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Confidential Docket Request

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California Energy Commission

715 P Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Soda Mountain Solar Project Application for Confidential Designation

To whom it may concern:

The Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior, requests that the attached information be designated as confidential. This information is being supplied to the California Energy Commission (CEC) in the appendices listed below in support of the Applicant's Opt-In Application for the project.

To support the Application for Confidential Designation, the following information has been provided and is consistent with the information requested in the Application for Confidential Designation (20 CCR § 2505 et seq.)

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office

Address: 2601 Barstow Road. Barstow, California 92311.

1(a). Title, date and description (including number of pages) of the record for which you request confidential designation.

- Addendum – Archaeological Resources Assessment of the Soda Mountain Solar Project for an Environmental Impact Report, San Bernardino County, California. Addendum to Cuke, Daron G., and Brandon Patterson [2009] Cultural Resources Inventory of 6,775 Acres for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. July 2024.
- Historical Resources Assessment Report for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. Addendum to Cuke, Daron G., and Brandon Patterson [2009] Cultural Resources Inventory of 6,775 Acres for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. July 2024
- Cultural Resources Inventory of a Segment of the Blue Bell Mine Road, Soda Mountain Solar Project San Bernardino County, California. BLM Report No. 680-09-24. Addendum to Cuke, Daron G., and Brandon Patterson [2009] Cultural Resources Inventory of 6,775 Acres for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. July 2013
- Cultural Resources Inventory of an Additional 335 Acres for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. BLM Report No. 680-09-24. Addendum to Cuke, Daron G., and Brandon Patterson [2009] Cultural Resources Inventory of 6,775 Acres for the Soda Mountain Solar Project, San Bernardino County, California. February 2013.
- Spatial data for surveys and archaeological recordation (Shapefile)

- Determination Letter from Bureau of Land Management to the California State Historic Preservation Office (Correspondence)
- Letter of concurrence from the California State Historic Preservation Office to the Bureau of Land Management (Correspondence)

1(b) Specify the parts of the record for which you request confidential designation.

All documents referenced in 1(a) in their entirety.

2. State and justify the length of time the Commission should keep the record confidential.

- The documents referenced above should be kept confidential indefinitely. If locations of protected archaeological resources and sites are released to the public domain, there is the potential for looting and/or destruction of these state and federally protected resources and sites.

3(a). State the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law that allows the Commission to keep the record confidential, and explain why the provision(s) apply to the record.

- The data being provided is mandated to be held in confidentiality per 36 CFR 800.

3(b). Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the record. If the record contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please also state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant, and the ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.

- The public interest will be served by protecting the information in the documents listed above from disclosure to prevent potential harm to, or destruction or looting of, the cultural resources and sites described in these confidential documents. Such harm or destruction/looting would preclude scientific study of the sites to gain data about the cultural resources of the area.

4. State whether the record may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.

This record may not be disclosed as all components contain sensitive information protected by 36 CFR 800.

5. State how the record is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.

The items in this record are the property of the Bureau of Land Management and are retained by the Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of the applicant.

Signature