

## 2.0 ERRATA

This Errata has been prepared to make minor technical corrections and in response to additional information that became known subsequent to publication of the Draft SEIR for the Le Conte Battery Energy Storage Project (proposed Project) which was circulated for a 50-day public review period in compliance with Public Resources Code 21091 from July 15, 2019 to September 2, 2019. Given the minor changes associated with the document, the information added to the SEIR does not meet the requirements for recirculation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 150885.5.

The information provided herein does not represent significant new information as the term is defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) beyond the analysis or conclusions presented in the Draft and Final SEIR for the Project. Section 15088.5 of the CEQA Guidelines specifically states: “New information added to an EIR is not ‘significant’ unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including a feasible project alternative) that the Project’s proponents have declined to implement. ‘Significant new information’ requiring recirculation includes, for example, a disclosure showing that:

- A new significant environmental impact would result from the project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented.
- A substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact would result unless mitigation measures are adopted to reduce the impact to a level of insignificance.
- A feasible project alternative or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the project, but the project’s proponents decline to adopt it.
- The draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded.”

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5 also provides that “[r]ecirculation is not required where the new information added to the EIR merely clarifies or amplifies or makes insignificant modifications in an adequate EIR... A decision not to recirculate an EIR must be supported by substantial evidence in the administrative record.”

Text being added to the DEIR is **underlined**; text that is being deleted is in **~~strikeout~~**. Existing text to remain unchanged is included as plain text, without strikethrough or double underlines, to provide context for the revisions, clarifications, and correction.

In conformance with Section 15121 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Final SEIR, technical appendices and reports thereof, together with the Errata, are intended to serve as documents that will generally inform the decision-makers and the public of environmental effects of the Project. This Errata, combined with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Response to Comments, comprises the Final SEIR.

## Chapter 0 Executive Summary

The following describes changes to Executive Summary.

**Page ES-7, Section 0.8.2.1 has been revised as follows:**

**Table ES-1: Summary of Proposed Project Impacts - Less Than Significant or Less Than Significant with Mitigation**

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation Measure</b>
Air Quality (Project and Cumulative)	None required
Biological Resources (Project and Cumulative)	Measures BIO-1 through BIO-4
Cultural Resources (Project and Cumulative)	Measures CR-1 through CR-6
Geology and Soils (Project and Cumulative)	Measures GEO-1 through GEO-12 <del>4</del>
Hazards and Hazardous Materials (Project and Cumulative)	None required
Noise (Project and Cumulative)	None required
Traffic and Transportation (Project and Cumulative)	None required

Page ES-33, Table ES-4 has been revised as follows:

<p>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</p>	<p>Potentially Significant</p>	<p><b>MM GEO-1:</b> The Project shall be designed in accordance with <u>seismic considerations in the then current California Building Code, Uniform Building Code or the standards of care established by the Structural Engineers Association of California and the County of Imperial building requirements.</u> <del>Standards subsequent geotechnical investigations on the final project design.</del></p>	<p>Less than Significant</p>
<p>iii) Seismic-related ground failure including liquefaction?</p>	<p>Potentially Significant</p>	<p><b>MM GEO-2:</b> The Project <u>civil</u> contractor shall implement ground improvement measures <del>prior to</del><u>during</u> construction, such as deep soil mixing (cement), vibro-compaction, vibro-replacement, geopiers, stone columns, compaction grouting, or deep dynamic compaction, <u>as recommended by geotech engineer.</u></p> <p><b>MM GEO-3:</b> Concrete mixes shall have a maximum water cement ratio of 0.45 and a minimum compressive strength of <u>5,04,500 psi (minimum of 6.0 sacks per cubic yard of concrete).</u><del>7 sacks Type II/V cement per cubic yard).</del></p>	<p>Less than Significant</p>

Page ES-33, Table ES-4 has been revised as follows:

**Table ES-2: Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

<p><b>Impact 3.5-2:</b> Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?</p>	<p>Potentially Significant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>None Required</u></p> <p><del><b>MM HM-1:</b> If during grading or excavation work, the contractor observes visual or olfactory evidence of contamination or if soil contamination is otherwise suspected, work near the excavation site shall be terminated, the work area cordoned off, and appropriate health and safety procedures implemented for the location by the contractor's Health &amp; Safety Officer. Samples shall be collected by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration trained individual with a minimum of 40 hours hazardous material site worker training. Laboratory data from suspected contaminated material shall be reviewed by the contractor's Health and Safety Officer. If the sample testing determines that contamination is not present, work may proceed at the site. However, if contamination is detected above regulatory limits, the Imperial County Public Health Department shall be notified. All actions related to encountering unanticipated hazardous materials at the site shall be documented and submitted to the Imperial County Public Health Department for County lands.</del></p>	<p>Less than Significant</p>
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## Chapter 1.0 Introduction

The following describes changes to Chapter 1.

### Page 1-15, Section 1.6.1 has been revised as follows:

In December 2011, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors certified the 2011 Final EIR (State Clearinghouse Number 2010111056) for the Centinela Solar Energy Project; approved a CUP (CUP #10-0007) to construct and operate a 275 megawatts (MW) project covering 2,076 acres on parcels zoned for agriculture (i.e., A-2, A-2-R and A-3); approved a Variance (V11-0003) to allow the transmission towers to exceed the 120-foot height limit within the A-2-R and A-3 zones; and approved other associated discretionary actions.

## Chapter 2.0 Project Description

The following describes changes to Chapter 2.

### Page 2-2, Section 2.1.2 has been revised as follows:

In December 2011, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse Number 2010111056) for the Centinela Solar Energy Project; approved a CUP (CUP #10-0007) to construct and operate a 275 MW project on parcels zoned for agriculture (i.e., A-2, A-2-R and A-3); approved a Variance (V11-0003) to allow the transmission towers to exceed the 120-foot height limit within the A-2-R and A-3 zones; and approved other associated discretionary actions.

### Page 2-11, Section 2.6.1 has been revised as follows:

#### Security

As previously described, the Project will be located within the boundary of the existing CSE facility site; as such, the Project will operate within this secured location. The batteries and related control systems will be housed within ~~up to one~~ or two buildings totaling 85,000 square feet in size. The inverters, the on-site substation and the associated overhead electric tie-line will be located outdoors.

### Page 2-12, Section 2.6.3.1 has been revised as follows:

#### 2.1.1.1 Construction Equipment

Typical construction equipment will be used for site preparation (including grading), digging foundations, excavating trenches, and for conduit installation. A cement truck will also be utilized during construction

activities to pour concrete foundations. All on-site equipment ~~is expected to~~will be Tier 2 compliant. Disturbed surfaces that are not stabilized will be watered as needed for dust control. Anticipated construction equipment during the grading phase has been provided in Table 2-1 below.

**Page 2-24, Table 2-3 has been revised as follows:**

<b>Environmental Health &amp; Safety</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Review Building Plan Review (Applicant)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Order for Portable Water – Dependent on water supply. Hauled or Point of Entry</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Order Septic Waste Removal</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Order Port-a-Potties</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Order for Above-Ground Septic System</li> </ul>

### Chapter 3.4 Geology and Soils

The following describes changes to Chapter 3.4.

**Page 3.4-21, Mitigation Measure has been clarified as follows:**

**MM GEO-1:** The Project shall be designed in accordance with seismic considerations contained in the then current California Building Code, Uniform Building Code or the standards of care established by the Structural Engineers Association of California and the County of Imperial building requirements. ~~Standards subsequent geotechnical investigations on the final project design.~~

**Page 3.4-23, Mitigation Measure has been clarified as follows:**

**MM GEO-2:** The Project civil contractor shall implement ground improvement measures ~~prior to~~during construction, such as deep soil mixing (cement), vibro-compaction, vibro-replacement, geopiers, stone columns, compaction grouting, or deep dynamic compaction, as recommended by geotech engineer.

**MM GEO-3:** Concrete mixes shall have a maximum water cement ratio of 0.45 and a minimum compressive strength of ~~5,04,500~~ 5,000 psi (minimum of 6.0 sacks per cubic yard of concrete) ~~7-sacks Type II/V cement per cubic yard~~.

### Chapter 3.5 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The following describes changes to Chapter 3.5. Potential impacts associated with hazards through upset/release of hazardous materials resulting from exposure to pesticide residue and herbicides during construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project are less than significant, Mitigation Measure HM-1 is not warranted in and will be removed, as indicated below. Potential impacts remain less than significant.

**Page 3.5-18, Impact 3.5-2, the Construction Impacts discussion has been revised as follows:**

The Project site was cleared during the construction of the CSE facility. ~~Though No~~ Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) were identified at the site or on the surrounding parcels in the Phase I ESAs; ~~therefore, impacts are less than significant, there is a potential for the discovery of unidentified hazards during construction. Mitigation Measure HM-1 describes procedures for managing unidentified hazards and reduce potential impacts related to unidentified hazards during construction to less than significant levels.~~

**Page 3.5-20, the Operation Impacts discussion has been revised as follows:**

The Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) developed for the CSE facility will be updated and applicable to the Project site and describes the use and storage methods for hazardous materials at the facility. Design features and BMPs for the Project would minimize spill and leak risks associated with use, handling, and storage of hazardous materials at the Project site by requiring that hazardous materials and hazardous wastes be handled in accordance with applicable regulations. Any hazardous waste would be required to be transfer to a disposal facility authorized to accept such materials. Onsite employees will be trained to identify and handle hazardous materials and hazardous wastes. Similar to the Project construction phase, no acutely toxic hazardous material use is anticipated and the materials to be used do not pose a significant potential for impacts to the public and/or environment through a large release of chemicals. The Project will be designed and BMPs would be implemented to minimize the potential for leaks and spills of hazardous materials during construction. These BMPs would include instructions for proper handling and disposal of materials including prohibiting hazardous materials from being drained onto the ground or into nearby drainages. As such, accident conditions as part of use and storage during operation of the Project would be less than significant.

~~The impacts associated with the reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving an accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment during operation are considered potentially significant unless mitigation is incorporated. Mitigation Measure HM-1 is provided below.~~

Measures would be taken to reduce the risk of potential lithium-ion battery fire at the site. As previously indicated, any potential fire risk that the traditional lithium-ion cells have will most likely be caused by over-charging or through short circuit due to age. This risk will be mitigated through monitoring and a fire suppression system that includes water and or a suppression agent (eg FM-200, Novatech) with smoke detectors, control panel, alarm, piping and nozzles. The fire protection system will be designed by a certified fire protection engineer and installed by a fire protection system contractor licensed in California and in accordance with all relevant building and fire codes in effect in the County at the time of building permit submission.

**Page 3.5-23, the Mitigation Measure has been removed as follows:**

### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

~~MM HM-1: —If during grading or excavation work, the contractor observes visual or olfactory evidence of contamination or if soil contamination is otherwise suspected, work near the excavation site shall be terminated, the work area cordoned off, and appropriate health and safety procedures implemented for the location by the contractor's Health & Safety Officer. Samples shall be collected by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration trained individual with a minimum of 40 hours hazardous material site worker training. Laboratory data from suspected contaminated material shall be reviewed by the contractor's Health and Safety Officer. If the sample testing determines that contamination is not present, work may proceed at the site. However, if contamination is detected above regulatory limits, the Imperial County Public Health Department shall be notified. All actions related to encountering unanticipated hazardous materials at the site shall be documented and submitted to the Imperial County Public Health Department for County lands.~~

**Significance After Mitigation**

Not Applicable. ~~Less than significant.~~

**Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

Revisions to the Final SEIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program reflect the above changes to mitigation measures described above and will not be repeated.