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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2005101120

Project Title: Desert Hot Springs Wind Energy Repowering Project

Lead Agency: City of Desert Hot Springs

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs (*City*) Riverside County (*County*)

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

The Project would consist of up to four new wind turbines of up to 493 feet and would produce up to approximately 17 MW of wind energy. In addition to the new wind turbines, the Project would involve decommissioning of approximately 69 existing wind turbines and the appropriate ancillary equipment; connecting new turbines to an existing substation (located on APN 516-030-014) through either a new underground or overhead collection line system (or combination, thereof) or a new connection to an existing overhead SCE 12-kilovolt collection line system; installation of one new temporary and one new permanent meteorological tower, each up to 309 feet tall; and decommissioning of the new turbines at the end of their useful life.

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

Prior to the incorporation of applicable mitigation measures from the previously certified EIR, the Project could result in potentially significant effects with regard to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, transportation and traffic, and utilities; however, these impacts would be reduced to a level of less than significant following the implementation of mitigation. The Project would have a less than significant impact on all other resource areas.

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

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Project describing the the original concept for the Project and issues to be addressed in the Draft SEIR and was distributed to the State Clearinghouse, responsible agencies, and other interested parties for a 30-day public review period. A summary of written comment letters received in response to the NOP is provided below:

• Impacts to migratory birds and avian species.

• AB 52 and SB 18 processes and the protection of cultural and tribal cultural resources.

• Airport Land Use Committee and Federal Aviation Administrative review of the Project.

• Conservation Area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) and Joint Project Power (JPR) process.

• Air quality and health risk assessment modeling, calculations, data, and analysis.

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

Responsible and Trustee Agencies:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife;
Regional Water Quality Control Board; and
US Army Corps of Engineers

Trustee Agency Only:
United States Fish and Wildlife