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Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the electronic version of **PALEN SOLAR HOLDINGS, LLC'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO CEC STAFF DATA REQUESTS 56**, for Palen Solar Electric Generating System (09-AFC-7C).

Sincerely,



Marie Fleming

State of California – The Resources Agency
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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District (P-BE-001)

P1. Other Identifier: Desert Center

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NW¼ of Sec 26; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) See Individual DPR 523a Forms

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This form set describes the Desert Center District comprised of seven previously identified (1982) properties organized around the desert town of Desert Center in eastern Riverside County. The seven associated properties include the Desert Center Café, the Desert Center Post Office, Stump Ranch, the "Hollywood" Cabins, Ragsdale House, the Old School House, as well as the "Desert Steve" Ragsdale Memorial Plaque and Grave which is now separated from the five previously noted core area properties by modern Interstate 10. The district is located in the Chuckwalla Valley surrounded by multiple nearby mountain ranges. Serving as a highway rest stop and intersection between Interstate 10 with Route 177 (Desert Center/Rice Road) all associated features are set within a ½ mile of the intersection and date to the period between 1925 and 1950. Interspersed with more modern features such as the Caltrans maintenance station immediately north of the Café, the district is an amalgam of former military buildings adapted for reuse at this location (Post Office, "Hollywood" Cabins); buildings constructed at the location for specific purposes (Desert Center Café, Stump Ranch); buildings relocated to their current location based on changing needs/conditions (Ragsdale House, the Old School House), and an unused grave ("Desert Steve" Ragsdale Memorial Plaque and Grave). The condition of the resources range from dilapidated (Stump Ranch, "Hollywood" Cabins) to more intact (Desert Center Café).

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) See Individual DPR 523a Forms

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Camera facing SW, DSC 0814, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both
1921-1950/1982 DPR 523a forms:

*P7. Owner and Address:

See Individual DPR 523a Forms

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)

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*P9. Date Recorded: 7/10/13 and 7/11/13

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive



*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") Class II and III Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Riverside County, California AECOM 2013

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record

Other (list)

DPR 523A (1/95)

*Required Information

*D1. Historic Name Desert Center

*D2. Common Name Desert Center

*D3a. Description: (Discuss overall coherence of the district, its setting, visual characteristics, and minor features. List all elements of district.):

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*D4. Boundary Description (Describe limits of district and attach map showing boundary and district elements.)

The proposed discontinuous boundary for the Desert Center District includes 21 extant buildings and structures in the core area that were previously documented in 1982 and revisited as part of this current analysis. They include the Desert Center Café, the Desert Center Post Office, Stump Ranch, the "Hollywood" Cabins, Ragsdale House, the Old School House, as well as the "Desert Steve" Ragsdale Memorial Plaque and Grave which is now separated from the core area by modern Interstate 10.

*D5. Boundary Justification:

The proposed discontinuous district boundary encompasses those buildings and structures that can be directly tied to the development and operation of Desert Center by founder Stephen Ragsdale during the period from 1925-1950.

*D6. Significance: Theme Community Development Area Riverside County

Period of Significance 1925-1950 Applicable Criteria N/A

(Discuss district's importance in terms of its historical context as defined by theme, period of significance, and geographic scope. Also address the integrity of the district as a whole.)

The Desert Center District contains 21 contributing buildings organized in seven (7) identified complexes that were previously evaluated in 1982. The group of buildings that comprise the Desert Center District do not appear to meet the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR).

Much of the land in the Chuckwalla Valley and surrounding Desert Center is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and has been open for settlement since passage of the 1877 Desert Land Act. Much of the Chuckwalla Valley saw settlement in the early part of the twentieth century by people seeking claims through the Desert Land Act. Congress passed the act to encourage and promote the economic development of arid land such as that found in the Chuckwalla Valley. In the early decades of the twentieth century, many settlers arrived the valley anticipating raising crops irrigated by underground water. These pioneers often lived in converted trailers on their newly claimed land or built their own homes from rock, wood, or concrete. As it became evident that wells could be successfully drilled for irrigation, more families were drawn to the Desert Center area (The Desert Magazine 1957; Anderson nd). (See Continuation Sheet)

*D7. References See Continuation Sheet

*D9. Date Recorded: 7/10/13 and 7/11/13

*D10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive

*D8. Evaluator: Mark Bowen Date: 8/8/2013

Affiliation and Address: AECOM, 2020 L Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95811

D6. Significance (Continued)

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Stephen Ragsdale, founder of Desert Center, was born on June 16, 1882. He spent the early decades of his life as a cotton farmer and preacher in Arkansas. He and his wife Lydia eventually quit the cotton business and made their way to California. In 1921, Ragsdale moved his family, which by now included four children, to a homesteader's abandoned claim in what would become the original site of old Desert Center. The claim site was owned by a Mr. Gruendyke who tired of the inhospitable desert lifestyle and thus leased the land to Ragsdale. The parcel included a well, windmill, and rustic living quarters and was located along Blythe-Mecca Road, a sandy, barren 90 mile route between the two communities. During this period, it could take the average traveler nearly nine hours to drive along the deserted roadway between the communities of Blythe and Mecca. Realizing there were no services catering to tourists in the area, Ragsdale and his wife opened up a small service station and tow service on their property. He called his stop, Desert Center, and offered free water to travelers passing through (Pepper 1972).

Old Desert Center existed until 1925 when the state rerouted the road connecting Palo Verde Valley and Coachella Valley to a new location five miles south, paved it and named it U.S. Route 60. Responding to the change and wanting to continue his success, Ragsdale relocated his business along the new route, to the site of present-day Desert Center. His new building was a permanent concrete adobe style café with a service station and garage. He also installed a pool for visitors near his café and secured several cabins to provide lodging. By 1927, Ragsdale purchased 700 acres for his growing community which by then also included a store and post office (The Desert Magazine 1948).

In 1942, the U.S. Army established the Desert Center Army Air Field near Desert Center to train troops for combat in Africa. Additional military bases opened in the area included Camp Young approximately 24 miles west of Desert Center and Camp Coxcomb approximately 16 miles to the northwest of Desert Center. Although the facilities only operated for two years it provided a boost to the Desert Center community during the World War II years. After they closed, Ragsdale purchased many of the military buildings and moved them to Desert Center (Point of Historic Landmark 1989).

In 1947, Henry J. Kaiser was building a portion of the Colorado River Aqueduct in the vicinity of Desert Center and established the Eagle Mountain Iron Ore Mine located 11 miles north from Desert Center. The mine included a company town that featured 10 dormitories, two bath houses, a mess hall, staff buildings, a dozen two-to-three bedroom residences as well as a post office and school for the employees and their families. The mine, which began operation in September 1948, was one of the largest iron mining operations in the world. The location of the mine near Desert Center proved beneficial to the desert enclave as during the years of the mine's existence Desert Center saw the establishment of the Desert Center Unified School District; the growth of the Desert Center Community Church; and the arrival of commercial electricity. By 1950, nearly half a million people lived in the greater Desert Center area and the settlement continued to serve travelers for many years (The Desert Magazine 1948, 1950; Chamber of Commerce 2010).

Ragsdale, an eccentric individual referred to himself as "Desert Steve" and was widely known throughout the region. He loved story-telling and poetry and befriended many well-known writers and artists in the desert such as the founder of Desert Magazine (Randall Henderson) and desert painter John Hilton. Ragsdale remained busy in the community until around 1950 when he retreated to his log cabin near the Santa Rosa Mountains. In the early 1960s he created his own marker and dug his own grave although he was ultimately buried in the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery upon his death in 1970 at the age of 88 (The Desert Empire 2013).

D6. Significance (Continued)

In 1982, the Eagle Mountain Iron Ore Mine closed. Its closure caused many residents to leave the region resulting in the foundering of several businesses including the Eagle Mountain Post Office and Eagle Mountain service station. The community of Desert Center struggled over the years with the loss of the mine. In 1988, the California Department of Corrections established the Eagle Mountain Community Correctional Facility at the location to help relieve the prison population in the state. The opening of the prison near Desert Center helped maintain the population of the area for a while, though that facility eventually closed in 2003 (The Press Enterprise 1982). Ragsdale's son, Stanley managed the town of Desert Center until his death in 1999. Over time, US Route 60 was replaced by I-10. Desert Center still survives as a tourist stop and home to "snow birds." It also supports the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway.

The seven complexes of buildings and structures that are being addressed in this form set do not represent a notable event in the history of the nation, state, or region and thus do not appear to meet NRHP Criterion A or CRHR Criterion 1. Though the buildings were constructed following the acquisition of desert lands by private parties through the Desert Land Act of 1877, the association with this National legislation is somewhat late as the properties were developed following the turn of the 20th century. The buildings' construction period are more closely tied with the development of automobile transportation routes through the region. This association was initially with the Blythe-Mecca road and later US Route 60 and later still Interstate 10. Desert Center was developed relatively late in relation to the Blythe-Mecca road which was initially used by horse and wagon traffic. Upon the construction of US 60, the town was relocated and reconfigured to adapt to the new roadway and then reconfigured again as a result of the construction of modern Interstate 10. While the town offered services to travelers along these routes, it is not particularly representative of the history of transportation development during the early 20th century.

Under NRHP Criterion B and CRHR Criterion 2, the Desert Center District, founded by Stephen "Desert Steve" Ragsdale, is clearly associated with his specific efforts to construct and operate a roadside town for the purposes of serving travelers between the Colorado River and the Coachella Valley. Ragsdale founded the community of present-day Desert Center in 1925 and was instrumental in the development and continued operation of the town until he left the area in 1950. A resourceful and savvy businessman, Ragsdale officiated over Desert Center for nearly 30 years operating a service station, café, and post office. He was a pioneer of the desert during the early 20th century and is representative of the resourcefulness required in a relatively inhospitable environment and changing conditions. Much of the history of the town during its most successful period can be attributed directly to Ragsdale and his desire to succeed. Following Stephen Ragsdale's departure, other family members continued interests in the town, but development and operation of the town deviated from that envisioned by Stephen.

Under NRHP Criterion C and CRHR Criterion 3, the Desert Center District does not appear to represent innovative designs for living in the desert or hi-style characteristics that would represent a master architect. Generally speaking, the buildings and structures located within the district are either relatively common in terms of design and construction techniques for the period within which they were constructed or adaptations of former military buildings that were modified for use by Stephen Ragsdale for travelers or local residents. Therefore, the Desert Center District does not appear to meet criteria C or 3.

Over time, the development of the highway system within which the community based its early success, changed to adapt to more modern uses and in turn altered some of the aspects of integrity of numerous features of the town. While the general location of the current town has been static since 1925 when Ragsdale relocated it from a point 5 miles north, a number of features within the district have been relocated and/or modified. Included in this post-1925 relocation process were the Old School House and more importantly Ragsdale's residence. Map evidence suggests that his residence was initially south of the Café (approximately where Interstate 10 alignment is now) and the Old School House was located where the Old Brick School House is currently. Integrity of design does not apply as there was no formal design undertaken by Ragsdale. Conversely, Ragsdale appears to have followed a loose organization for the many buildings and structures he constructed or collected based on his ownership of the surrounding land and simply needed close access to the highway. While the district buildings and structures appear to retain a higher degree of integrity of materials and workmanship overall, the setting has been compromised by the introduction of more modern Interstate 10 and Route 177 connector, the Caltrans Maintenance Station constructed in 2010, and other modern commercial uses within core area. Similarly, sporadic modernization of the core area and highway improvements since 1950 resulted in some reduction of the integrity of feeling and association from the district's period of significance (1925-1950) tied to founder Stephen Ragsdale's early activities at

this location. None of the resources are known to meet significance criteria on an individual basis and given the overall reduction in the seven aspects of integrity, primarily due to unsympathetic alteration and neglect, the Desert Center District does not appear to meet all the criteria required for listing in the NRHP or the CRHR. Furthermore, the majority of buildings have been neglected or abandoned and are in a deteriorated and decayed state which impairs their ability to convey historic significance.

D7. References:

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NE¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.
c. Address 44375 Ragsdale Road City Desert Center Zip 92239
d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 647900mE / 373114mN
e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
APN: 808-102-007 (restaurant and gas station/garage); 808-102-005 (cabins)

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Parcel 808-102-007 contains a restaurant, garage/gas station, swimming pool. The adjacent and associated parcel contains three cabins. The restaurant, designed in the Art Moderne style features a flat roof, curved walls clad in stucco, and metal frame ribbon windows (**Photograph 2**). The primary entrance is set with single-entry aluminum frame glass door with a sidelight. Above the entrance is a flat roof extension and a neon sign that reads "Desert Center Café."

Connected to the café on its west elevation is a garage/gas station (**Photograph 3**, see following Continuation Sheet). Connecting the two buildings are two bays with a flat roof, open on its north elevation and featuring metal frame windows. Most of the panes of glass are missing. (See following Continuation Sheet)

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6. 1-3 Story Commercial Building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 2, Restaurant, camera facing southeast, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
1925 and 1931 / DPR Historic Resources Inventory Form

*P7. Owner and Address:
Owner: Unknown
Address
City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)
M.K. Meiser, C. Recksieck
AECOM
1420 Kettner Blvd., Suite 500
San Diego, CA 92101

*P9. Date Recorded: 7/11/2013

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive



*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") Class II and III Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Riverside County, California AECOM 2013

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Archaeological Record
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Description (cont)

The gas station/garage has similar design elements as the café, with rounded walls, stucco siding and a flat roof. Windows are fixed aluminum frame. The entrances on the north elevation are set with glazed wood, double doors. The original gas pumps are sheltered by a flat roof extension supported by round steel posts. The garage portion of the building has wood tilt-up doors with metal framed windows on the north and west elevations.

East of the gas station/garage and the café is a swimming pool (**Photograph 4**), It is concrete lined, rectangular in plan and now filled with debris and no water.

On the adjacent eastern parcel are three cabins (**Photograph 5**) that are southeast of the café and gas station/garage. Each one is rectangular in plan with a front-gable roof, stucco siding, single entrance on the west elevation. Beneath the gables are louvered wood vents. Windows are metal frame and most are missing their glazing or are covered by wood. Each entrance has a shed roof extension that shelters a concrete stoop porch. All are missing their doors.

Photographs (cont)



Photograph 3. Desert Center Cafe Gas Station/Garage

Photographs (cont)



Photograph 4. Swimming pool



Photograph 5. Cabin to southeast of the Desert Center Café

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Desert Center Post Office (P-33-5718)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NE¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.

c. Address 44400 Ragsdale Road City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 648000mE / 3731530mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-101-003

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The Desert Center Post office is a long rectangular building with a side gabled composition roof. It features stucco siding, casement and fixed pane windows and single entry doors. A shed roof porch supported by metal posts shelters the front elevation which also includes a concrete platform. A sign reading, "Desert Center" is affixed to the porch.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP14. Government Building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 6, camera facing NW, DSC 0962, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
1942/DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

Address

City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)

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*P9. Date Recorded: 7/11/2013

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive



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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Church (P-33-5718)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NE¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 648038mE/ 3731565mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-101-003

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

A church is in close vicinity to the post office and is similar in the design to that building. It is a long, front gable roofed building with an overhanging eave on the front elevation. Windows are sliding sash style and most are broken or boarded over. A single entry door accesses the building. The building overall, including the composition roof, shows signs of deterioration.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP16. Religious Building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 7, camera facing SE, DSC 0974, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
1942/DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:
Owner: Unknown
Address
City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)
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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Country Store (P-33-33-5718)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted
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*a. County Riverside

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NE¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 648000mE/ 3731530mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-101-003

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The Desert Center Market is a long rectangular building featuring a composition front gabled roof and walls sided with stucco. Windows are casement style and a single entry door is on the front elevation. A shed roofed porch with metal posts is also on this elevation. The building including the roof shows signs of deterioration and neglect.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6. 1-3 Story Commercial Building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 8, camera facing NW, DSC 0953, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
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1942/DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

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P1. Other Identifier: Stump Ranch (P-33-5719)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted
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*a. County Riverside

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; SW¼ of SE¼ of Sec 22; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

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e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-101-003

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Two shanties and an outhouse are located on this parcel. The first shanty was previously recorded as #11 (**Photograph 9**). The second shanty was previously recorded as #10 (**Photograph 10**). The outhouse is no longer standing. The surrounding area contains building materials debris scattered near the shanties, and probably includes the remains of the outhouse.

Both shanties are wood-frame buildings with shallow shed roofs. Wood single-entry doors access each building and windows are boarded over or missing. Shanty #11 features wood shingle siding and Shanty #10 includes clapboard siding. Each building is extremely deteriorated and nearly collapsed.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP39. Other

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 9, "Shanty #11," camera facing NW, DSC_0168, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both

1935 / Source: DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

Address

City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)

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*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive



*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") Class II and III Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Riverside County, California AECOM 2013

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record

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Photograph 10. "Shanty #10," Camera facing NE, DSC_0176, 7/11/13

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: P-33-5720

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; SE¼ of NW¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 647765mE/ 3730936mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-092-001

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

A memorial plaque commemorating Desert Steve and a grave site is located at the base of a natural feature in the vicinity of Desert Center known as "Alligator." The grave is 6 x 3 feet and features wood planks with a sheet metal cover and metal pipes. The plaque is approximately 18" x 36" and is affixed to a boulder with bolts. The plaque reads:

"DESERT STEVE. Born June 16, 1882. Founded D.C. Sept. 21, 1921. Worked like hell to be an honest American Citizen. Loved his fellow men & served them. Hated booze guzzling. Hated war. Hated dirty deal damn fool politicians. Hopes a guy named Ragsdale will ever serve humanity at Desert Center. He dug his own grave. Here are his bones. I put this damn thing up before I kicked off. Nuff sed --- Steve. Died 19_."

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP26. Monument/Mural/Gravestone

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 11, Camera facing N, 7/13. IMG 1702

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
ca. 1962 / DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

Address

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*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Desert Center Army Base Barracks "Hollywood Cabins" (P-33-5721)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NE¼ of NW¼ of Sec 27; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 647650mE/ 3731300mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Presently seven buildings remain the parcel and one building is collapsed. The seven buildings are gable roofed rectangular structures with single entry doorways and wood-frame window openings. The buildings are sided with stucco and feature composition roofs. Most of the doors and windows are missing and some openings have been boarded over. Small porches shelter each entryway. Overall, the property is in poor condition as the buildings are heavily deteriorated with broken windows, doors, and patched or missing siding.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP39. Other

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 12, camera facing S, 7/11/13

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
1942 /

*P7. Owner and Address:
Owner: Unknown
Address
City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)
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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Ragsdale House (P-33-6832)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*a. County Riverside

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; NW¼ of NW¼ of Sec 26; S.B.B.M.

c. Address Ragsdale Road City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 649000mE/ 3731570mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 808-111-003

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Access to this property was restricted in 2013. This description is based on field survey from 2009. The two-story residence has a hipped roof with gable dormers. It is sheathed in stucco and has aluminum sliding windows. Several windows are boarded over. The second story is open with partial screens for ventilation. The building also features two shed roof extensions. The main entrance is set with a single-entry wood, panel door.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) See Individual DPR 523a Forms

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 13, camera facing NE, May 2009

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both

Ca. 1933 / DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

Address

City, State Zip

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center District

P1. Other Identifier: Desert Center School/Old School House (P-33-6833)

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Desert Center Date 1986 T 5S R 15E; SW¼ of SW¼ of Sec 23; S.B.B.M.

c. Address _____ City Desert Center Zip 92239

d. UTM: (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11; 648670mE/ 3731664mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN:808-072-001

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The Old School House is a rectangular building with a composition side gable roof and stucco walls. Windows are tall double hung style. A partially collapsed shed roof porch is located on the front elevation. The west elevation features a concrete masonry unit addition with a flat roof and aluminum-frame windows. Overall, the building is deteriorated and neglected and several abandoned cars are located on the property.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP15. Educational Building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Photograph 14, camera facing NE, DSCN 0395.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both

ca. 1935 / DPR Historic Resources Inventory

*P7. Owner and Address:

Owner: Unknown

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