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SCH #

Project Title: Golden Valley Technology Hub Project by California Resources Corporation (CRC)

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department | Contact Person: Mark Tolentino, Planner III

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City: Bakersfield | Zip: 93301 | County: Kern County

Project Location: County: Kern | City/Nearest Community: Taft, Unincorporated Areas, Valley Acres, Dustin Acres

Cross Streets: Elk Hills Road | Zip Code: 93268

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 14 ′ 3.855 ″ N / 119 ° 26 ′ 33.21 ″ W Total Acres: 82

Assessor's Parcel No.: 298-170-01 | Section: 18 | Twp.: 31S | Range: 24E | Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: HWY 119 | Waterways: N/A

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

Document Type:

CEQA: ☒ NOP ☐ Draft EIR | NEPA: ☐ NOI | Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR | ☐ EA | ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ | ☐ Draft EIS | ☐ Other: _____
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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 ☒ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☒ Site Plan ☒ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Zone Variance

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
☒ Office: Sq.ft. 54,250 Acres 1.25 Employees 249
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☒ Industrial: Sq.ft. 395,500 Acres 9.07 Employees 249
☐ Educational: _____
☐ Recreational: _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☒ Power: Type Battery Energy Storage System MW 125
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☒ Other: Data Center

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Oil and Gas Operations / NR (40) Natural Resources - 40 Acres and A-1 (Limited Agriculture) / 8.4 Mineral and Petroleum (Minimum 5-Acre Parcel Size)

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

The proposed project Golden Valley Technology Hub Project would involve the construction and operation of a 395,500 square-foot, 275-megawatt (MW) data center at the Elk Hills Oil Field (EHOF) in Kern County, California. The proposed Project would include development of data center building and associated infrastructure on an approximately 82-acre site that is currently used as an oil field service and contractor storage yard. The existing 550-MW Elk Hills Power Plant (EHPP) would be the primary source of electricity for the data center and in the case of an outage, backup power would be supplied through an existing interconnection with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Additionally, an approximately 180-MW battery energy storage system would be installed at the data center site to balance electrical loads. A redundant emergency backup generation system consisting of fifteen (15) 2.5-MW diesel generators would also be located at the data center site to provide power to critical IT systems during the unlikely event of outages of both the EHPP and PG&E grid. In addition to the data center site, the proposed project includes construction of ancillary infrastructure to support the data center's operation including electrical transmission lines, water pipelines, and fiber optic lines. Except for the fiber optic lines, the entirety of the project would be contained within the EHOF. The proposed project includes land-use entitlement requests for a Zone Classification Change, Conditional Use Permits, a Zone Variance, and a Tentative Parcel Map from the Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Department.

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	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
X	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		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
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	X	SWRCB: Water Quality
X	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Game Region # Fresno		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of	X	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	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		

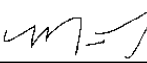
Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 11/04/2026 Ending Date 12/04/2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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