PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) and the County's "RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT CEQA," the Imperial County Environmental Evaluation Committee (EEC) held a public hearing on <u>May 13, 2021</u> at <u>1:30 p.m.</u> in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA to hear the project(s) listed below and rendered a CEQA determination(s), e.g., Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report. (NOTE: Interested parties have ten (10) calendar days to appeal the EEC's CEQA determination from the date of the public hearing)

(Information Item Only) Assessment #20-0029 Applicant: Apex Energy Solutions, LLC is proposing Conditional Use Permit #20-0020 (VEGA 4) for the construction of a 100-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility with an integrated battery storage system not to exceed 200 MW. The project is on approximately 531 acres of land. The project would include electronic/electrical equipment, an on-site substation, access road(s) and fencing. The project involves three parcels in Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16 within Township 17 South, and Range 16 East SBB&M; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 059-290-010, 059-300-015, and 059-300-017), (2849 E. Hwy 98, Holtville, CA 92250, Supervisorial District #1), [Diana Robinson, Planner III at (442) 265-1736, extension 1751 or by email at dianarobinson@co.imperial.ca.us].

(Information Item Only) Assessment #20-0030 Applicant: Apex Energy Solutions, LLC. is proposing three Conditional Use Permits #20-0021, CUP#20-0022, & CUP#20-0023 collectively to develop and operate a three-hundred-fifty (350) megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility with an integrated three-hundred-fifty (350) MW battery storage system, not to exceed seven-hundred (700) megawatt hour (MWh). The project is to be located on approximately 1,963 acres. **SES 2** property is legally described as Portion of Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, SBB&M; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 025-160-011, 025-010-006, and 025-270-023; (approx. 5 miles Southeast of Niland); **SES 3** is legally described as Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, SBB&M; Assessor's Parcel Number 025-010-006-000 (approx. 5 miles Southeast of Niland); **SES 5** is legally described as section 17, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, SBB&M; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 025-260-019-000 and 025-260-022, (approx. 4 miles Southeast of Niland), Supervisorial District #4), [Patricia Valenzuela, Planner IV at (442) 265-1736, extension 1749 or by email at patriciavalenzuela@co.imperial.ca.us].

(Information Item Only) Assessment #20-0035 Applicant: Vikings Solar Energy Farm, LLC is proposing Conditional Use Permit #20-0025 to develop a nominal 150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation project with an integrated battery storage system not to exceed 300 MW. The project includes solar energy generation facility, battery storage system, switching station and gen-tie line. The project is to be located on approximately 603.61 acres. The property area is legally described as Portion of Section 36, Township 15 South, Range 16 East, SBB&M; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 050-070-018-000, 050-070-019-000 & 050-070-021-000, (2910 & 3000 E. Nelsons Pit Rd., Holtville, CA 92250, Supervisorial District #5), [Diana Robinson, Planner III at (442) 265-1736, extension 1751 or by email at dianarobinson@co.imperial.ca.us].

Mitigated Negative Declaration Assessment #20-0039: Applicant: The VEGA IID S-Line Upgrades Project, CUP 20-0029 Minor Modification and PM 02491 consists of three primary components: 1) Minor Revisions to existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 17-0001; 2) Upgrades to the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) "S"-Line; and 3) propose Parcel Map #02491. VEGA SES LLC is requesting to change the location of the previously-approved on-site substation and gen-tie tie-in, within the boundaries of the VEGA SES Solar Energy Project site. The S-Line upgrades component of the project consists of replacement and upgrades to the existing IID S-Line and construction of new sections or alternate route alignments connecting the Imperial Valley Substation to the EI Centro Switching Station. A Parcel Map is proposed for reorganization of property around Drew Road. The Parcel Map would create two parcels from an existing five parcels that are bisected, in part, by Drew Road. The solar project is generally located along Drew Road between Wixom Road and Lyons Road. The transmission "S" line will encompass approximately 18 miles of upgrade. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 051-360-031, 021, 051-390-012, 013, 004, and 051-350-015, 017, 019, (Supervisorial District #2), [David Black, Planner IV at (442) 265-1736, extension 1746].

Jim Minnick, Chairman Environmental Evaluation Committee

Si usted requiere esta información en español, favor de llamar al (442) 265-1736. KN/MM/S:\Clerical\AGENDAS\2021\EEC\04 29 2021 EEC Agenda.docx