

Public Notice - 401 Certification/Dredge or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements Application

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Project Name:

Arica Solar Project, Located in Riverside County, Near the Town of Desert Center, California, 92239

WDID No. 7A333233001, RM 444897, Place ID 876259

Receiving Water:

Corn Springs Wash, Multiple unvegetated ephemeral dry washes draining to Ford Dry Lake

Location:

City or area: Unincorporated Riverside County, California, 92239; within Chuckwalla Valley near the community of Desert Center, nearly halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe

Latitude/Longitude: 33.725049°, -115.260200°

Section, Township, Range:

Arica Solar Field

T. 5 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec.13, S1/2SW1/4 and NW1/2SW1/4;

Sec. 14, SE1/4 and S1/2NE1/4;

Sec. 23, E1/2;

Sec. 24;

Shared Gen-Tie Line

T. 5 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 25, N1/2NW1/4;

Sec. 27, N1//2NE1/4 and N1/2NW1/4;

Sec. 28 N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

Shared Access Road

T. 5 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 23, S1/2Se1/4;

Sec. 24, S1/2SE1/4 and S1/2SW1/4;

Sec. 26, N1/2NW1/4;

Sec. 27, NE1/4NE1/4;

T. 5 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 19, S1/2 Lot 1 and S1/2 of Lot 2 SW1/4, and SE1/4;

Sec. 20, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 21, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 22, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 23, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 24, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;

Alternative Access Route 1

T. 5 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 25, S1/2SE1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4;

T. 5 S., R. 17 E.,

Sec. 30, SW1/4SW1/4;

Sec. 31, N1/2NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 32, SW1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4;

T. 6 S., R. 17 E.,

Sec. 6, NE1/4NE1/4.

Project Description:

Arica Solar, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Clearway Energy Group LLC, proposed to construct, operate, and decommission the Arica Solar Project (Arica Solar or Project) entirely located on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) near the Desert Center area of Riverside County. The proposed Project consists of utility-scale solar PV electrical generating and storage facility, including associated infrastructure, to generate and deliver renewable electricity to the statewide electricity transmission grid. The Project will be built alongside and share the Project switchyard and gen-tie with the adjacent Victory Pass Project, owned by Victory Pass I, LLC, another subsidiary of Clearway Energy Group LLC.

The proposed Victory Pass Solar Project site consists of a solar facility, battery energy storage system, and associated facilities on BLM-administered land. The Project would

disturb approximately 1,355 acres (Project footprint). The boundaries of the Project footprint's disturbance area were designed to avoid desert dry wash and woodland and sensitive plant species to meet the BLM California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, as Amended. The Arica Solar Project is expected to generate 265 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy using photovoltaic (PV) panels up to 200 MW of storage. The Project substation is anticipated to be built within the northern section of the Victory Pass Project site and the Project will share a switchyard with the adjacent Victory Pass Solar Project, owned by Victory Pass I, LLC, another subsidiary of Clearway Energy Group LLC. The gen-tie line would exit the shared switchyard near the western end of the Victory pass site and head west for approximately 2 miles and then south for approximately one mile to reach the Red Bluff Substation's 230 kV bus at its western end. The gen-tie line right-of-way would be approximately 150-foot-wide and approximately 3.2 miles long.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

February 1, 2022 – November 1, 2023

US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):

n/a

Action:

Pending

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