

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

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Applicant:

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Project Name:

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

WDID No. 7A333234001, RM 444898, Place ID 876260

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: 33.714327°, -115.307440°

Section, Township, Range:

Victory Pass Solar Field

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

Sec. 22, SW1/4, SE1/4;

Sec. 23, W1/2, W1/2NE1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 25, W1/2;

Sec. 26;

Sec. 27; SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4;

Sec. 34, N1/2NE1/4;

Sec. 35, N1/2NW1/4 and N1/2NE1/4;

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:

Victory Pass I, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Clearway Energy Group LLC, proposed to construct, operate, and decommission the Project entirely located on public lands managed by the 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 electric to the statewide electricity transmission grid. The Project will be built alongside and share the Project switchyard and gen-tie with the

nearby Arica Solar Project, owned by Arica Solar, 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 and a proposed 230-kilovolt (kV) generator-tie line (gen-tie) connecting to the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) Red Bluff Substation. The Project would disturb approximately 1,310 acres and approximately 50 additional acres along a shared gen-tie corridor (Project footprint). The boundaries of the Project footprints disturbance area were designed to avoid desert dry wash woodland and sensitive plant species to meet the BLM California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, as Amended. The Project is expected to generate 200 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy with up to 200 MW of storage. The Project substation is anticipated to be built within the northern section of the Project site. 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 Substations 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. The Project's components include: solar modules, tracker components, direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) power inverters, medium voltage transformers, a medium voltage collection system, a battery storage component, an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) building, up to two Project substations for Arica and one Project substation for Victory Pass, a shared switchyard, a shared 230 kV gen-tie line to connect the shared switchyard to SCE's Red Bluff Substation. The type of solar PV system used would depend on the technology ultimately selected at the time of procurement. The PV panels would be self-contained units designed to withstand exposure to the elements for a period of 35 years or greater.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

February 1, 2022 – September 1, 2023

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

n/a

Action:

Pending

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