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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Solar, Inc., filed right-of-way (ROW) application CACA-48649 for the Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project (DSSF). The DSSF is a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, capable of producing 550 MW of electrical output. Southern California Edison (SCE) filed a ROW application to construct the 500-to-220 kiloVolt (kV) RedBluff substation (CACA-052682) where the project would interconnect with the SCE regional transmission system. The DSSF, along with the RedBluff Substation and other facilities, will be on 4,144 acres of BLM-managed lands approximately 6 miles north of Interstate-10 and the rural community of Desert Center in Riverside County, California. The project area is within 2 miles of Joshua Tree National Park. In addition to the project site, the project includes a distribution line, a 220-kV electrical gen-tie transmission line, fiber optic lines, and an access road. The RedBluff substation includes an access road and two offsite microwave telecommunication facilities. The gen-tie line will feed power into SCE's existing Devers-Palo Verde 1 500-kV transmission line.

The project site is in the California Desert District within the planning boundary of the CDCA Plan, which is the applicable RMP for the project site and the surrounding areas. The CDCA Plan, while recognizing the potential compatibility of solar generation facilities on public lands, requires that all sites associated with power generation or transmission not already identified in the Plan be considered through the BLM's land use plan amendment process. As a result, prior to approval of a ROW grant to the DSSF, the BLM must amend the CDCA Plan to allow the solar generating project on that site. The approved Amendment to the CDCA Plan specifically revises the CDCA Plan to allow for the development of the DSSF and ancillary facilities on land managed by the BLM.

The BLM preferred Alternative would result in construction of the solar farm, capable of generating approximately 550 MW of electricity, the RedBluff Substation, and associated ancillary

facilities. This 550-MW alternative and substation were evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS for the DSSF, RedBluff Substation, and the proposed CDCA Plan amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2011 (76 FR 21402).

Publication of the Notice of Availability for the Final EIS initiated a 30-day protest period for the proposed amendment to the CDCA Plan. At the close of the 30-day period on May 16, 2011, seven timely and complete written protests were received and resolved. Their resolution is summarized in the Director's Protest Summary Report attached to the ROD. The proposed amendment to the CDCA Plan was not modified as a result of the protest resolution. Simultaneously with the protest period, the Governor of California conducted a 30-day consistency review of the proposed CDCA Plan amendment to identify any inconsistencies with State or local plan, policies or programs; no inconsistencies were identified.

Because this decision is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, it is not subject to administrative appeal (43 CFR, 4.410(a)(3)).

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6.

**Robert V. Abbey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Water Resources Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Mojave National Preserve, San Bernardino County, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Scoping Period for Water Resources Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Mojave National Preserve.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing a Water Resources Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (WRMP/EIS). This plan is intended to guide future management of ground and surface water sources within Mojave National Preserve. The original Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS (published in the

**Federal Register** on May 11, 2011) announced a 60-day public comment period. In recognition of the complexity and scope of the forthcoming EIS, and with deference to interest from the public and interested organizations, the comment period has been extended.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by August 12, 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It will not be necessary for individuals, organizations, and agencies that have already commented to do so again. All comments must now be postmarked or transmitted not later than August 12, 2011. Those respondents who prefer to comment electronically may do so via the project Web site, [http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mojave\\_water](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mojave_water), or letters may be submitted via regular mail to: Stephanie Dubois, Superintendent, Mojave National Preserve, Attn: Mojave WRMP, 2701 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311. Up-to-date information may be obtained by contacting Mojave National Preserve at (760) 252-6100.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 23, 2011. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National