

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # **2019090215**

Project Title: EIR 03-18; AVEP Solar Project by Chaparral Solar, LLC, Rabbitbrush Solar, LLC, and Tumbleweed Solar, LLC  
Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department Contact Person: Randall Cates  
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City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301-2323 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Rosamond  
Cross Streets: Approximately 5 1/2 miles west of the unincorporated community of Rosamond, being portions of Section 18 of Township 9 North, Range 13 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), and portions of Sections 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26 and 36 of Township 9 North, Range 14 West, SBBM., County of Kern, State of California

Lat. / Long.: 34° 51' 49.6563" N/ 118° 20' 20.2236" W Total Acres: 2,117  
Assessor's Parcel No.: 252-341-48; 358-010-04, -13, -14, -17, -18, -19; 358-030-05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, -12, -14, -15, -16, -17, -19, -22, -23, -24, -26, -27, -28, -29, -30, -33; 358-141-34; 358-152-03, -25, -26, -27, -39, -40, -54, -55, -56, -57, -58; 358-160-01, -02, -07, -08, -09, -10, -13, -14, -21, -24, -25, -26, -27, -29, -30, -31; 358-360-04, -05; 358-390-09, -16; 359-183-02; 359-031-07; 359-032-08, -13, -14, -20, -21, -27, -28, -34, -35, -36, -37, -38

Section: 18 / 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26, 36 Twp.: 9N Range: 13W / 14W Base: SBB&M  
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A 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 Change  
 Other: Specific Plan Amendment  Other: Nonsummary vacation of public access easements

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### Development Type:

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mining: Mineral:  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type Solar PV MW 375  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: communication towers

### 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  Wildlife  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Growth Inducing  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Land Use  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Cumulative Effects  
 Other: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire, Energy

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

- Chaparral Solar Facility: inhabited residence, undeveloped land / *Zoning*: A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining), A GH FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Geologic Hazard - Floodplain Secondary Combining), E(2½) RS FPS (Estate (2 1/2 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) / *Willow Springs Specific Plan*: 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 units/net acre/ Comprehensive Planning Area), 5.3/4.4/2.1 (Maximum 10 units/net acre/ Comprehensive Planning Area/ Seismic Hazard), 5.6 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit), 6.2 (General Commercial).
- Rabbitbrush Solar Facility: uninhabited residence, undeveloped land / *Zoning*: A FPS, E(2½) RS FPS, E(5) RS FPS (Estate (5 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining), E(10) RS FPS (Estate (10 Acres) - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) / *Willow Springs Specific Plan*: 5.3/4.4, 5.6, 5.7 (Minimum 5 gross acres/unit), 5.75 (Minimum 10 gross acres/unit), 8.5 (Resources Management (Minimum 20-acre parcel size)).
- Tumbleweed Solar Facility: three inhabited residences, orchards, undeveloped land / *Zoning*: A FPS, E(2½) RS FPS / *Willow Springs Specific Plan*: 5.3/2.85 (Maximum 10 units/net acre / Noise Management Area (65db)), 5.6/2.8 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit / Military Flight Operations (60db)), 5.6/2.85 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit / Noise Management Area (65db)), 6.2, 8.1/2.8 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size) / Military Flight Operations (60db)), 8.1/2.85 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size) / Noise Management Area (65db)).

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

The project proponents are requesting:

- Four Specific Plan Amendments to the Willow Springs Specific Plan, from designations 5.3/2.85 (Maximum 10 units/net acre / Noise Management Area (65db)), 5.3/4.4 (Maximum 10 units/net acre/ Comprehensive Planning Area), 5.3/4.4/2.1 (Maximum 10 units/net acre / Comprehensive Planning Area / Seismic Hazard), 5.6 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit), 5.6/2.8 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit / Military Flight Operations (60db)), 5.6/2.85 (Minimum 2.5 gross acres/unit / Noise Management Area (65db)), 5.7 (Minimum 5 gross acres/unit), 5.75 (Minimum 10 gross acres/unit), 6.2 (General Commercial) and 8.5 (Resources Management (Minimum 20-acre parcel size)) to designations 8.1 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size)), 8.1/2.1 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size / Seismic Hazard), 8.1/2.8 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size) / Military Flight Operations (60db)) and 8.1/2.85 (Intensive Agriculture (Minimum 20-acre Parcel Size) / Noise Management Area (65db)), totaling approximately 10 acres in T9N/R13W SBB&M and approximately 1,727 acres in T9N/R14W SBB&M. (SPA 1, Map 231-18; SPA 25, Map 232; SPA 27, Map 232; SPA 29, Map 232).
- Four Specific Plan Amendments to amend the Circulation Plan of the Willow Springs Specific Plan, to eliminate future road reservations along Section lines in Sections 7 and 18 T9N/R13W SBB&M, and to eliminate future road reservations along Section and Mid-Section lines in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 36 T9N/R14W SBB&M. (SPA 2, Map 231-18; SPA 26, Map 232; SPA 28, Map 232; SPA 30, Map 232).
- Four Changes in zone classification from the existing zone districts of approximately 10 acres of E(2½) RS FPS in Zone Map 231-18, approximately 472 acres of E(2½) RS FPS in Zone Map 232, approximately 160.5 acres of E(5) RS FPS in Zone Map 232, and approximately 18 acres of E(10) RS FPS in Zone Map 232, to the A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) District. (ZCC 3, Map 231-18; ZCC 40, Map 232; ZCC 41, Map 232; ZCC 42, Map 232).
- Four Conditional Use Permits, one in Zone Map 231-18 and three in Zone Map 232, to allow for the construction and operation of three solar facilities with a total generating capacity of approximately 375 megawatts within the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District, pursuant to Section 19.12.030.G of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance. Each of the three facilities would have a generating capacity of approximately 125 megawatts. (CUP 1, Map 231-18; CUP 33, Map 232; CUP 35, Map 232; CUP 37, Map 232).
- Three Conditional Use Permits, in Zone Map 232, to allow for the construction and operation of communication tower(s) in conjunction with the proposed solar facilities. (CUP 34, Map 232; CUP 36, Map 232; CUP 38, Map 232).
- Three requests for nonsummary vacations of public access easements, one corresponding to each of the three solar facilities.
- The project's permanent facilities would include service roads, communication towers, communication cables, overhead and underground transmission lines, energy storage systems, operations and maintenance facilities, and a gen-tie and/or collection lines to transmit electricity generated on the project site.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters)       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>Lahontan</u>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                               |
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\_\_\_\_\_ Colorado River Board  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Corrections, Department of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Delta Protection Commission  
\_\_\_\_\_ Education, Department of  
S \_\_\_\_\_ Energy Commission  
S \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Game Region # Fresno  
\_\_\_\_\_ Food & Agriculture, Department of  
\_\_\_\_\_ General Services, Department of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Health Services, Department of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Housing & Community Development  
\_\_\_\_\_ Integrated Waste Management Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ Native American Heritage Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy  
\_\_\_\_\_ San Joaquin River Conservancy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
\_\_\_\_\_ State Lands Commission  
\_\_\_\_\_ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants  
\_\_\_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Quality  
\_\_\_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Rights  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
\_\_\_\_\_ Toxic Substances Control, Department of  
S \_\_\_\_\_ Water Resources, Department of  
S \_\_\_\_\_ Other So. San Joaquin Arch. Info. Ctr.  
S \_\_\_\_\_ Other DOGGR - Bakersfield

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

Starting Date September 10, 2019 Ending Date October 10, 2019  
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**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** Randall Cates **Date:** September 10, 2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.