureau of Land Management
033-120-027	Bureau of Land Management
033-120-028	Bureau of Land Management
033-120-044	Bureau of Land Management
033-120-055	Bureau of Land Management
033-150-008	Bureau of Land Management
033-150-032	Bureau of Land Management
033-150-039	Bureau of Land Management
034-170-013	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-001	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-002	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-003	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-009	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-010	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-016	Bureau of Land Management
034-200-017	Bureau of Land Management
034-220-006	Bureau of Land Management
034-230-001	Bureau of Land Management
034-230-002	Bureau of Land Management
034-230-005	Bureau of Land Management
034-230-010	Bureau of Land Management
034-290-002	Bureau of Land Management
034-330-020	Bureau of Land Management