

Imperial County
Planning & Development Services Department

REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT EIR FOR VEGA SES SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC EIR SCOPING MEETING

Revised Notice of Preparation: The County of Imperial initially released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project on August 9, 2017. Since the release of the original NOP, the project has been slightly modified to increase the overall project size. The Applicant is now proposing to add Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 051-390-012, which comprises approximately 80 acres, to the project site. The original project site comprised approximately 494 acres of land. With the addition of APN 051-390-012, the revised total site acreage is approximately 574 acres of land. A revised NOP and Initial Study have been prepared to address the changes to the project, since the original NOP was released on August 9, 2017 and to scope the issues which will be further addressed in the EIR.

The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed VEGA SES Solar Energy Project as described below.

SUBJECT: VEGA SES Solar Energy Project EIR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDERATION: To Be Determined.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed VEGA SES Solar Energy Project is located approximately 9 miles southwest of the City of El Centro, California on privately owned, undeveloped agricultural land encompassing approximately 574 acres in southwestern Imperial County. The project is generally located east of the Westside Main Canal, south of West Wixom Road, west of Drew Road and north of Lyons Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The VEGA SES Solar Energy Project consists of three primary components: 1) solar generation equipment and associated facilities (herein referred to as "solar energy facility"); 2) battery storage system; and, 3) 230 kilovolt (kV) generator intertie (herein referred to as "gentie") that will deliver the electrical energy produced by the project to the proposed Imperial Irrigation District (IID) 230 kilovolt (kV) Fern Substation. The solar energy facility, battery storage system, and gentie are collectively referred to as the "proposed project" or "project."

The proposed project involves the construction of a 100-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility with an integrated 100 MW battery storage system on approximately 574 acres of land. The project would include a ground mounted PV solar power generating system, supporting structures, electronic/electrical equipment, on-site substation, retention basins, access roads, and fencing. The energy produced by the project would be conducted through a proposed 230 kV generator intertie line and delivered to the IID through a short interconnection with the proposed IID 230 kV Fern Substation.

Project Applicant: VEGA SES LLC

URBAN AREA PLAN: None, located in unincorporated area of County of Imperial

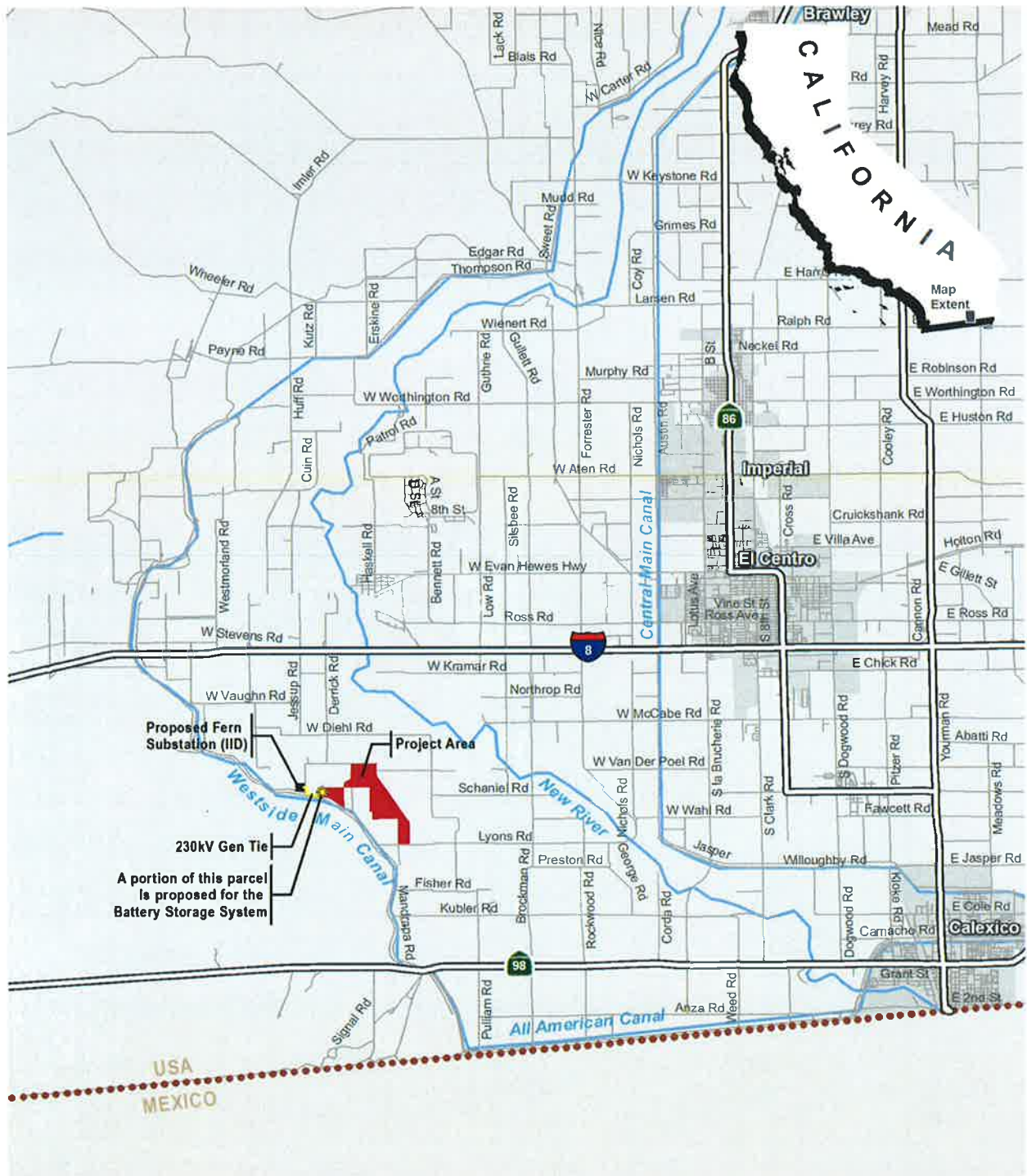
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT: District 2, Supervisor Luis A. Plancarte

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: The EIR will analyze potential impacts associated with the following: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Cumulative Impacts; Geology/Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change; Growth-inducing Impacts; Hazards/Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Public Services; Transportation/Traffic; and Utilities and Service Systems including water supply and energy.

COMMENTS REQUESTED: The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department would like to know your ideas about the effects this project might have on the environment and your suggestions as to mitigation or ways the project may be revised to reduce or avoid any significant environmental impacts. Your comments will guide the scope and content of environmental issues to be examined in the EIR. Your comments may be submitted in writing to David Black, Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Available project information may be reviewed at this location.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION REVIEW PERIOD: November 6, 2017 through December 7., 2017

Figure 1. Project Location



LEGEND

- Project Area
- Proposed Fern Substation (Imperial Irrigation District)
- Proposed 230kV Gen Tie
- Battery Storage System (approximate location)

