# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH #**

**Project Title:** Ground Mount Solar and Battery Project

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City: Bakersfield | Zip: 93311 | County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern | City/Nearest Community: Bakersfield

Cross Streets: Kroll Way and Residence Way | Zip Code: 93311

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 20 ′ 58.5 ″ N / 119 ° 05 ′ 51.8 ″ W Total Acres: 15

Assessor's Parcel No.: 39001201 | Section: 5 | Twp.: 30 South | Range: 27 East | Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 58 | Waterways: Kern River, Arvin-Edison Canal

Airports: N/A | Railways: N/A | Schools: Stockdale ES, Quailwood ES, Ronald Reagan ES, CSUB

**Document Type:**

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☒ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other:

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:

**Local Action Type:**

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

**Development Type:**

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Educational: ____
☐ Recreational: ____
☐ Water Facilities: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type ____
☐ Mining: Mineral ____
☒ Power: Type 4.55 MW dc (solar)
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type ____
☐ Other: ____

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Air Quality ☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Biological Resources ☐ Coastal Zone ☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Minerals ☒ Noise ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Public Services/Facilities
☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Schools/Universities ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Sewer Capacity ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Traffic/Circulation
☒ Vegetation ☒ Water Quality ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater ☒ Wetland/Riparian ☐ Growth Inducement ☒ Land Use ☒ Cumulative Effects ☐ Other:

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

The project site is designated as PS (Public/Private Schools) and zoned for R-1 (Single-Unit Dwelling) by the City of Bakersfield.

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

The project involves the installation of a 4.55 megawatt direct current (MWdc) ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar energy system and associated electrical components on 15 acres on the main campus. A battery energy storage system (BESS) with an energy capacity of 11.7 megawatt-hours (MWh) would also be installed as part of the proposed project. The solar panel modules installed primarily on tracker mount systems with solar panels installed along the western portion of the project site as a south-facing fixed tilt system. Approximately 6,500 solar panels would be installed on approximately 1,275 posts. The project would also install a lithium-ion BESS on the eastern portion of the project site. The BESS would come in a prefabricated enclosure unit and have a fire rating in compliance with industry standards. Electrical components that would be installed as part of the project include inverters, an AC combiner, transformers, and a control panel. Conduit would connect the solar energy system to the electrical components within the project site. The proposed project would also include security features, including perimeter fencing, access gates, and lighting. The solar energy system would connect to the existing substation north of the project site, which would tie into the PG&E grid system via an underground 21-kilovolt, 825 linear foot power line. Construction of the proposed project would occur over an eight-month period between October 2026 and December 2027. Once operational, the solar energy system would be controlled, monitored, managed, and analyzed remotely using a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Operation of the proposed project would be automated and unstaffed. Occasional vegetation management, periodic washing of the solar PV panels, and maintenance of the electrical components would be required to maintain safe operation and energy production.

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| | Boating & Waterways, Department of | | Office of Public School Construction |
| | California Emergency Management Agency | | Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| | California Highway Patrol | | Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| X | Caltrans District # 6 | X | Public Utilities Commission |
| | Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | X | Regional WQCB # 5 |
| X | Caltrans Planning | X | Resources Agency |
| | Central Valley Flood Protection Board | | Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| | Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | | S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| | Coastal Commission | | San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| | Colorado River Board | | San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| X | Conservation, Department of | | Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
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| | Delta Protection Commission | | SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| | Education, Department of | X | SWRCB: Water Quality |
| X | Energy Commission | | SWRCB: Water Rights |
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| | Food & Agriculture, Department of | X | Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| X | Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | X | Water Resources, Department of |
| | General Services, Department of | | |
| | Health Services, Department of | | Other: |
| | Housing & Community Development | | Other: |
| X | Native American Heritage Commission | | |

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

Starting Date June 16, 2026 Ending Date July 15, 2026

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