

**Imperial County  
Planning & Development Services Department**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR FOR  
CAMPO VERDE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM  
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Campo Verde Battery Energy Storage System described below. The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department (ICPDSD) circulated a Notice of Preparation soliciting comments from June 27 through July 26, 2016. Comments regarding the SEIR's scope were sent to the ICPDSD Direct, Jim Minnick.

**SUBJECT:** Campo Verde Battery Energy Storage System - SCH 2011111049

**ESTIMATED PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:** Fall 2016

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed battery energy storage facility is located within the limits of the Campo Verde Solar project, specifically on APN 051-350-018. The Campo Verde Solar Facility is located south of Interstate 8 and north of SR 98 and east along the West Main Canal. The main access to this site is from Drew Road to Wixom Road and then south on Liebert Road.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Southern Power Company/AWCC Campo Verde, LLC has submitted an application requesting an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit 11-0007 for a proposed battery energy storage facility within the limits of the previously approved Campo Verde Solar Project. The battery storage system is proposed to be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 includes a 424-square foot metal modular system container placed on a concrete foundation and ancillary components. The total "footprint" of these additional components is approximately 707 square feet. Phase 2 will include a 12,300 square foot metal building with battery racks and a concrete foundation. Additional components will support this building; however, the total area of land occupied by the building and the ancillary components is 16,068 square feet. Phase 1 construction is estimated to involve 6-8 weeks and require approximately 12 workers. Phase 2 construction is estimated to take six months and will require approximately 30 workers. Minimal operational staff will be needed.

A Final EIR was prepared for the Campo Verde Solar Project in July 2012 which evaluated the potential environmental impacts and alternatives associated with the construction and operation of a utility-scale solar project and supporting infrastructure. However, in 2012, battery storage was not contemplated as one of the uses/facilities associated with the project and therefore the previously certified EIR did not address the potential environmental impacts associated with this use. A Supplement to the EIR will be prepared to address these anticipated minor revisions associated with the addition of the battery energy storage facility.

**Designated Area Plan:** The project area is designated as Agriculture by the Imperial County General Plan. The project parcel is zoned A-3.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT:** District 2, Supervisor Jack Terrazas

**ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:** The Draft SEIR has analyzed the potential impacts associated with the following: Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Noise; Transportation and Circulation; and Cumulative Impacts.

**COMMENTS REQUESTED.** Your comments may be submitted in writing to: Jim Minnick, Director of Imperial County Planning & Development Services Dept., located at 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. A hard copy of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report is available for review at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department located at 801 Main Street, El Centro Ca 92243 from 7:00 am thru 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be available for review at the local libraries and the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department will post the Draft Environmental Review (DEIR) on the Imperial County Website, at <http://www.icpds.com/?pid=574>

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT EIR COMMENTING PERIOD:** Please submit your comments between October 13, 2016 thru, November 28, 2016