AB52 Project Scoping Letter



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RE: 3700 Las Virgenes Road, Joint Power Authority Solar Generation Project Pase II

Dear Tribal Representative:

In conformance with the tribal consultation requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 52, this letter is to inform you that the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is reviewing the proposed project described below. Per AB 52, the tribe has the right to consult on a proposed public or private project prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report. The project description is as follows:

The project proposes to construct a four-to-five megawatt (4-5) MW solar generation facility at a location known as the north canyon of the Rancho Las Virgenes property located 3700 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. See attached for project location and rendering.

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You have 30 calendar days from receipt of this letter to notify us in writing that you want to consult on this project. Please provide the lead contact person's contact information. Please mail your request to:

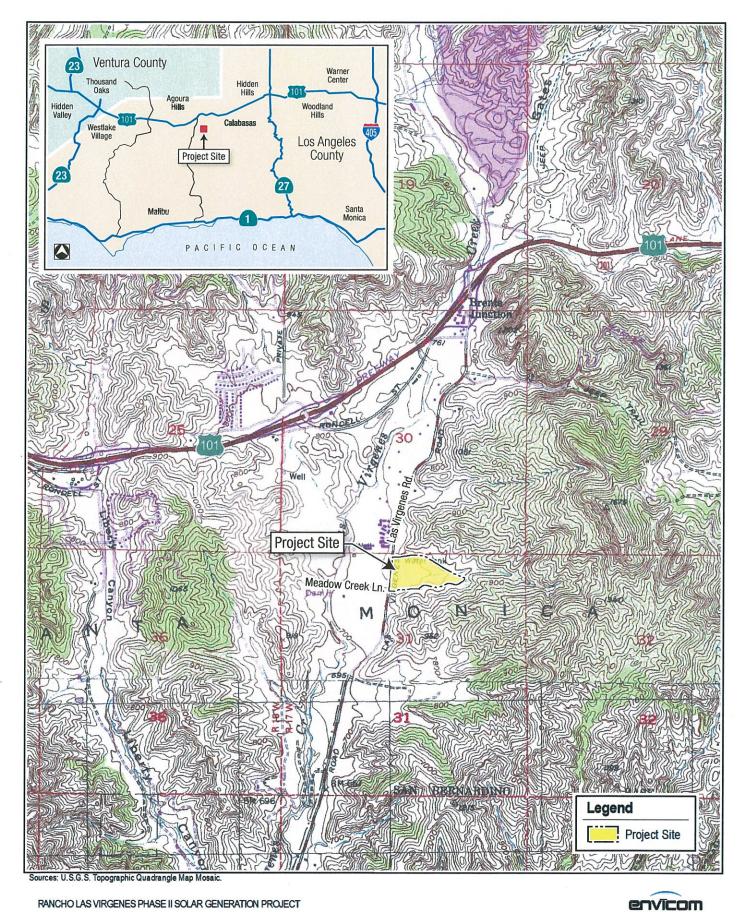
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Sincerely,

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration



Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302 818.251.2100



Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: October 11, 2018

To: Responsible Agencies/

Trustee Agencies/
State Clearinghouse

Interested Parties/HOA and homeowners

Los Angeles County Clerk (please post for 30 days)

From: Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

4232 Las Virgenes Rd. Calabasas, CA 91302

Notice is hereby given that the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) (a Joint Powers Authority of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and the Triunfo Sanitation District), will consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified below. The JPA, as lead agency, requests comments regarding the environmental evaluation of the project by Thursday, November 15, 2018. The JPA will contemplate adoption of the MND after considering the initial study, supporting documents, studies, and comments received within the comment period herein specified.

Project

JPA Solar Generation Project Phase II – Clean Energy to Power Water and Wastewater Utilities

Location

The project site is approximately 1.15 miles south of U.S. 101 along the east side of Las Virgenes Road within the City of Calabasas. The site lies immediately south of the Calabasas Bark Park located at 4232 Las Virgenes Road and east of Las Virgenes Road, along a segment between the intersection of Meadow Creek Lane and Arthur E. Wright Middle School, as shown in the enclosed figure.

Project Description

The JPA Solar Generation Project Phase II ("project"), consists of the construction and operation of a four to five megawatt (4-5 MW) solar electricity generation facility with ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels on mechanical sun-tracking rack systems and associated electrical equipment on approximately 20 acres in the northeast portion of the North Canyon portion of the Rancho Las Virgenes property, an approximately 150-acre property owned by the JPA. The JPA previously used the project site as a spray field for disposal of surplus recycled water during low demand seasons but no longer needs the site for that purpose.

Board of Directors

Applicant

Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA

Comment Period

The MND review period for State Agencies is 30 days pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21091(b). The public review period shall commence on October 15, 2018, and end on November 15, 2018.

Public Hearing

A public hearing for the Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA Board of Directors to consider of the project and environmental review document is tentatively scheduled for Monday December 3, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting date may be subject to change to a future date, please refer to the JPA website (https://www.lvmwd.com/about-us/joint-powers-authority/jpa-meeting-agendas-minutes) for the most current public hearing information. If confirmed, the December 3rd hearing would be held at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Headquarters, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA.

Location of Documents Available for Public Review

An electronic copy of the MND and supporting documents can be downloaded from the JPA (https://www.lvmwd.com/about-us/management/facilities-and-operations/technical-services-planning-engineering). The MND and all supporting documents are also available for public review at LVMWD Headquarters, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA (Hours M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM).

To review a paper copy of the MND, please contact Mr. John Zhao at <u>jzhao@lvmwd.com</u>, or by phone at (818) 251-2230.

Cortese List Status

The project site is not listed on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Envirostor database of hazardous waste sites (California Government Code Section 65962.5).

Description of Significant Effects on the Environment

The JPA finds the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment based on the Environmental Checklist and Environmental Evaluation Discussion of the Checklist Questions in the MND. For potentially significant effects, mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to ensure these impacts remain at less than significant levels. An MND is therefore proposed to satisfy the requirements of CEQA (PRC 21000 et. seq. 14 Cal. Code Resolution 15000 et. seq.). Therefore, the JPA intends to adopt an MND for the project.

Written questions or concerns regarding this project may be forwarded to the LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA, or to Mr. John Zhao at <u>jzhao@lvmwd.com</u> or by phone at (818) 251-2230.

Signed:

John Zhao, P.E Principal Engineer

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Attachments: Project Map



Source: GoogleEarth Pro, Dec. 31 2017.

Note: Conceptual simulation for illustrative purposes only, final design and configuration may differ from that shown

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