

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT; MOUNTAIN EMPIRE
SUBREGIONAL PLAN AREA (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW:

On February 4, 2015 (1), the Board introduced the Ordinance for further consideration and adoption on March 4, 2015.

Application Dates: May 15, 2012, June 15, 2012, August 22, 2012

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to evaluate and consider the proposed Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar concentrated photovoltaic energy projects in the Mountain Empire Subregional Plan area, and make a decision on the certification of the EIR.

Each project would include concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) technology which utilizes a dual-axis tracking system. The entire tracker assembly measures approximately 48 feet across by 25 feet tall and is mounted on a 28-inch diameter steel mast pole. Each of the projects would also include inverters to convert power from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC), underground and overhead collector lines, internal fire access and service roads, an operation and maintenance building, and an onsite substation.

The application was first submitted in May of 2012, and in response to public input and analysis, the applicant has modified the proposed project and requested actions. The following table summarizes the four projects first evaluated in the EIR, the project modifications made through the processing of the EIR and the discretionary actions being requested at this time. In addition to the recommendations of the Planning Commission to adopt the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopt the Rezone resolution, adopt the Agricultural Preserve Disestablishment ordinance, and grant two Major Use Permits, the Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS) also recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve two Fire and Emergency Services Agreements, adopt a Franchise Agreement Ordinance and require the applicant to enter into an agreement to defend and indemnify the County.

	Site Location	Proposed Development	CEQA Analysis	Project Modifications under Alternative 2A	Discretionary Actions
Rugged Solar	East of Ribbonwood Road and west of McCain Valley Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765 acre site • 80 megawatt (MW) • Concentrated photovoltaic technology (CPV) (trackers) • Battery Storage • Temporary Batch Plant and Rock Crushing Facility 	EIR	Removal of 177 trackers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Use Permit
Tierra Del Sol Solar	South of Tierra Del Sol and adjacent to the United States-Mexico border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 420 acre site • 60 MW • Concentrated photovoltaic technology (trackers) • 6 mile gen-tie 	EIR	Removal of 99 trackers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Preserve Disestablishment • Rezone • Major Use Permit • Utility Franchise
The components below are no longer a part of the proposed project					
LanWest	South of Interstate-8 and north of Old Highway 80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 acre site • 6.5 MW • Concentrated photovoltaic technology (trackers) 	EIR	Elimination of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Use Permit (Withdrawn)
LanEast	South of Interstate-8 and north of Old Highway 80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 233 acre site • 22 MW • Concentrated photovoltaic technology (trackers) 	EIR	Elimination of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Table 1: Project Overview

The project case numbers are: PDS2012-3910-120005 (ER), RUGGED SOLAR, PDS2012-3300-12-007 (MUP); TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR, PDS2012-3600-12-005 (REZ), PDS2012-3921-77-046-01 (AP DIS), PDS2012-3300-12-010 (MUP).

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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Adopt Ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR FARM LLC TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW AND REMOVE AN UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IN TIERRA DEL SOL ROAD" (Attachment I).

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor R. Roberts, the Board closed the Hearing and denied the Tierra Del Sol Franchise ordinance.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts

ABSENT: Horn

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By 
Marvice E. Mazyck, Chief Deputy