

# NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-15  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5

**Project Name:** Solar Energy Generating SystemsVIII Final Decommissioning Plan

**Energy Commission Docket Number:** 88-AFC-01C

**Energy Commission Contact Person:John Heiser** **Phone #: (916) 653-8236**

**Project Location:** 43880 Harper Lake Road, Hinkley, California 92347, in unincorporated San Bernardino County.

**Project Background:** Solar Energy Generating Systems Unit VIII (SEGS VIII) is a solar thermal power plant with a generating capacity of 80 megawatts (MW). The CEC certified the facility on March 31, 1989.

**Project Description:** Luz Solar Partners VIII, Ltd. (facility owner) filed a Final Decommissioning Plan for SEGS VIII with the CEC, seeking approval of decommissioning and demolition activities as required by Condition of Certification, Requirement 1 in the "Decommissioning" section of the facility's Commission Decision.The facility owner proposes to undertake decommissioning activities to ensure that the discontinuation of power generation at SEGS VIII can be conducted safely and to demolish and remove equipment from the site, while leaving select equipment in place for potential future reuse as part of a solar photovoltaic facility.

On August 12, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved the above-described project pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary for Natural Resources under section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, finding that:

1. With the implementation of new decommissioning conditions, the activities proposed in the Decommissioning Plan would not have a significant effect on the environment or on an environmental justice population and would be consistent with current and applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards;
2. The Decommissioning Plan meets all of the criteria included in Condition of Certification, Requirement 1 in the "Decommissioning" section of the SEGS VIII Commission Decision, including the requirements that the Decommissioning Plan:
  - identify and discuss the proposed decommissioning activities and schedule for the power plant site, transmission line corridor, and all appurtenant facilities constructed as a part of/or because of the project;
  - identify all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, standards, (LORS) and local/regional plans applicable at that time;
  - discuss how the specific proposed decommissioning activities will comply with those identified LORS and plans;
  - contain an analysis of all decommissioning alternatives considered, including restoration of the site to its preconstruction, natural state; and
  - discuss the reasons for selecting the preferred proposal.

The CEC's docket containing the Final Decommissioning Plan, the CEC's Staff Analysis of the Decommissioning Plan, and other information is available on the Energy Commission's webpage for SEGS VIII:

[https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pre1999\\_page/index.php?xkm=ajdkha2385duhkasd164dsasjd5598fha jkhs](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pre1999_page/index.php?xkm=ajdkha2385duhkasd164dsasjd5598fha jkhs)

/s/ John Heiser  
**Signature**

August 12, 2020  
**Date**

Compliance Project Manager  
**Title**

**Date received for filing:**

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**CEC Dockets:**

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