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Notice of Receipt of Opt-in Application for Perkins Renewable Energy Project (24-OPT-01) / request for comments and information

This letter serves as notification that the California Energy Commission (CEC) has received an Opt-in application for the Perkins Renewable Energy Project. IP Perkins, LLC, IP Perkins BAAH, LLC, and related affiliates (collectively, "Applicant"), subsidiaries of Intersect Power, LLC propose to construct and operate the Perkins Renewable Energy Project an approximately 1,150 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery energy storage facility, on United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) administered public lands (approximately 5,611 acres), and private lands (approximately 515 acres) in Imperial County east of El Centro, California. The project would generate and store renewable electricity via arrays of solar PV panels, a battery energy storage system, and appurtenant facilities. The final project capacity would be based on optimization of buildable acreage and solar PV technology at the time of procurement. The project would construct a new generation interconnection (gen-tie) line that would connect the project substation to a new high-voltage breaker and a half (BAAH) switchyard. The gen-tie would be approximately 200 feet or 1.3 miles in length depending on the two optional locations of the substation. From the switchyard, two new 500 kilovolt (kV) loop-in transmission lines would be constructed to interconnect to the existing San Diego Gas & Electric Company's 500 kV Southwest Power Link Transmission Line that travels east-west just south of the project site. The Project Description section of the application can be accessed directly at the following link:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254456&DocumentContentId=89847>.

In 2022, Assembly Bill 205 established a new Opt-in Certification program for eligible non-fossil-fueled power plants, energy storage, and manufacturing and assembly facilities to optionally seek certification through the CEC. Upon receipt of an application, the CEC has the exclusive authority to certify the site and related facility. With certain exceptions, the issuance of a certificate by the CEC is in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document required by any state, local, or regional agency, or federal agency to the extent permitted by federal law, and supersedes any applicable statute, ordinance, or regulation of any state, local, or regional agency, or federal agency to the extent permitted by federal law. The CEC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and is required to prepare an environmental impact report for any facility that elects to opt into the CEC's jurisdiction.

The CEC provides the following notice pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.8, which states that subsections (g) and (k) of Public Resources Code section

25519 apply to an Opt-in application. The relevant language from Public Resources Code section 25519 is as follows:

(g) The commission shall transmit a copy of the application to each federal and state agency having jurisdiction or special interest in matters pertinent to the proposed site and related facilities and to the Attorney General.

(k) The commission shall transmit a copy of the application to any governmental agency not specifically mentioned in this act, but which it finds has any information or interest in the proposed site and related facilities, and shall invite the comments and recommendations of each agency. The commission shall request any relevant laws, ordinances, or regulations that an agency has promulgated or administered.

The CEC has set up a webpage for the project at the following link:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/solar-photovoltaic-pv/perkins-renewable-energy-project>.

The documents which comprise the Opt-in application can be found in the project docket, which is accessible via the project webpage or directly at the following link:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-01>.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25519(k), the CEC invites the comments and recommendations of your agency, and requests that you send us any relevant laws, ordinances, or regulations that your agency has promulgated or administered that are applicable to the proposed project.

To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming public meetings, sign up to the project subscription, which can be accessed on the project webpage. Once enrolled, automatic email notifications are sent when documents and notices are posted to the project docket.

Feel free to reach out to us directly via email if you have any questions about this notice. Thank you.

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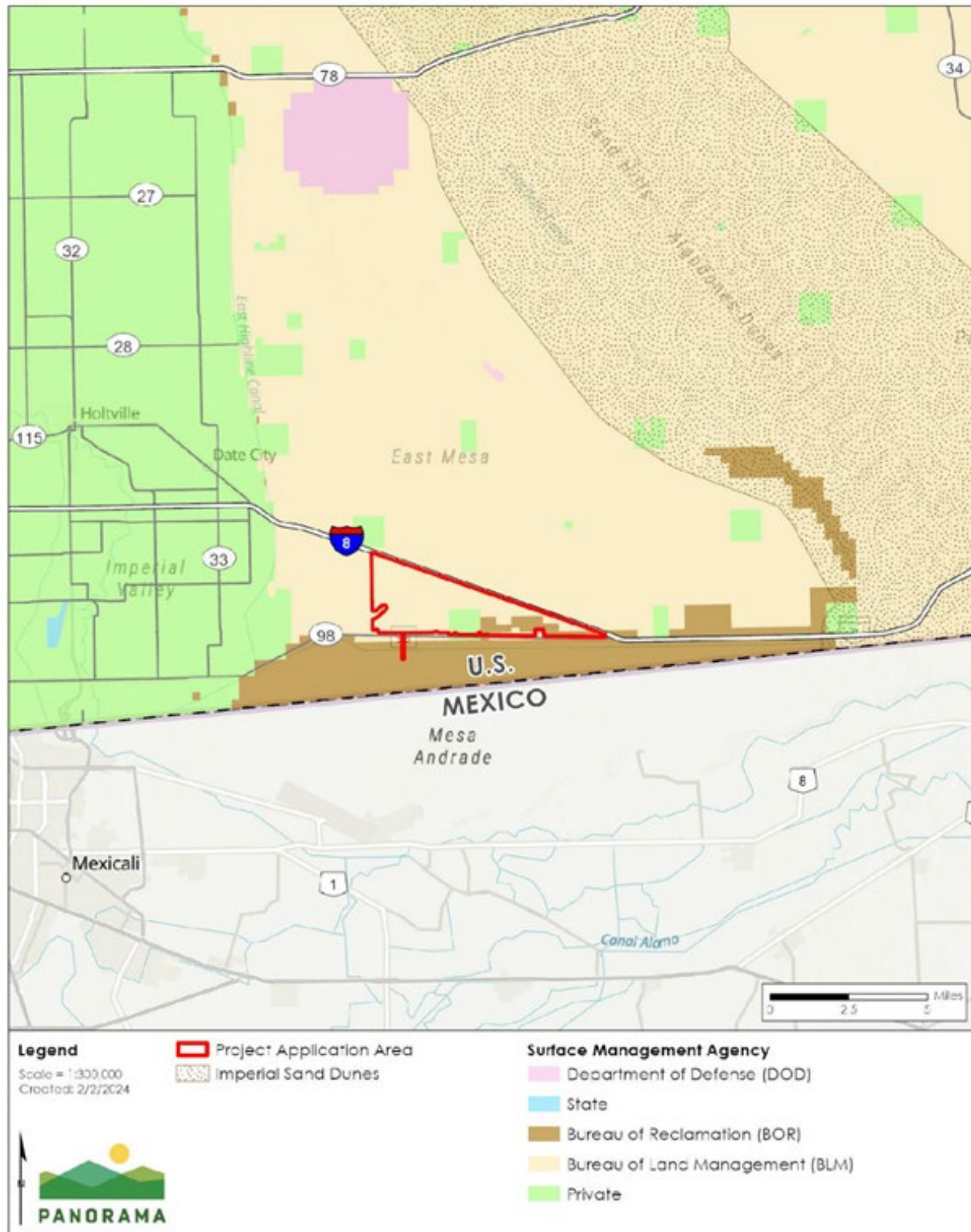
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Figure 2.1-2 Project Vicinity (from application, TN 254456)

Figure 1.3-1 Regional Setting



Source: (BLM 2022)(BLM 2012)

Figure 2.1-2 Project Vicinity



Source: (Intersect Power 2023)(BLM 2022)(BLM 2012)