Contra Costa County

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER:	<u>WH265H</u>
CP ₇	# 19-15

PROJECT NAME: Solar PPA 10 Locations	
PREPARED BY: Laura Cremin, Environmental Service	es Division DATE: May 1, 2019
APPROVED BY: Leas B. Morana	DATE:5/6/2019_
RECOMMENDATIONS:	,
☑ Categorical Exemption: §15301 [Class 1a] and §15305 [Class 3e]	☐ Negative Declaration
Environmental Impact Report Required	☐ Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, pursuant to Section 15301(a) and the location of limited new small facilities; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures pursuant to Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

	Base Map Sheet #: K-4, F-12, G-12, G-13, G-20	Parcel #: APN 540-082-033, APN 373-263-003, APN 376-210-034, APN 376-210-043, APN 162-493-009, APN 162-493-013, APN 162-493-014, APN 161-510-001, APN 074-080-031, APN 074-080-033
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. Location: The project is located at various County facilities throughout Contra Costa County (Figs 1-4).
- 2. Project Description: The purpose of this project is to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels at ten Contra Costa facilities. The project will help achieve the greenhouse gas reduction and renewable energy goals of the County's Distributed Energy Resource Plan and Climate Action Plan.

The PV facilities are proposed to be located at:

1305 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond (APN 540-082-033): Proposed canopy arrays

1000 Ward Street, Martinez (APN 373-263-003): Existing rooftop arrays

50 Douglas Drive, Martinez (APN 376-210-034): Proposed canopy and existing rooftop arrays

30 Douglas Drive, Martinez (APN 376-210-043): Proposed canopy and existing rooftop arrays

30 Muir Road, Martinez (APN 162-493-009): Existing rooftop arrays

595 Center Avenue, Martinez (APN 162-493-013): Proposed canopy and existing rooftop arrays

597 Center Avenue, Martinez (APN 162-493-014): Existing rooftop arrays

2530 Arnold Drive, Martinez (APN 161-510-001): Proposed canopy arrays

4545 Delta Fair Boulevard, Antioch (APN 074-080-031): Proposed canopy arrays

Site 10. 4549 Delta Fair Boulevard, Antioch (APN 074-080-033): Proposed canopy arrays

The project will install rooftop and parking lot solar PV systems and ground-mounted, containerized energy storage facilities systems (See attached project layouts). The rooftop arrays will be mounted on existing County buildings with flat or moderately slope roofs. The parking area arrays will be mounted on proposed canopies (carport style) in the existing already paved or graveled parking lot areas and will provide a shaded area for vehicles.

In the parking lot, minor trenching will occur and concrete piers (requiring excavation of 12 feet deep, 2.5 feet wide holes) and steel frames will be installed to support the solar PV modules, inverters, and conduit. Conduit (installed through horizontal boring) will connect solar energy systems to building electrical equipment.

Limited removal and or trimming of native and non-native landscape trees and shrubs will be necessary to install the parking area arrays and ensure the arrays are not shaded by vegetation. Removal of trees will be avoided to the extent feasible. Potential tree removal includes approximately: four trees at 1305 Macdonald Ave, six trees at 50 Douglas Drive, 21 trees at 30 Douglas Drive, six trees at 595 Center Avenue, 19 trees at 2530 Arnold Drive, nine trees at 4545 Delta Fair Boulevard, and seven trees at 4549 Delta Fair Boulevard. Permission from the City of Richmond would be obtained prior to tree removal at the 1305 Macdonald Avenue location.

The rooftop arrays will not affect the visual character of the buildings or the surrounding areas as they will be nondescript, not produce any glare (the photovoltaic panels are black and no-reflective to assist with absorption), and be placed alongside existing rooftop equipment. The parking area canopy arrays will be carport style and will not produce any glare, and will be placed in the existing footprint of the parking areas. It is not anticipated that either type of array will affect the aesthetic character of the sites because they are in developed areas with limited scenic views.

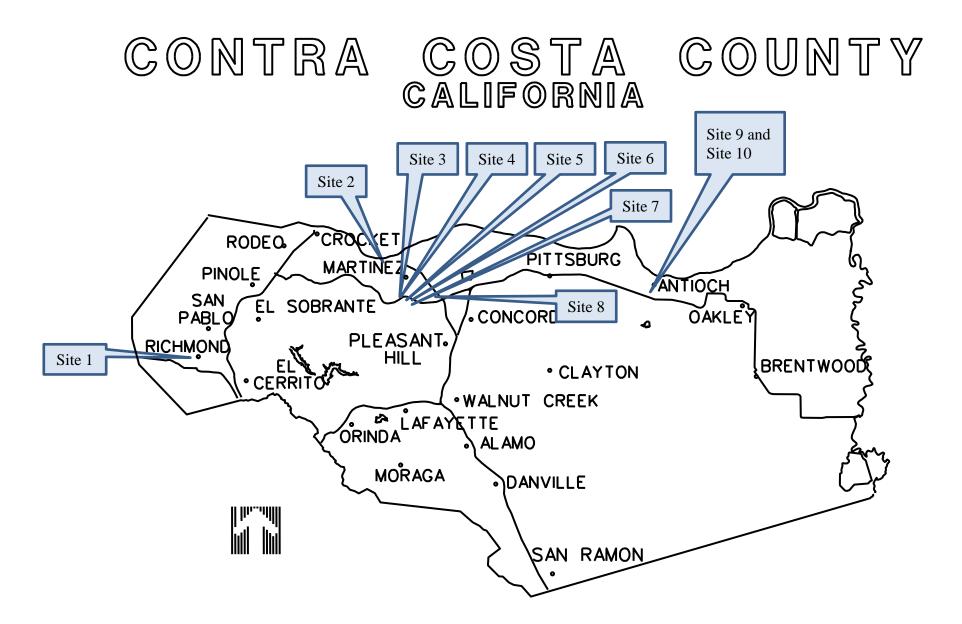
In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction. General Plan Conformance will be necessary from the cities of Richmond, Martinez, and Antioch.

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3.	Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern? ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):
4.	Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency? ☐ Yes ☑ No
5.	Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? Yes (Richmond, Martinez, and Antioch)



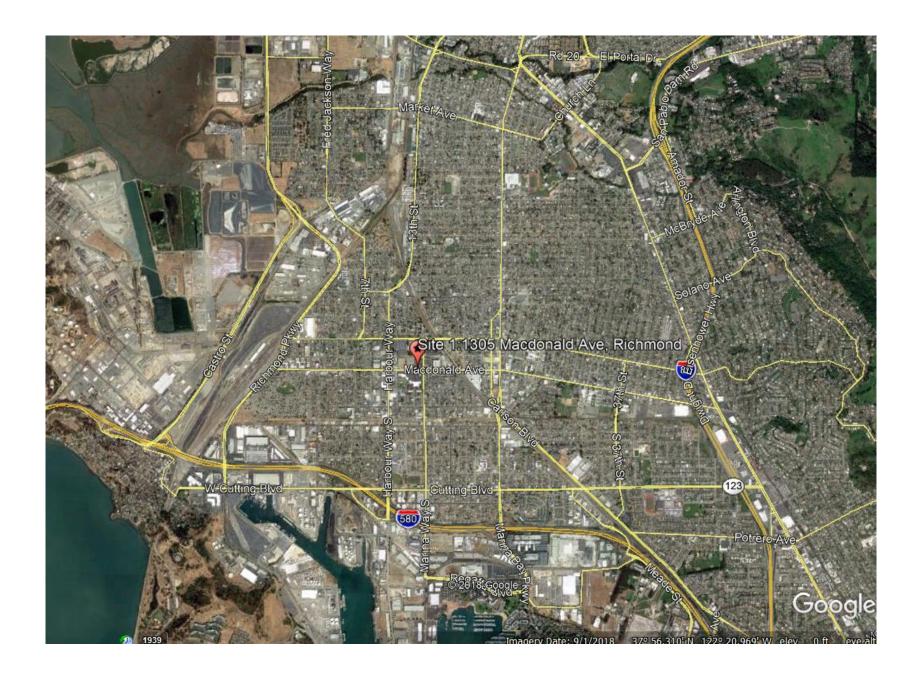


FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map – Site 1

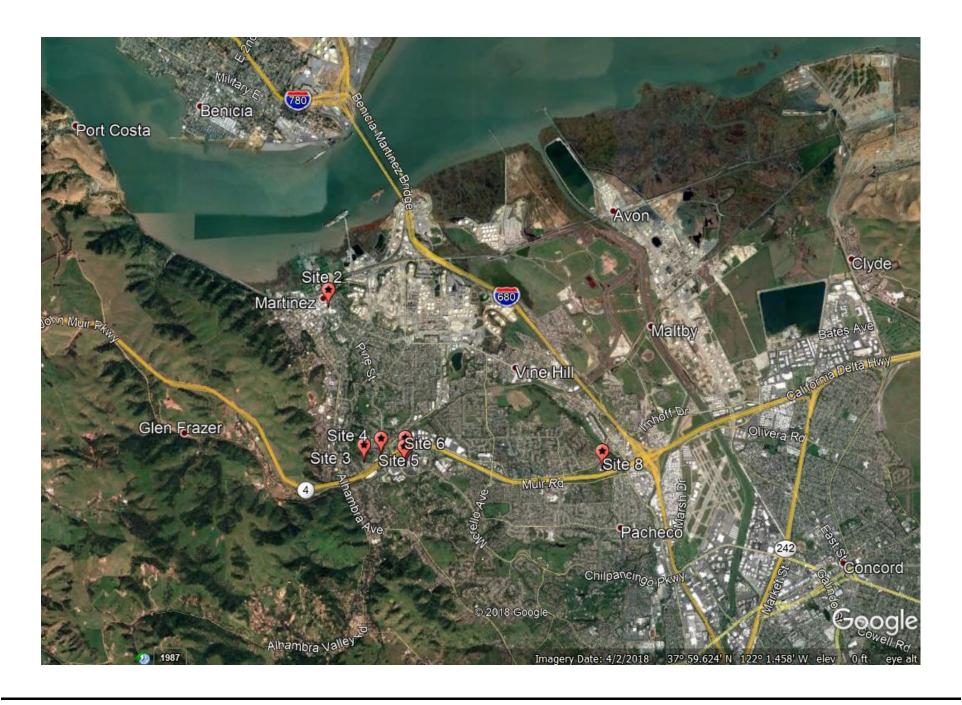


FIGURE 3: Project Vicinity Map - Sites 2 - 8

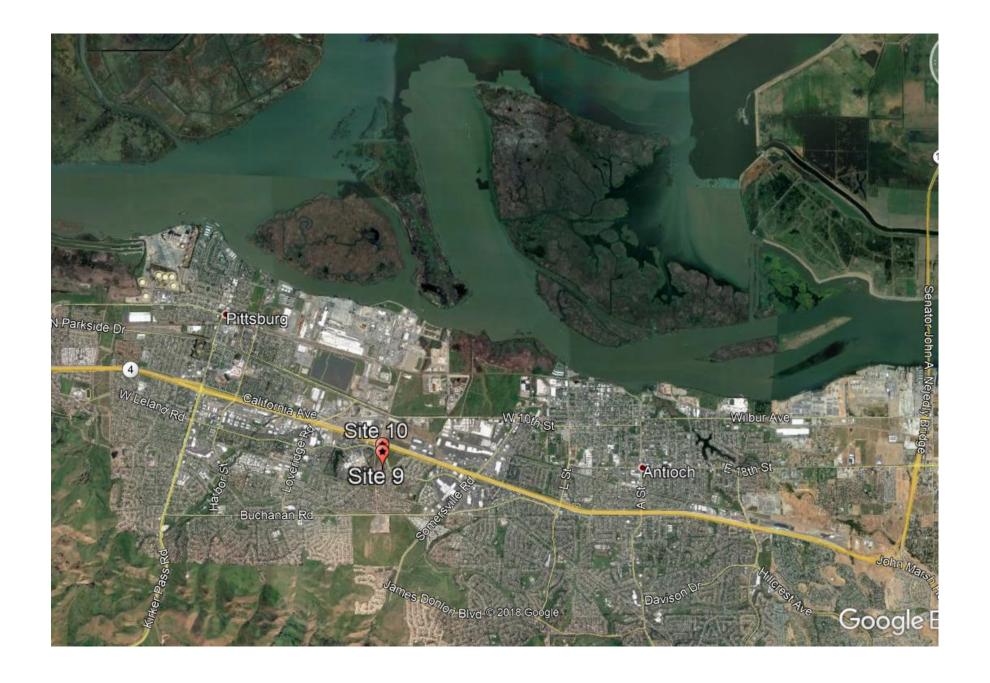
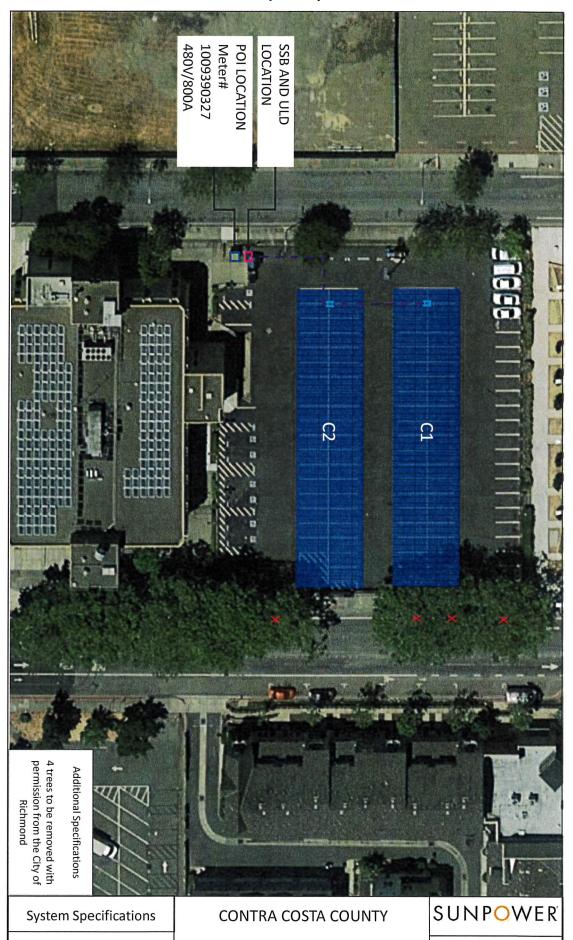


FIGURE 4: Project Vicinity Map – Sites 9 - 10

Project Layouts

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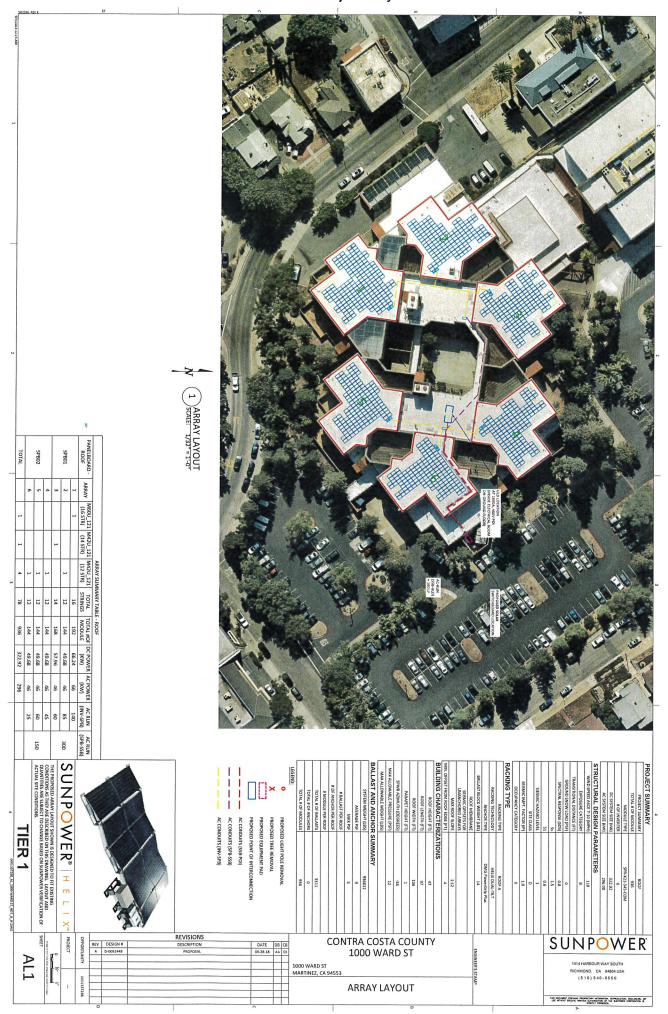
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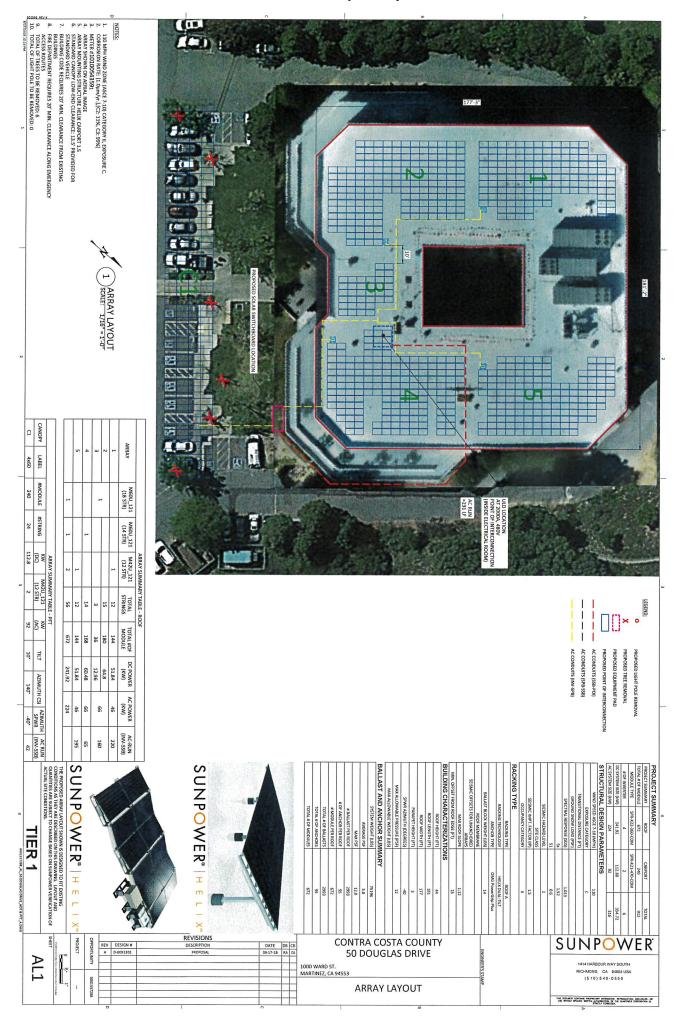
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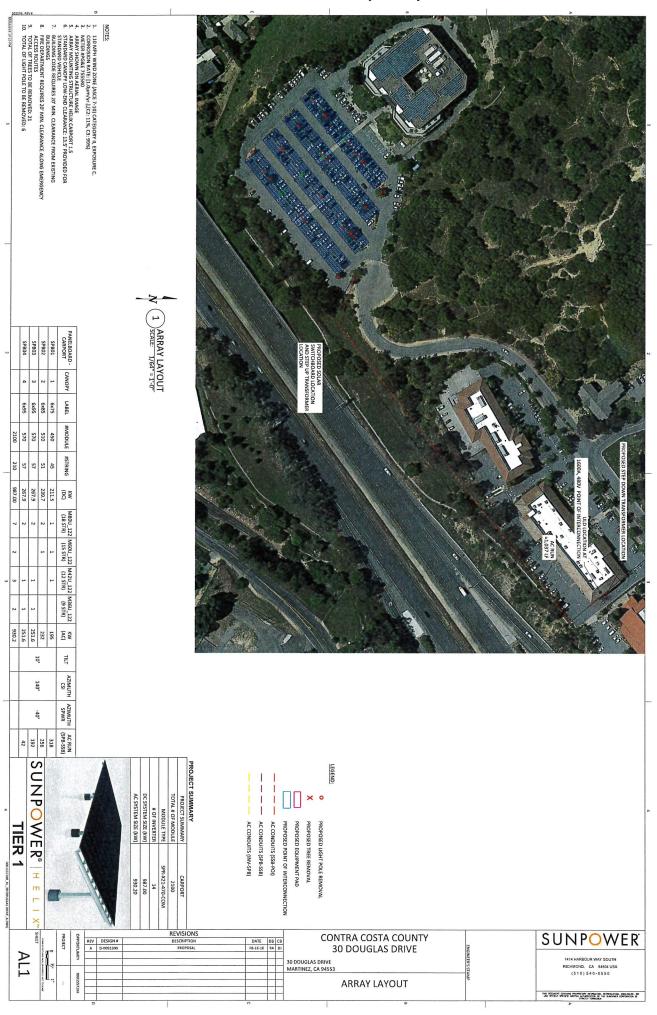
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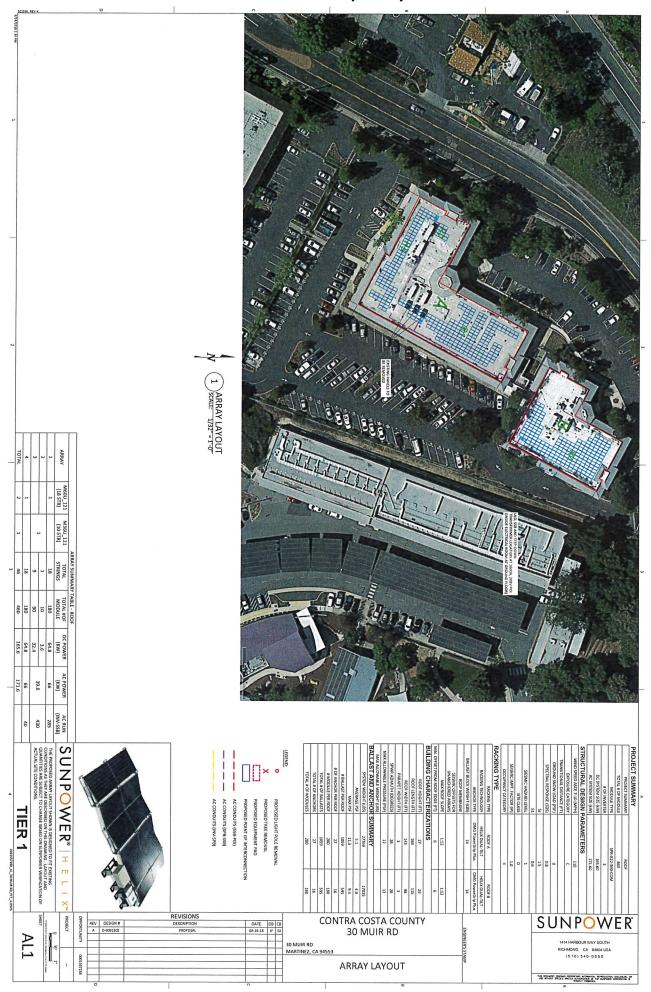
Site 3 Project Layout



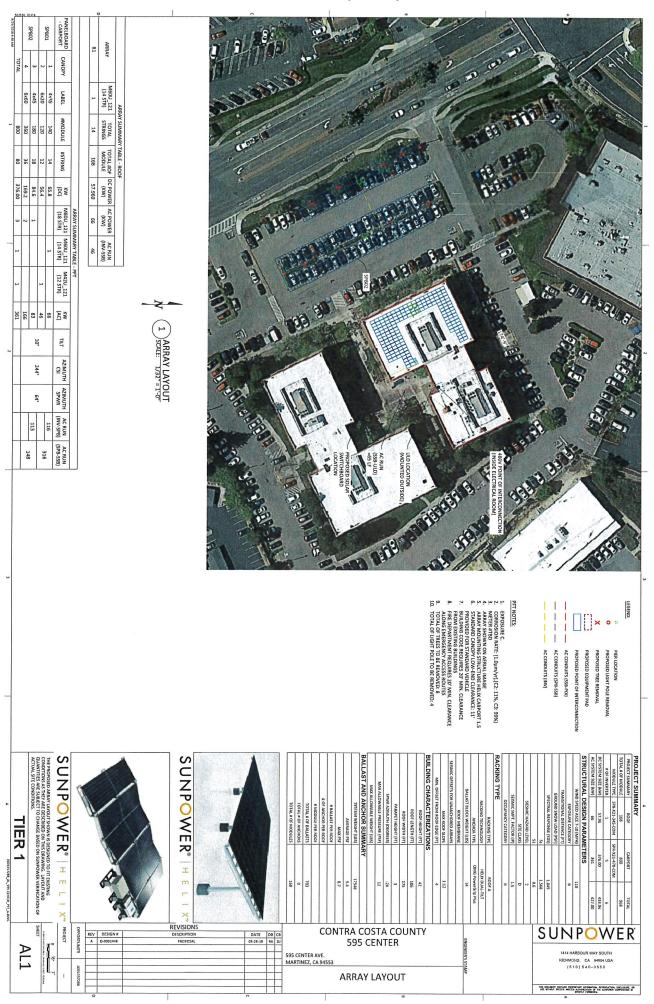
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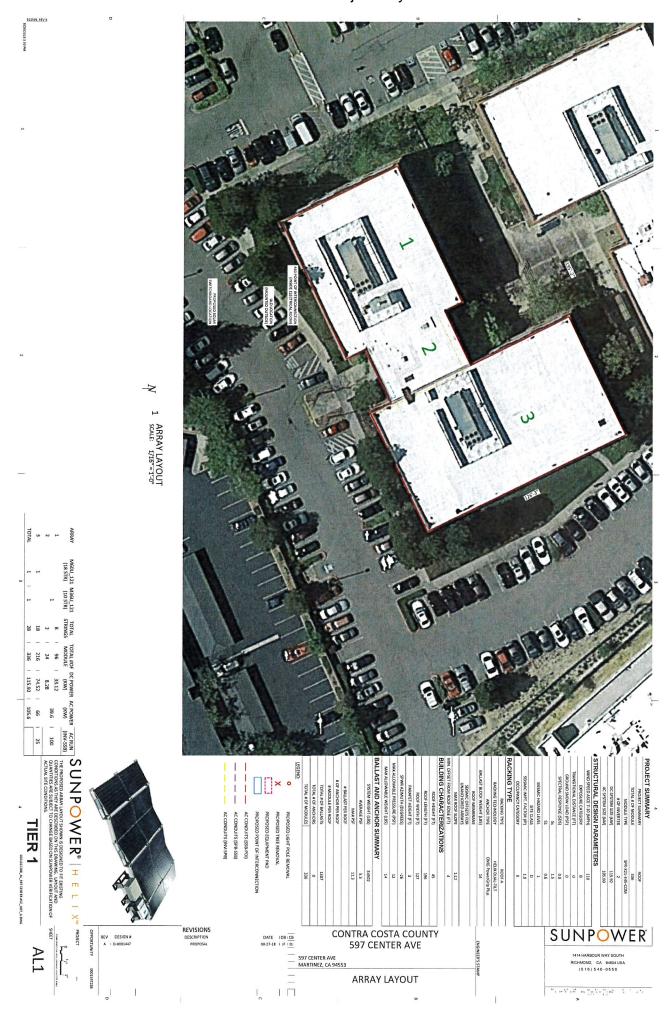


Site 5 Project Layout

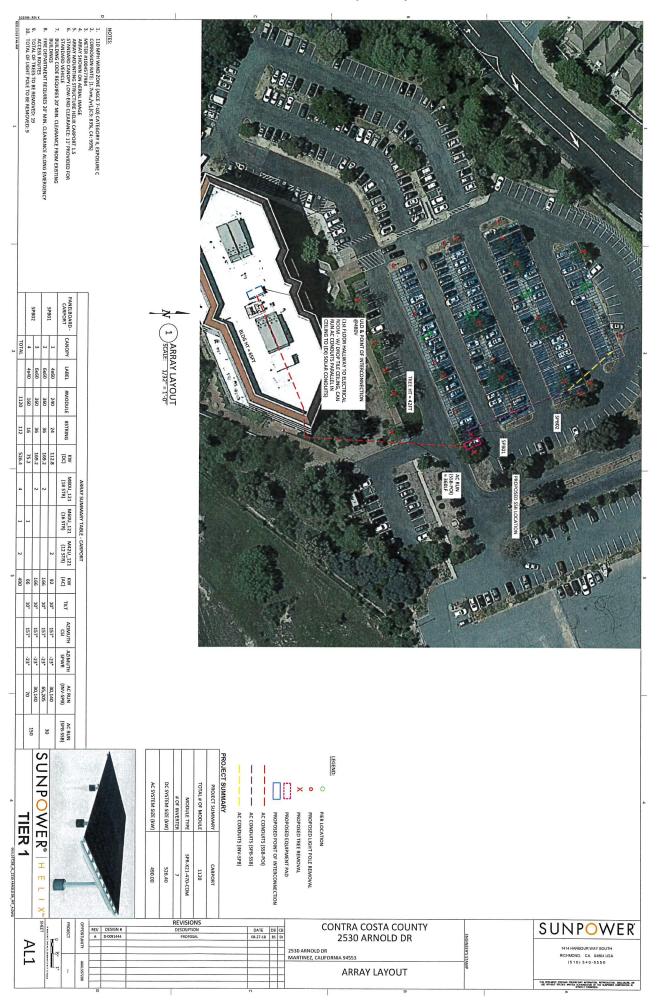


Site 6 Project Layout

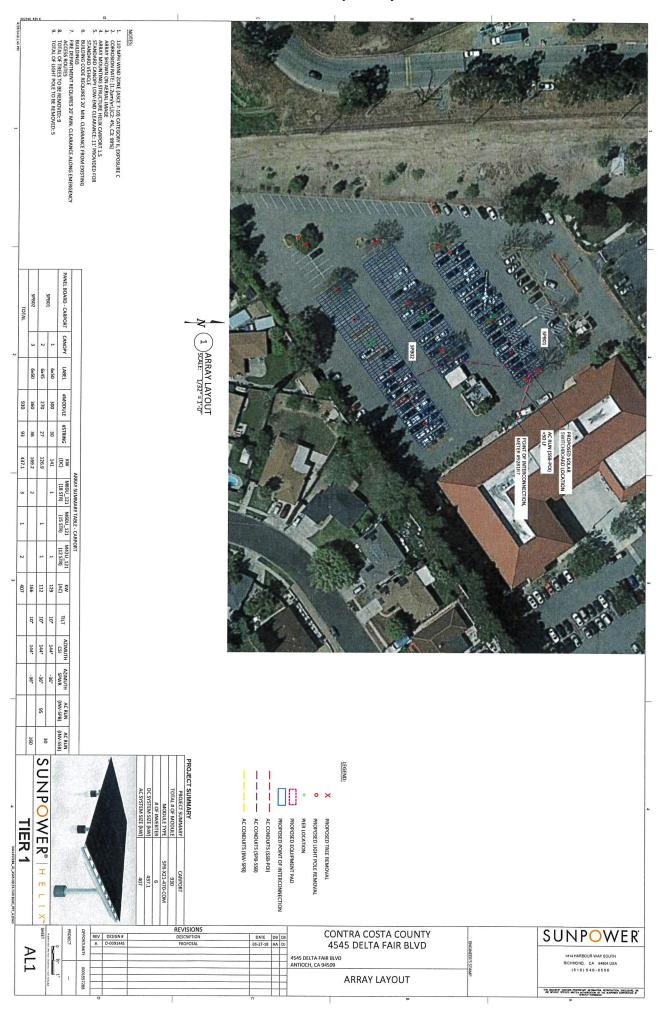




Site 8 Project Layout



Site 9 Project Layout



Site 10 Project Layout



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT Notice of Exemption

Notice of Exemption					
P.O. Box	Planning and Research 3044, Room 113 nto, CA 95812-3044	From	n: Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation & Development 30 Muir Road		
County C	lerk f: Contra Costa	hing!	Martinez, CA 94553		
Project Title:	Solar PPA 10 Locations Proj. No. WH265H CP# 19	- 15			
Project Applican	-		Glacier Drive, Martinez- CA 94553		
Project Location Central, and East	■ – Various existing County : Contra Costa County.	facilities located in Richmond, I	Martinez, and Antioch in West,		
Lead Agency: C	contra Costa County Depart	ment of Conservation and Deve	elopment		
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Exempt Status:	•	,			
Ministerial Project Declared Emerge	et (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268; ency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) ect (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c); Other Statutory Exemption	Class 15301(a) and Class 15303(e) on, Code No.: ion [Section 15061 (b)(3)]		
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Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, pursuant to Section 15301(a) and the location of limited new small facilities; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures pursuant to Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cremin - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2015. If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. Date 5/6/19 Title: Principal Planner Signature: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development X Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date. Title Signature

Applicant:

Public Works Department 255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: Laura Cremin

Environmental Services Division

Phone: (925) 313-2015

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

EIR - \$3,271.00 Neg. Dec. - \$2,354.75

DeMinimis Findings - \$0

County Clerk - \$50 Total Due: \$75___ Total Paid \$ _____

Receipt #: