

Memorandum

To: Vice Chairman James D. Boyd, Presiding Member
Commissioner Julia Levin, Associate Member

Date: December 30, 2009

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Subject: Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (Docket No. 09-AFC-09)
Public Adviser's Office Status Report

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I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

A. Project Summary

On September 1, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) from Solar Millennium LLC for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP). Solar Millennium LLC has also applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a right-of-way on public lands to construct the RSPP. The project will have a nominal output of 250 megawatts, consisting of a single power plant utilizing two solar fields. Facilities on the site include a power block, parking lot, other support facilities and an internal switchyard. The power block will have its own administration, control, warehouse, maintenance, lab buildings, HTF system, steam generator, steam turbine generator, an air-cooled condenser (cooling tower) and various ancillary equipment. The project will utilize solar parabolic trough technology to generate electricity.

B. Project Area

The proposed project will be located in the high northern Mojave Desert in northeastern Kern County, California, about five miles southwest of the City of Ridgecrest, California. The project right-of-way (ROW), for which a ROW grant sought by the Applicant from the BLM, will extend across approximately 3,920 acres of public lands owned by the federal government. The project facilities will occupy 1,440 acres of the 3,920-acre site, and there will be a total disturbance area (including areas outside the facility fence line), of approximately 1,760 acres. A new 230-kV transmission line from the turbine generator to a new nearby switchyard will interconnect with Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing 230 kV Inyokern/Kramer Junction transmission line passing west of the Project site. Additionally, the proposed project will require the relocation of roughly 7,500 feet (1.4 miles) of two existing transmission lines owned and operated by Southern California Edison.

C. Joint Process

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, the BLM and the Energy Commission staff intend to conduct a joint environmental review of the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project in a single NEPA/ CEQA process. It is in the interest of the BLM and the Energy Commission to share in the preparation of a joint environmental analysis of the proposed project to avoid duplication of Staff efforts, to share Staff expertise and information, to promote intergovernmental coordination at the local, state, and federal levels, and to facilitate public review by providing a joint document and a more efficient environmental review process.

Under federal law, the BLM is responsible for processing applications for rights-of-way to authorize the proposed project and associated transmission lines and other facilities to be constructed and operated on land it manages. In processing applications, the BLM must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires that federal agencies consider the environmental impacts associated with such projects.

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009 The Energy Commission staff and the BLM staff jointly held a workshop to discuss the RSPP AFC. The workshop provided an opportunity for agencies, members of the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the RSPP. All interested agencies and members of the public were invited to participate.

II. PREPARATION FOR THE INFORMATIONAL HEARING & SITE VISIT

A. Demographics

While the Public Adviser's Office (PAO) is not responsible for an Environmental Justice analysis, the Warren-Alquist Act requires this office to provide adequate notice to the public in our power plant siting cases. The early outreach done by the PAO is intended to ensure that the Energy Commission is inclusive and responsive to people of all races, cultures and incomes with respect to meaningful public participation in Energy Commission proceedings. Increasing awareness of a project in the affected communities is intended to encourage public participation, and ultimately to improve the quality of the Commission's decision.

The US Census is used by the PAO as a tool to enhance public outreach. The US Census Bureau uses a "census block" as the smallest geographic unit for data collection and tabulation. These census blocks are delineated by both visual features (such as roads) and invisible features (such as city limits). Census blocks are of irregular shape and varying size, often larger in rural areas. The actual size of the blocks has no bearing on the populations inside the blocks. For example, as can be noted on the attached demographic maps, very large census blocks and very small census blocks can be shaded identically. This merely means that the block itself has the identified percentage of the total population within the given radius. Therefore, the size of a census block itself does not indicate more or less people in a data population.

The Demographic maps provided here are based upon statistics compiled from the most recent 2000 Census. They may not be an accurate reflection of current population figures, but at this time there is no other source of census projections available to the Cartography unit. New census data will be released in 2011. The following statistical information is provided as insight into the research done by the PAO to ensure adequate early outreach to the most sensitive members of the surrounding community.

1. Poverty

The 2000 Census statistics for the population living below the poverty level within six miles of the project are attached as Figure 7. In 2000, this percentage was 12.57%.

Race and National Origin

The Census Bureau treats race and Hispanic origin as separate and distinct concepts. In censuses, separate questions are asked on race and Hispanic origin. The question on *Hispanic origin* asks respondents if they are Spanish, Hispanic or Latino. On the other hand, starting with the Census 2000, the question on *race* asks respondents to report the race or races they consider themselves to be. Thus, Hispanics may be of any race.

The total population living within a six mile radius of the proposed project was recorded in the 2000 Census as 28,136. The following statistics are taken from the attached maps and reflect a six-mile radius around the project:

Figure	Population	Percent
Figure 1	Origin: Hispanic or Latino ¹	11.03%
Figure 2	Caucasian / White Race ²	88.96%
Figure 3	African American / Black Race	3.06%
Figure 4	Native American / Alaska Native Race	1.10%
Figure 5	Asian Race	3.48%
Figure 6	Native Hawaiian / Pac. Islander	0.53%

¹ Identification as Hispanic or Latino is an "origin" and is separate from race (it is not either/or).

² The census has five categories of race (Figures 2-6) and also allows for the identification of more than one race. Figures 2-6 report only those who identify themselves as belonging of the five categories of single races. The people who consider themselves as a single race (as identified in Figures 2-6) make up 97.13% of the total population in the six-mile area.

B. Project Specific Outreach

Public and agency outreach is a concerted effort between the Hearing Office, the PAO, the Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division (Siting) and the Media and Communications Office (Media).

1. Energy Commission Outreach

The Siting Office sent letters notifying property owners (within one-thousand feet of the project's footprint and five hundred feet of the linear facilities), agencies (local, state and federal) and libraries (state and regional) that an Application for Certification (AFC) was filed for a proposed power facility.

- a) Copies of the AFC for this project are available for public examination at the local public agencies involved in the review process. They are also available at city and county libraries in the project area, in addition to the Government Information Center of the State Library, the Energy Commission Library, Boron Library, Kern County Library, Naval Air Warfare Tech Library, Ridgecrest Public Library and the Walter Stiern Memorial Library.

The Hearing Office prepared the *Committee Notice of Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting* describing the project and announcing the Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting. This notice was distributed to the Proof of Service List and the project mailing list, which includes residents, libraries, and agencies. The electronic List Server List for this project has been utilized to inform those that signed up of docketed items, including the Hearing Office's notice of the site visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting.

Media sent a press release or media advisory to alert local media of the Site Visit and Informational Hearing. The media outlets include the Bakersfield Californian, Bakersfield Magazine and Ridgecrest News Review. All press releases are available on the Energy Commission's website.

The Executive Director's letters will be sent to elected officials.

2. PAO Outreach

Outreach by the PAO for the Site Visit and Information Hearing/Scoping Meeting focused on the cities of Ridgecrest, Bakersfield and San Bernardino. Outreach efforts included research, general mailing of the PAO Notice and public service announcements.

GENERAL MAILINGS

The PAO sent a cover letter and a one-sided English Notice (Attachment A), announcing the Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting and requesting posting of the notice to increase outreach. It was sent to local Ridgecrest, and San Bernardino and Kern County elected officials; commissions and boards; local native American Tribes and registered members (provided by the Native American Heritage Commission); public and private schools; places of worship; local non-profit groups (community, environmental, ethnic organizations); state prison, mobile home parks; emergency services; museums and libraries.

The mailing list created by the PAO, once utilized to distribute the PAO Notice, is subsequently merged into the project mailing list by the Project Manager. In addition, attendees at the Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting will be encouraged to sign up to receive further information and notices via the List Server List and/or U.S. mail.

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertising in local newspapers, though costly, constitutes a significant part in getting information to the public, specifically in rural communities, where thousands of acres of land may be converted from traditional uses. To ensure a wide local outreach, the PAO contacted local newspapers to place paid advertisements of the upcoming Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting. Paid advertisements were placed in the Ridgecrest Daily Independent and the Kern Valley Sun.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

To further outreach to the local community, several methods of public service announcements were employed. A public service announcement was requested of the local Chamber of Commerce for the city of Bakersfield (www.bakersfieldchamber.org), Kern County Hispanic (www.kernhispanicchamber.org) and San Bernardino (www.sbachamber.org).

Our bilingual notice was also sent to local TV and radio stations. Public service announcements have been requested of the following local television and radio stations: KGET TV Channel 17, Radio Bilingue, KTOX, 90.1 FM and Radio Nueva Vida.

NEWS COVERAGE

Many newspapers and electronic news sources have been contacted to run stories about the upcoming event. These contacts are not always able to indicate if they will run a story. As of today, it has been noted that an article has been run by The Daily Independent, a local Ridgecrest newspaper. This article gave a description of the project and provided dates for the site visit/informational hearing as well as other key dates.

TRANSLATED MATERIALS

As noted above, the PAO Notice was mailed out in English. It was not necessary to mail out a Spanish PAO notice, as the Hispanic population in this area represented a very small amount of people. The PAO public outreach and assistance pamphlet entitled *How the Public Adviser's Office Can Assist You* will be available to Informational Hearing attendees. To augment that publication, a project specific insert is included with the pamphlet (Attachment B) to provide a quick reference for key project contacts, the project website, key project dates, where to get project information and general project details.

3. Bureau of Land Management Outreach

The BLM has published a notice of intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on Nov. 23, 2009 (see Attachment C) and refers to the proposed project as the *Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Solar Power Project*. The BLM noticing requirements have been integrated into the Energy Commission's public involvement activities. The purpose of the notice is to announce the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the California Environmental Quality Act, the Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office, together with the California Energy Commission, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Staff Assessment (SA), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended.

At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: special area designations; social and economic impacts, including impacts to the public from traffic; ground and surface water quantity and quality; special status species management; cultural resources and visual resources.

III. INTERVENORS

- California Unions for Reliable Energy (CURE) petitioned to intervene granted December 23, 2009.

Attachments

Attachment A	PAO Bilingual Notice
Attachment B	PAO English Pamphlet Insert
Attachment C	BLM Notice of Intent
Figure 1	Map depicting Hispanic or Latino Origin
Figure 2	Map depicting Caucasian / White Race
Figure 3	Map depicting African American / Black Race
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Figure 7	Map depicting Poverty Levels
Figure 8	Map depicting PAO Outreach

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Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

The Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. You are invited to join the Committee on a bus tour to the proposed site and attend an informational hearing/scoping meeting. At this event, the applicant will describe the project. The Energy Commission will explain the energy facility licensing process and ways to become an effective public participant. The BLM will explain their role in the joint process. The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for the public to offer comments and concerns about the proposal, as well as identify potential environmental impacts for consideration by the Commission. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the project, the process, public participation and to make comments.

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

3:30 PM – Site Visit (bus leaves)

Meet the bus at the Ridgecrest City Hall parking lot
100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

- ☒ BUS RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
- ☒ Call (800) 822-6228 (**by Wednesday, December 30, 2009**) and indicate the number of reservations needed.
- ☒ Attendees will board a bus at 3:30 PM and tour the proposed project site.
- ☒ Buses will return to the Ridgecrest City Hall parking lot.

5:00 PM – Public Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

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100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, contact Lourdes Quiroz by December 28, 2009 at (916) 654-5146 or email: lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us.

Additional Information

Project information and documents are available on the California Energy Commission website: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest. You can also sign up on the List Server (electronic interest list) for this project from the website.

The Application for Certification is locally available for review at:

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Project Website

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Key Dates

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| 9/01/09 | Application for Certification (AFC) filed with Energy Commission |
| 11/18/09 | Commission accepts AFC as "data adequate" |
| 01/05/2010 | Site Visit and Informational Hearing/ Scoping Meeting |

Lake and Interstate 10. The project consists of two independent solar electric generating facilities with a combined electrical output of 250 MW. Electrical power would be produced using steam turbine generators fed from solar steam generators. The solar steam generators receive heated transfer fluid from arrays of parabolic mirrors that collect energy from the sun. The project would use a wet cooling tower for power plant cooling. Water for cooling tower makeup, process water makeup, and other industrial uses such as mirror washing would be supplied from on-site groundwater wells. Project cooling waste water would be piped to lined, on-site evaporation ponds. If approved, project construction would begin in late 2010.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS/SA. The BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: special area designations, air quality, biological resources, recreation, cultural resources, special status species, water resources, geological resources, land use, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, and other issues.

Authorization of this proposal may require amendment of the CDCA Plan. By this notice, the BLM is complying with 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans, predicated on the findings of the EIS. If a land use plan amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process for this project. The BLM will use the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with BLM policy, and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that

your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

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Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, BLM California State Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Solar Power Project, Kern County, CA and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment and Staff Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the California Environmental Quality Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ridgecrest Field Office, together with the California Energy Commission (CEC), intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Staff Assessment (SA), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended, and by this notice are announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the Draft EIS/SA and possible plan amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 23, 2009. The dates and locations of scoping meetings, information hearings, and site visits will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, the BLM Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html>, and the CEC's Web site at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest/index.html. In order to be considered in

the Draft EIS/SA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS and SA.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Solar Millennium Ridgecrest Draft EIS and SA by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html> or http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest/index.html.

- **E-mail:** CARSPP@blm.gov or esolorio@energy.state.ca.us.

- **Fax:** BLM (951) 697-5299 or CEC (916) 654-3882.

- **Mail:** BLM California Desert District, 22835 Calle San Juan de los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553, Attn: Janet Eubanks; or California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-15, Sacramento, California, 95814, Attn: Eric Solorio.

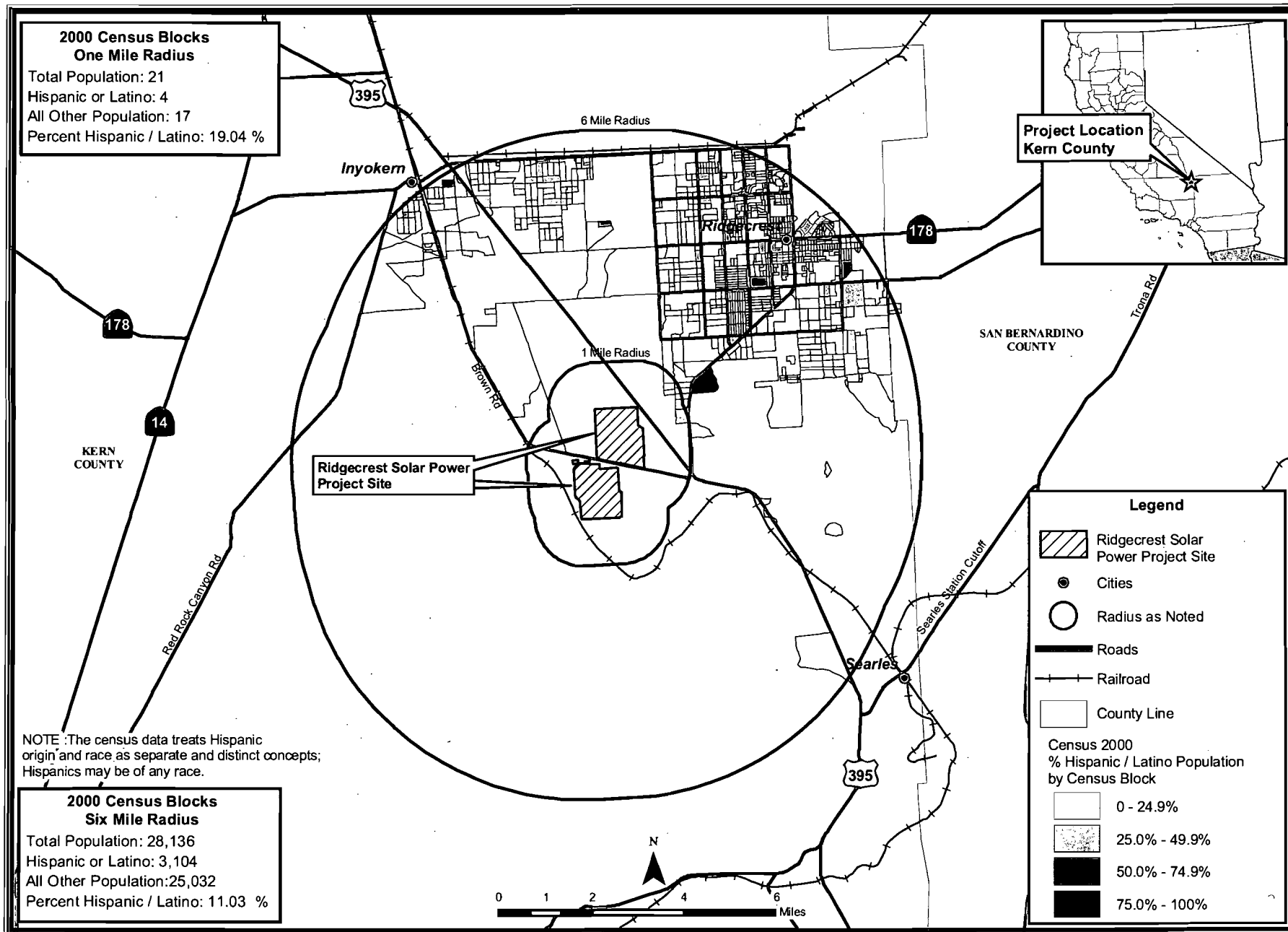
Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Ridgecrest Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Janet Eubanks, Project Manager, at (951) 697-5376; or 22835 Calle San Juan de los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553; or e-mail Janet_Eubanks@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Solar Millennium, LLC, has applied for a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct and operate a parabolic trough, solar thermal, generating facility with a capacity of 250 megawatts. The project would connect to the existing Southern California Edison 230-kilovolt (kV) Inyokern/Kramer Junction transmission line. About a mile long portion of this 230 kV transmission line and about a mile long portion of a 115 kV line would be realigned to avoid the project area. The approximately 3,920-acre proposed ROW would contain two solar fields, a power block, construction areas, a dry-cooling tower, steel transmission towers with associated transmission lines, access roads, three covered water tanks, an underground water pipeline, a water treatment facility, an electrical switchyard, a land treatment unit for bioremediation of any soil that may be contaminated by heat transfer fluid, an office, a warehouse, a parking lot, and facility perimeter fencing. The project would be located approximately five miles southwest of

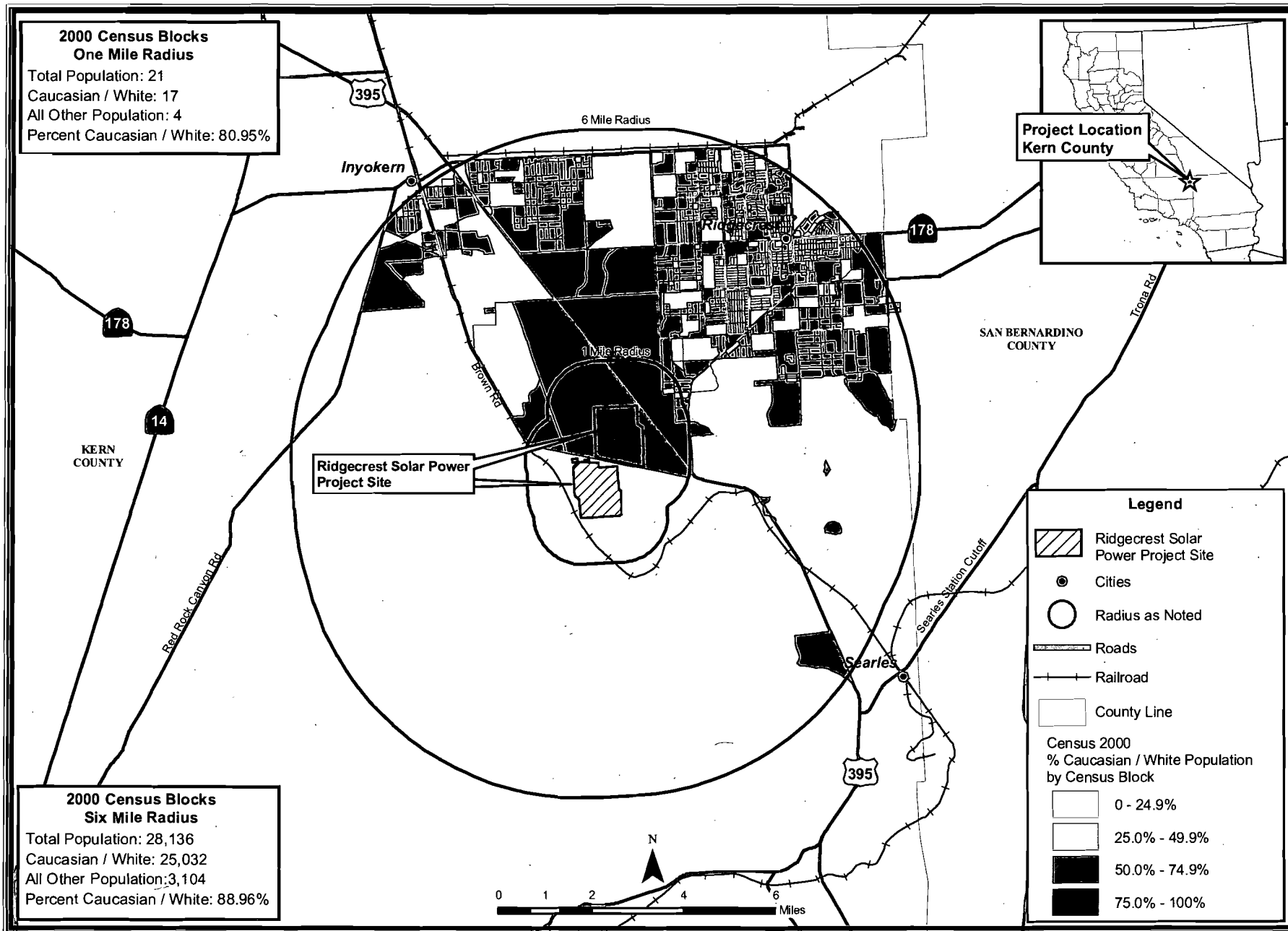
PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE - DEMOGRAPHICS - FIGURE 1

Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - Hispanic / Latino Population by Census Block - One and Six Mile Radius



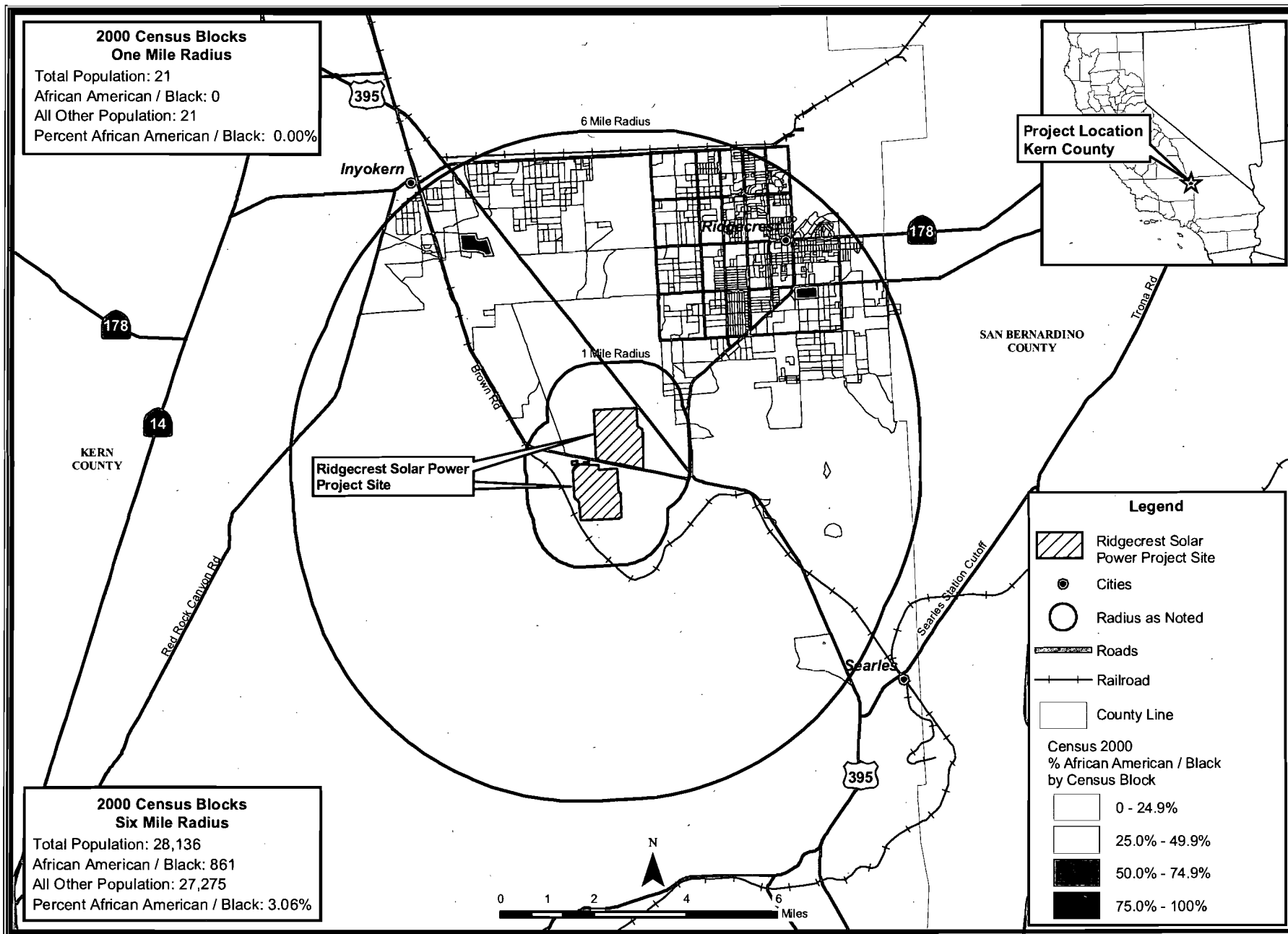
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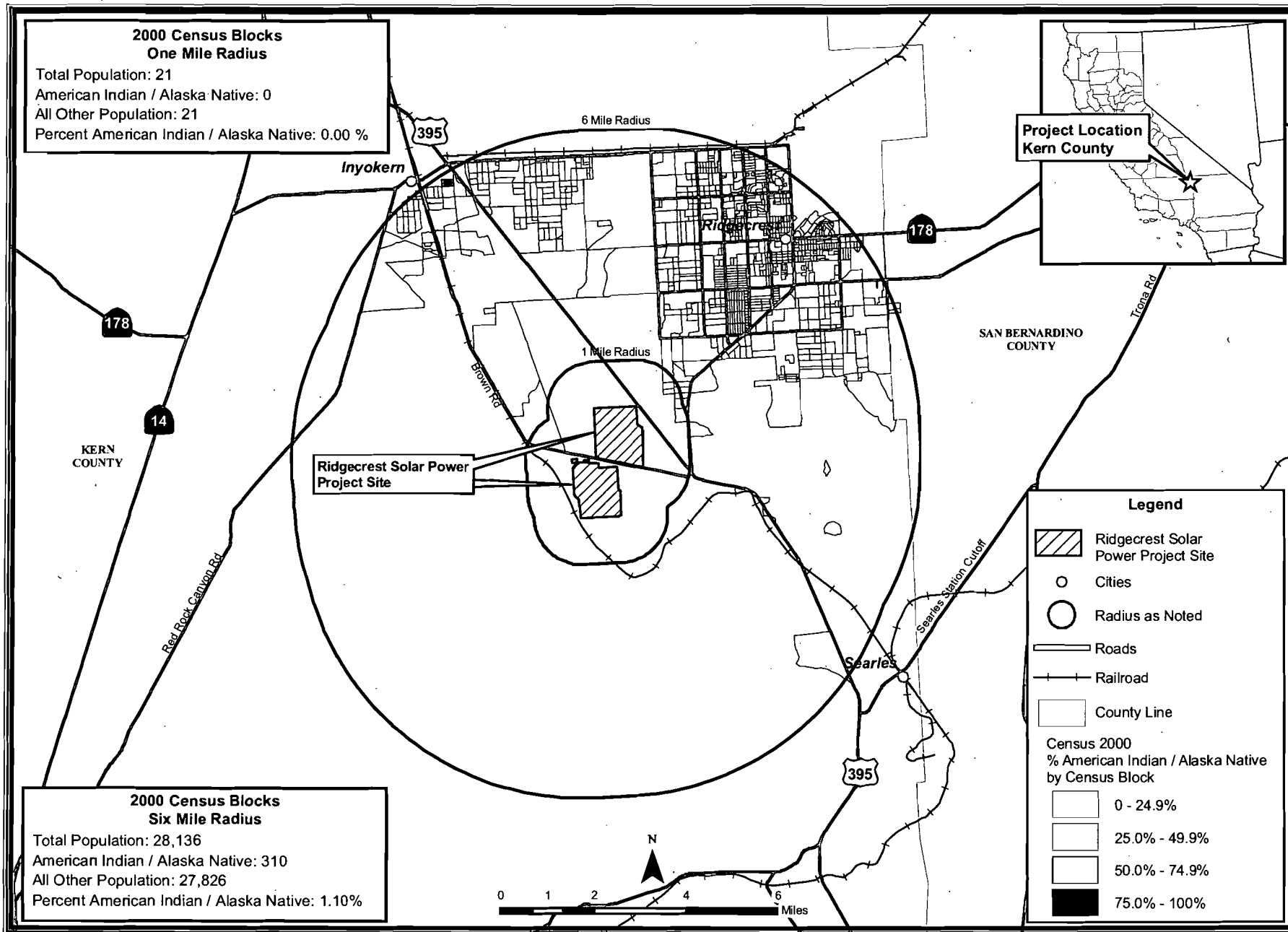
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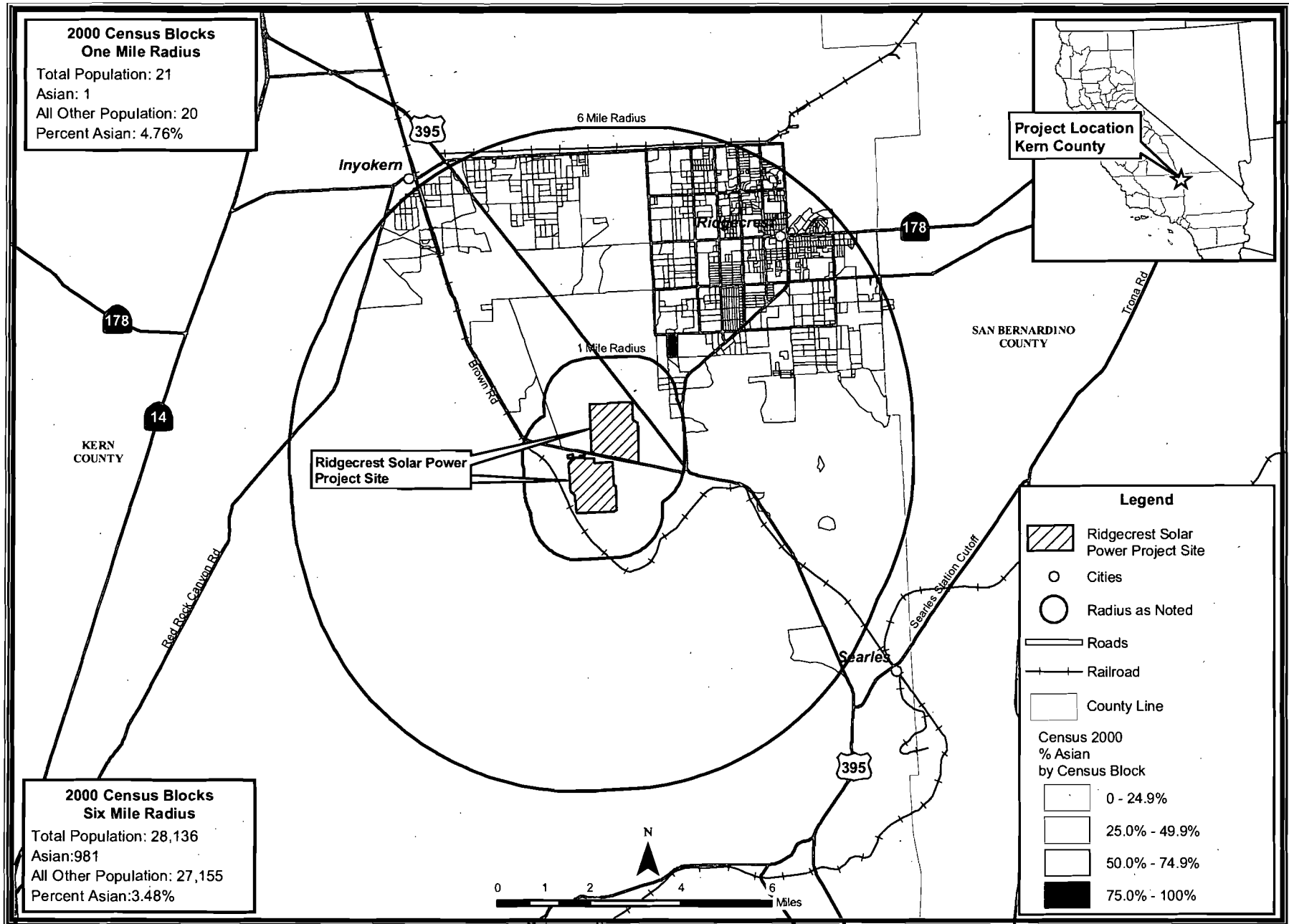


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SOURCE: ESRI and Tele Atlas Data - California Energy Commission Statewide Power Plant Maps 2009 - Census 2000 PL 94-171 Data

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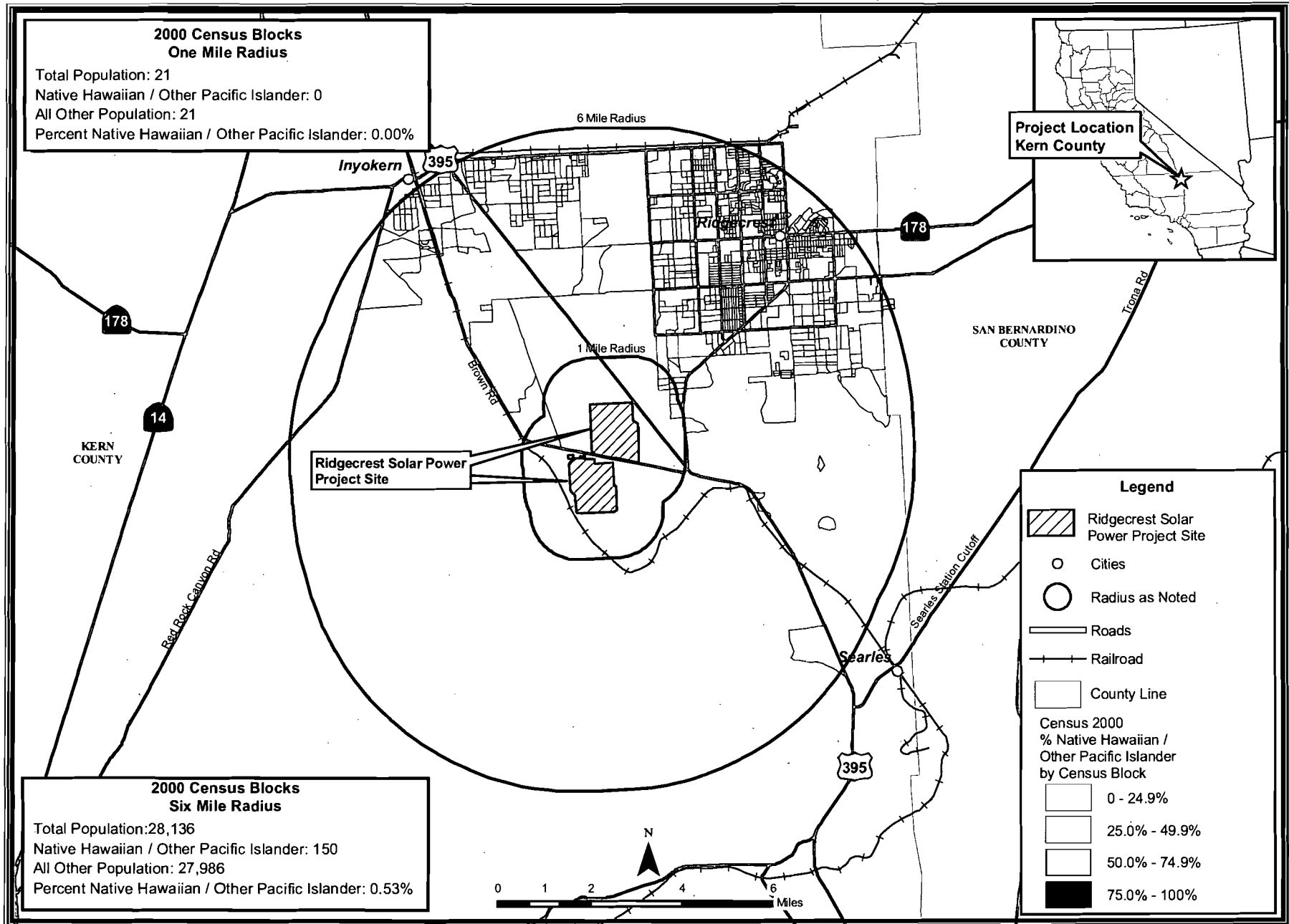


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PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE - DEMOGRAPHICS - FIGURE 6

Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander Population by Census Block - One and Six Mile Radius

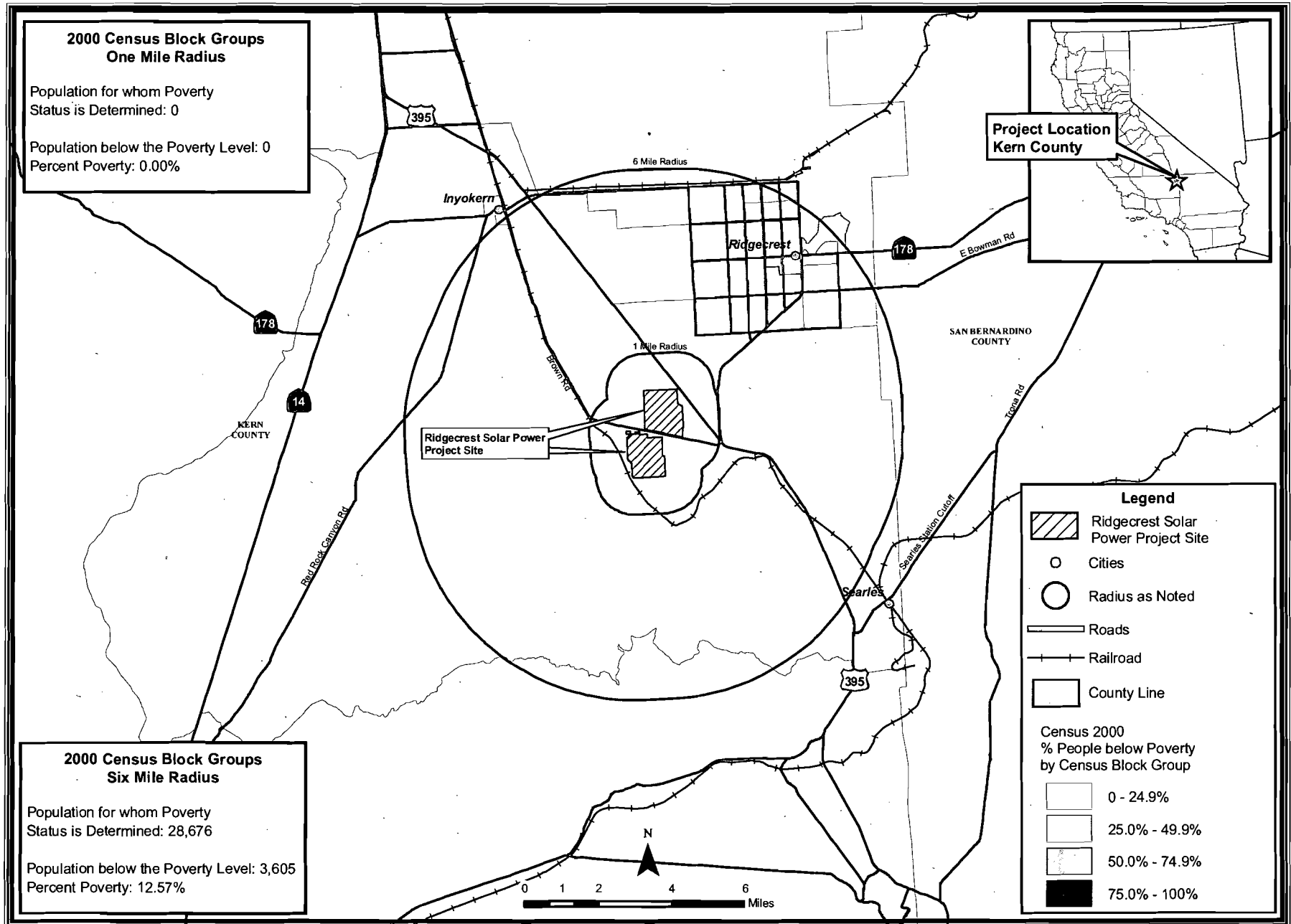


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SOURCE: ESRI and Tele Atlas Data - California Energy Commission Statewide Power Plant Maps 2009 - Census 2000 PL 94-171 Data

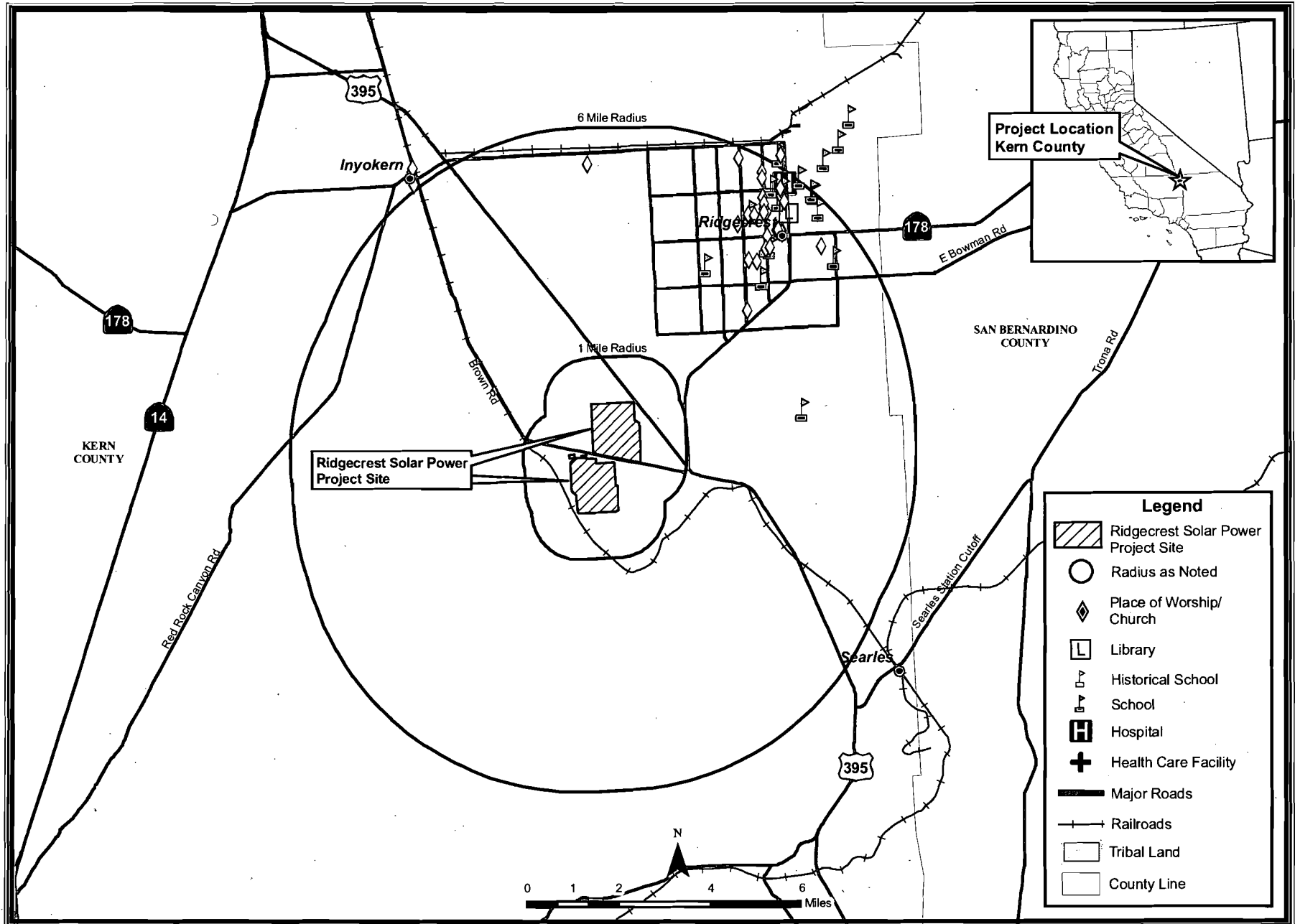
PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE - POVERTY - FIGURE 7

Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - Census 2000 Percentage of People below Poverty by Census Block Group - One and Six Mile Radius



PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE - PUBLIC OUTREACH - FIGURE 8

Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - One and Six Mile Radius



PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE - RENTERS - FIGURE 9
Ridgecrest Solar Power Project - One and Six Mile Radius

