

**Data Response 1D-3**

# **Hidden Hills**

## **Solar Electric Generating System**

(11-AFC-2)



**Application for Certification**  
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**Data Response, Set 1D-3  
(Response to Data Request 127)**

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# Introduction

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Attached are Hidden Hills Solar I, LLC, and Hidden Hills Solar II, LLC (collectively, “Applicant”) supplemental response to the California Energy Commission (CEC) Staff’s data request number 127 for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS) Project (11-AFC-2). The CEC Staff served Data Request Set 1D on December 6, 2011. . The Attachment submitted in response to this data request is numbered to match the data request.

# Cultural Resources (127)

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## **EFFORTS TO EVALUATE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CULTURAL RESOURCES**

### ***Evaluation of the Historical Significance of Archaeological Resources***

#### **BACKGROUND**

A key aspect of the cultural resources analysis for any proposed project is the need for staff to determine which of the cultural resources that are known or found to be in a project area of analysis are of historical significance and would, therefore, warrant further consideration under CEQA. There are a number of the archaeological sites that the applicant found as a result of the pedestrian survey of the project area that staff can agree are not of historical significance on the basis of surface observations alone. There is, however, a subset of sites that surface observations alone are not sufficient to support a determination of historical significance. This latter subset requires further field investigation to document the character and the integrity of the data sets present in each site, and to then derive informed assessments of the historical significance of those data sets.

#### **DATA REQUESTS**

127. Please prepare and provide, for staff's review and approval, research designs and work plans for field investigations that are to support the evaluations of the historical significance of archaeological sites CA-INY-2492, S-2, S-4, S-6, S-10, S-11, S-23, and S-AF-1. Staff envisions the designs and work plans as one integrated document.

**Response:** In Applicant's December 27, 2011 letter, Applicant agreed that sites S-2 and S-10 required additional evaluation to determine the potential historical significance of these sites, but objected to preparing a research design for sites not eligible for listing on the CRHR or the NRHP. As stated in the letter, without waiving this objection, the Applicant has prepared a testing plan that addresses the following eight sites.

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<b>Sites in California</b>	<b>Sites in Nevada</b>	<b>Sites in Both California and Nevada</b>
CA-INY-2492	S-AF-1	S-10
S-2, S-4, S-6, S-11, S-23		

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Six of the test sites are located wholly in California, one is wholly in Nevada (in the 200-foot buffer area) and one is located partially in both states. Because some of the sites are located partially or wholly in Nevada, and because the project site is a connected action under the National Environmental Policy Act, a copy of this data response and the confidential attachment are being sent concurrently to BLM's cultural resource specialist. Because of the confidential nature of this material, Attachment DR127-1 is being filed under a repeated request for confidential designation.

## **Attachments**

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**Confidential Attachment DR127-1  
Research Design/Work Plan**

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Attachment DR1127-1 has been submitted under a repeated request for confidential designation.