

## **Department of Energy**

Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Customer Service Region
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RE: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Vidal Solar Interconnection Project (DOE/EA-2170)

Dear Interested Party:

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Vidal Solar Interconnection Project. The document tracking number is DOE/EA-2170. The Project is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Vidal, an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County that is located just east of U.S. Route 95, just north of the Riverside County border, and just west of the Colorado River. WAPA determined that a FONSI was appropriate for the Proposed Action based on the analysis in the Final EA titled "Final Environmental Assessment for the Vidal Solar Interconnection Project: DOE/EA-2170" dated December 2024.

The Final EA and FONSI can be accessed online at WAPA's Desert Southwest Region website or at the Department of Energy's website:

- <a href="https://www.wapa.gov/transmission/transmission-environmental-reviewnepa/vidal-solar/">https://www.wapa.gov/transmission/transmission-environmental-reviewnepa/vidal-solar/</a>.
- https://www.energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents

If you need alternative accommodations to obtain copies of the documents or have questions about the environmental review process, please contact WAPA's NEPA Document Manager, Abigail Wilmington, at (480) 790-3282.

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Sincerely,

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