

Final Environmental Impact Report

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

A

AB	Assembly Bill
ABPP	Avian and Bat Protection Plan
AC	Alternating current
ACEC	Area of Critical Environmental Concern
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AEP	Annual exceedance probability
AER	Annual Emission Reporting
AF	Acre-feet
AFY	Acre-feet per year
AGL	Aboveground level
AP Act	Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
ALUCP	Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
APCD	Air Pollution Control District
APE	Area of potential effect
APLIC	Avian Powerline Interaction Committee
APN	Assessor's Parcel Number
AQ	Air quality
AQAP	Air Quality Attainment Plan
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
ARB	Air Resources Board
ATR	Alternative Transmission Route
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
AVR	Average vehicle ridership
AWSC	All-Way STOP Controlled

B

BGEPA	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best Management Practice
BP	Before Present
BTR	Biological Technical Report

C

CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAQS	California Ambient Air Quality Standards
CAFÉ	Corporate Average Fuel Economy
Cal-OSHA	California Occupational Safety and Health Agency
CalARP	California Accidental Release Prevention
CalEPA	California EPA
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAPCOA	California Air Pollution Control Officers Association
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CBC	California Building Code
CCAA	California Clean Air Act
CCCC	California Climate Change Center
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDCA	California Desert Conservation Area
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act

C (continued)

CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGS	California Geological Survey
CH ₄	Methane
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CMA	Congestion Management Agency
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CNDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNEL	Community Noise Equivalent Level
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
CRHR	California Register of Historic Resources
CSF1(A)	Calexico Solar Farm 1 Phase A
CSF1(B)	Calexico Solar Farm 1 Phase B
CSF2(A)	Calexico Solar Farm 2 Phase A
CSF2(B)	Calexico Solar Farm 2 Phase B
CTR	California Toxics Rule
CUP	Conditional Use Permit
CUPA	Certified Unified Program Agency
CWA	Clean Water Act
cy	Cubic Yard

D

dB	Decibel
dBA	A-weighted decibel
DBE	Design basis earthquake
DC	Direct current
DDD	Dichlorodiphenyl dichloroethane
DDE	Dichlordiphenylethylene
DDT	Dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DOC	Department of Conservation
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOGGR	Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substance Control
DW	Desert wash

E

EA	Environmental Assessment
EDP	Equitable Distribution Program
EDR	Environmental Data Research
EHS	Environmental Health Services
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIR/EA	Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA	Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment

F

F	Fahrenheit
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHA	Federal Highway Administration
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Maps
FMMP	Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
FPPA	Farmland Protection Policy Act
FRM	Federal Reference Method
FSZ	Farmland Security Zone
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTHL	Flat-tailed horned lizard

G

g	Gravity
GCC	Global Climate Change
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GIS	Geographic information systems
GWP	Global warming potential

H

HCM	Highway Capacity Manual
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
HFC	Heber Field Company
HFCs	Hydrofluorocarbons
HFE	Hydrofluorinated ethers
HMMP	Hazardous Material Management Program
HMTA	Hazardous Materials Transportation Act
HRP	Habitat Restoration Plan
HSC	Health and Safety Code
HSWA	Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments
HVAC	Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning
Hz	Hertz

I

I	Interstate
I-8	Interstate 8
ICAPCD	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
ICFD	Imperial County Fire Department
ICFD/OES	Imperial County Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services
IGR	Intergovernmental Review
IID	Imperial Irrigation District
in/sec	Inches per second
IOU	Investor-owned utilities
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ISO	Independent System Operator (Calif.)
IOU	Investor-owned utility
IVAG	Imperial Valley Association of Governments
IVT	Imperial Valley Transportation
IWRMP	Imperial Water Resource Management Plan
IWSP	Interim Water Supply Policy

K

kV	Kilovolt
kW	Kilowatt

L

lbs	Pounds
LCC	Land capability classification
LCFS	Low Carbon Fuel Standard
L _{dn}	Day-Night Average Sound Level
LE	Land evaluation
L _{eq}	Equivalent Sound Level
LESA	Land Evaluation and Site Assessment
L _{max}	Maximum noise level
LOS	Level of Service

M

MA	Management Area
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MCE	Maximum creditable earthquake
MLD	Most Likely Descendant
mmBtu/hour	British thermal units per hour
MMT	Millions of metric tons
MMTCO ₂ e	Million metric tons of CO ₂ equivalent
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSSF1	Mount Signal Solar Farm 1
MSL	Mean sea level
MT	Metric tons
MW	Megawatt
MW-h	Megawatt-hours
MWSC	Minor Street Stop Controlled

N

N ₂	Nitrogen
N ₂ O	Nitrous Oxide
N/A	Not Applicable
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
NEHRP	National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program
NEHRPA	National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Act
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NF ₃	Nitrogen trifluoride
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NO	Nitric Oxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOP	Notice of Preparation
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxide
NPPA	Native Plant Protection Act
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places

O		S (Continued)	
O ₂	Oxygen	SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
O ₃	Ozone	SCH	State Clearinghouse
O&M	Operations and Maintenance OA Operational Area	SDG&E	San Diego Gas & Electric
OES	Office of Emergency Services	SCIC	South Coast Information Center
OHP	Office of Historic Preservation	SDI	Supply/demand imbalance
OHV	Off-highway vehicle	SDSU	San Diego State University
OPR	Office of Planning and Research	SEMS	Standardized Emergency Management System
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	SF ₆	Sulfur hexafluoride
OTF	Off-site Transmission Facilities	SIP	State Implementation Plan
P		T	
PAH	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon	TAC	Toxic air contaminant
Pb	Lead	TBACT	Toxic Best Available Control Technologies
PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyls	TIS	Traffic Impact Study
PCE	Passenger car equivalent	TMDL	Total maximum daily load
PER	Programmatic Environmental Report	TSS	Total suspended solids
PFCs	Perfluorocarbons	TWh	Trillion Watt hours
PFYC	Potential Fossil Yield Classification	U	
PGA	Peak ground acceleration	UBC	Uniform Building Code
PI	Principal Investigator	UPS	Uninterruptable power supply
PM _{2.5}	Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Microns in Diameter	USA	Underground Services Alert
PM ₁₀	Particulate Matter Less Than 10 Microns in Diameter	USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
POE	Point of Entry	USC	United States Code
POUs	Publicly owned utilities	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
PP	Proposed Project	U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
ppb	Parts per billion	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
ppm	Parts per million	USGS	United States Geological Survey
PPV	Peak particle velocity	U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
PRC	Public Resources Code	V	
PTR	Preferred Transmission Route	V	Variance
PUC	Public Utilities Commission	V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio
PV	Photovoltaic	VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride	W	
Q		WEAP	Worker Environmental Awareness Program
QSA	Quantification Settlement Agreement	WRCC	Western Regional Climate Center
R		µg/m ³	microgram per cubic meter
RCP	Regional Comprehensive Plan	S	
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	SA	Site assessment
REA	Registered Environmental Assessor	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
REL	Reference Exposure Level	SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
RMS	Rangewide Management Strategy	Acronyms	
ROW	Right-of-way	Mount Signal and Calexico Solar Farm Projects Final EIR	
RV	Recreational vehicle	xii	Imperial County March 2012

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