

## **Public Notice – 401 Certification Application**

**Date:**

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**Project Name:**

Wister Solar Energy Facility Project, Located in the City of Niland, Imperial County, California 92257.

WDID No. 7A133165001, RM 439704, Place ID 868537

**Receiving Water:**

Salton Sea (indirect impact), Coachella Canal, East Highline Canal

**Location:**

City or area: Niland, Imperial County, California

Latitude/Longitude: 33.272844; -115.506129

Section/Township/Range: 27, 10 South, 14 East

**Project Description:**

The Wister Solar Energy Facility Project is located on Assessor Parcel No. 003-240-001. The proposed solar energy facility consists of three primary components: 1) solar energy generation equipment and associated facilities including a substation and access roads (herein referred to as “solar energy facility”); 2) gen-tie line that would connect the proposed on-site substation to the Point of Interconnection (POI) at the existing Imperial Irrigation Districts (IID) 92-kilovolt (kV) “K” line; and, 2) fiberoptic cable. These components are collectively referred to as the “proposed project” or “project.” The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a 20 Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility on approximately 100 acres of privately-owned land north of Niland. The proposed project would be comprised of solar PV panels on single-axis horizontal trackers, an on-site substation and inverters, transformers, and underground electrical cables. The proposed project also includes approximately two-miles of fiberoptic line from the proposed on-site substation to the existing Niland Substation to connect the proposed Wister Substation to the region’s telecommunications system. The power produced by the proposed project would be conveyed to the local power grid via an on-site 92-kV substation, which will be tied

directly to IID's 92-kV "K" line. The project applicant has secured a Power Purchase Agreement with San Diego Gas and Electric for the sale of power from the project.

**Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:**

September 2021 – June 2022

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

Unknown

**Action:**

Pending

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