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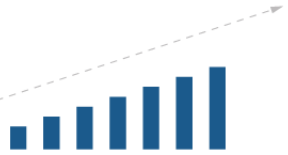


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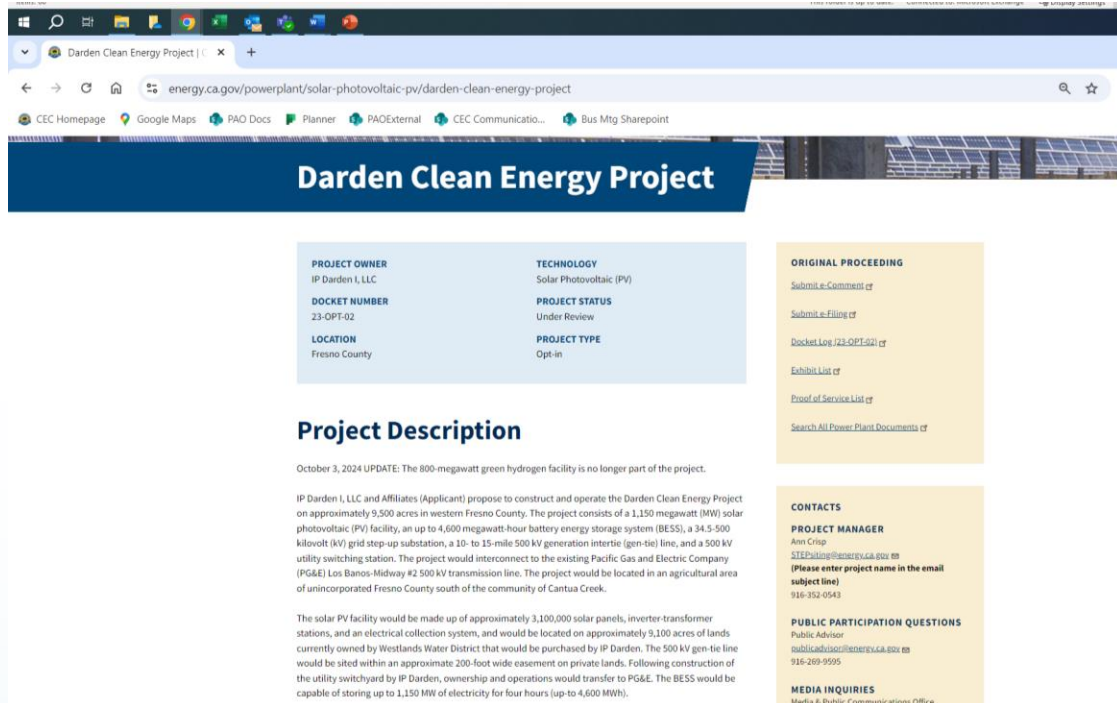
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The screenshot shows the 'Darden Clean Energy Project' webpage. The header includes the California Energy Commission logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Darden Clean Energy Project' and features a 'Project Description' section. The description states that IP Darden I, LLC and its affiliates propose to construct and operate the Darden Clean Energy Project on approximately 9,500 acres in western Fresno County. The project consists of a 1,150 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, an up to 4,600 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (BESS), a 34.5-500 kilovolt (kV) grid step-up substation, a 10- to 15-mile 500 kV generation intertie (gen-tie) line, and a 500 kV utility switching station. The project would interconnect to the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Los Banos-Midway #2 500 kV transmission line. The project would be located in an agricultural area of unincorporated Fresno County south of the community of Cantua Creek.

Project Description

October 3, 2024 UPDATE: The 800-megawatt green hydrogen facility is no longer part of the project.

IP Darden I, LLC and Affiliates (Applicant) propose to construct and operate the Darden Clean Energy Project on approximately 9,500 acres in western Fresno County. The project consists of a 1,150 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, an up to 4,600 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (BESS), a 34.5-500 kilovolt (kV) grid step-up substation, a 10- to 15-mile 500 kV generation intertie (gen-tie) line, and a 500 kV utility switching station. The project would interconnect to the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Los Banos-Midway #2 500 kV transmission line. The project would be located in an agricultural area of unincorporated Fresno County south of the community of Cantua Creek.

The solar PV facility would be made up of approximately 3,100,000 solar panels, inverter-transformer stations, and an electrical collection system, and would be located on approximately 3,100 acres of lands currently owned by Westlands Water District that would be purchased by IP Darden. The 500 kV gen-tie line would be sited within an approximate 200-foot wide easement on private lands. Following construction of the utility switchyard by IP Darden, ownership and operations would transfer to PG&E. The BESS would be capable of storing up to 1,150 MW of electricity for four hours (up to 4,600 MWh).

Project Information:

- PROJECT OWNER:** IP Darden I, LLC
- DOCKET NUMBER:** 23-OPT-02
- LOCATION:** Fresno County
- TECHNOLOGY:** Solar Photovoltaic (PV)
- PROJECT STATUS:** Under Review
- PROJECT TYPE:** Opt-in

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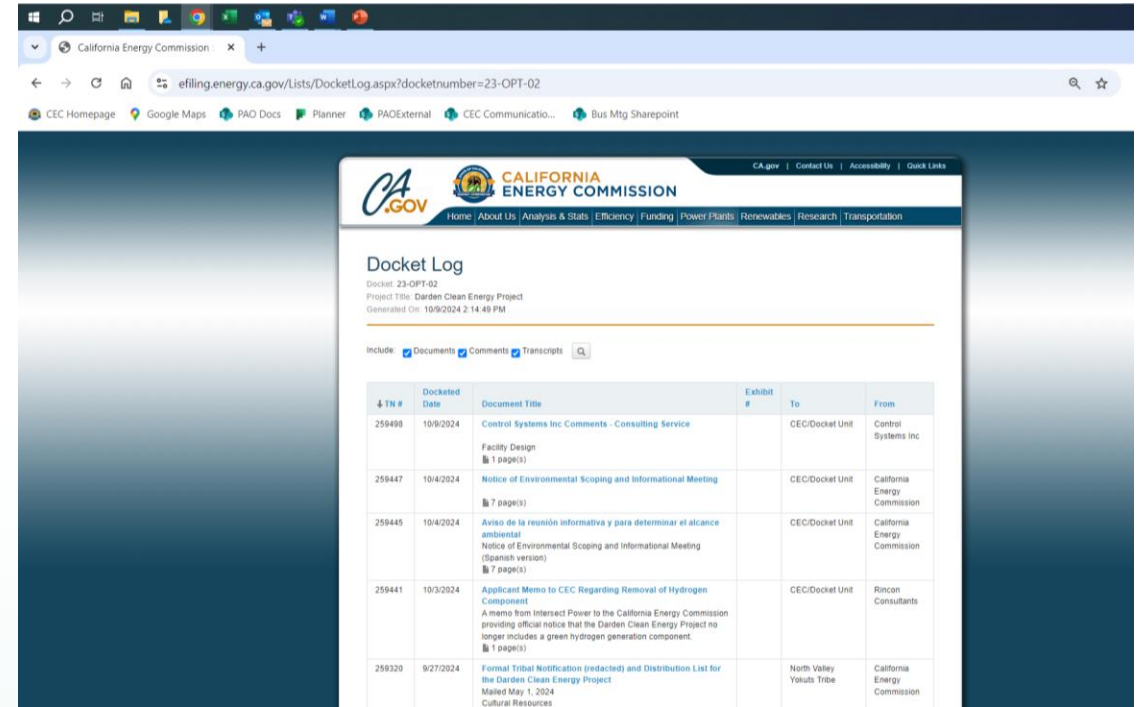
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Visit CEC project webpage for links to comment, sign up for email updates, access project docket, project information, and more:
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/solar-photovoltaic-pv/darden-clean-energy-project>



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| 259498 | 10/9/2024 | Control Systems Inc Comments - Consulting Service | | CEC/Docket Unit | Control Systems Inc |
| | | Facility Design | | | |
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| 259447 | 10/4/2024 | Notice of Environmental Scoping and Informational Meeting | | CEC/Docket Unit | California Energy Commission |
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| 259445 | 10/4/2024 | Aviso de la reunión informativa y para determinar el alcance ambiental | | CEC/Docket Unit | California Energy Commission |
| | | Notice of Environmental Scoping and Informational Meeting (Spanish version) | | | |
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| 259441 | 10/3/2024 | Applicant Memo to CEC Regarding Removal of Hydrogen Component | | CEC/Docket Unit | Rincon Consultants |
| | | A memo from Interact Power to the California Energy Commission providing official notice that the Darden Clean Energy Project no longer includes a green hydrogen generation component. | | | |
| | | 1 page(s) | | | |
| 259320 | 9/27/2024 | Formal Tribal Notification (redacted) and Distribution List for the Darden Clean Energy Project | | North Valley Yokuts Tribe | California Energy Commission |
| | | Mailed May 1, 2024 | | | |
| | | Cultural Resources | | | |

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Tribal Consultation

- The CEC invites consultations in this and other opt-in proceedings with California Native American tribes culturally and traditionally affiliated with the proposed project area.
- The CEC mailed tribal consultation letters to tribes on May 1, 2024.
- CEC is asking for responses from tribes that want to consult no later than November 16, 2024.
- Contact: Gabriel Roark, Assistant Tribal Liaison
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