

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

From:

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Imperial County Planning & Development Services
801 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

County Clerk
County of Imperial
940 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Contact: David Black
Phone: (442) 265-1736

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2017121078

Project Title(s): Laurel Cluster Solar Farms Project - formerly "Big Rock Cluster Solar Farms Project"

Laurel Cluster Solar Farm 1 (LSF1)	Conditional Use Permit #17-0028 Variance#18-0004
Laurel Cluster Solar Farm 2 (LSF2)	Conditional Use Permit #17-0029 Variance#18-0005
Laurel Cluster Solar Farm 3 (LSF3)	Conditional Use Permit #17-0030 Variance#18-0006
Laurel Cluster Solar Farm 4 (LSF4)	Conditional Use Permit #17-0027 Variance#18-0003

Project Applicant: 92JT 8me LLC and 90FI 8me LLC

Project Location (include County): Approximately 8 miles southwest of the City of El Centro, in an unincorporated area of the County of Imperial. The projects are generally located south of I-8, west of Drew Road and Vogel Road, north of Mandrapa Road, and east of the Westside Main Canal and Westmorland Road.

Project Description: The Laurel Cluster Solar Farms Project involves construction of four utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar facilities (LSF1, LSF2, LSF3, and LSF4) on approximately 1,380 acres of land. The four projects would generate a combined total of up to 325 megawatts (MW). Each project would include a ground mounted PV solar power generating system, supporting structures, inverter modules, pad mounted transformers, energy storage system, access roads and perimeter fencing, an operations and maintenance (O&M) building, and an on-site substation. The energy produced by the projects would be conducted through a proposed 230 kV generator intertie line and delivered through a short interconnection with the proposed Fern/Liebert Substation. Alternatively, power generated by the projects may be delivered via a gen-tie line to the SDG&E Imperial Valley Substation.

Discretionary Actions/Approvals:

Conditional Use Permits:

LSF1 is a nominal 40-MW solar PV electric generation facility and ancillary facilities on 171 acres of privately-owned land (Table 1), including connection to the proposed Fern/Liebert Substation, or alternatively, to the SDG&E Imperial Valley Substation.

POSTED

JAN 17 2019

**IMPERIAL COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
CALIFORNIA**

LSF2 is a nominal 70-MW solar PV electric generation facility and ancillary facilities on 280 acres of privately-owned land (Table 1) and including connection to the proposed Fern/Liebert Substation, or alternatively, to the SDG&E Imperial Valley Substation.

LSF3 is a nominal 140-MW solar PV electric generation facility and ancillary facilities on 587 acres of privately-owned land (Table 1) including connection to the proposed Fern/Liebert Substation, or alternatively, to the SDG&E Imperial Valley Substation.

LSF4 is a nominal 75-MW solar PV electric generation facility and ancillary facilities on 342 acres of privately-owned land (Table 1) including connection to the proposed Fern/Liebert Substation, or alternatively, to the SDG&E Imperial Valley Substation.

Table 1. Project Sites Assessor Parcel Numbers, Acreages, and Zoning			
	APN	Zoning	Acreage
LSF1	051-310-023	A-2-R	60
	051-360-005	A-2-R	111
Subtotal			171
LSF2	051-300-032 (portion)	A-2-R	80
	051-300-036	A-3	40
	051-310-027	A-2-R	120
	051-310-028	A-2-R	40
Subtotal			280
LSF3	051-270-027 (portion)	A-2 and A-2-R	58
	051-270-047	A-2-R	81
	051-300-008	A-2-R	80
	051-300-009	A-2 and A-2-R	80
	051-300-030 (portion)	A-2-R	145
	051-300-039	A-2-R	48
	051-330-001	A-3	95
Subtotal			587
LSF4	051-350-015 and 051-350-016	A-3	107
	051-360-038 (portion)	A-3	45
	051-360-028	A-3	130
	051-330-024	A-2-R	60
Subtotal			342
Total Project Sites			1,380
<i>Note: A-2 (General Agriculture), A-2R (General Agricultural Rural), and A-3 (Heavy Agriculture)</i>			
<i>APN - assessor parcel number; LSF1 – Laurel Solar Farm 1; LSF2 – Laurel Solar Farm 2; LSF3 – Laurel Solar Farm 3; LSF4 – Laurel Solar Farm 4</i>			

General Plan Amendment:

A General Plan Amendment (Renewable Energy and Transmission Element) to include/classify the project sites into the Renewable Energy (RE) Overlay Zone.

Zone Change:

A zone change to include/classify the project sites into the RE Overlay Zone.

Variance:

Variances are required to exceed the height limit for transmission towers within the A-2, A-2-R, and A-3 zones. The existing A-2, A-2-R, and A-3 zones allow a maximum height limit of 120 feet; whereas implementation of the project may involve the construction of transmission towers of up to 200 feet in height.

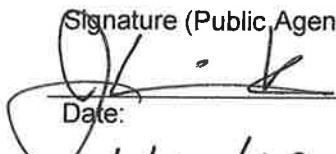
This is to advise that the Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on 1/15/19 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.
(date)
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to verify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Signature (Public Agency):


Date:
1/15/19

Title:



Date Received for filing at OPR: