GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION GRANTING JUDICIAL STREAMLINING FOR THE MCCOY SOLAR PROJECT IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Act of 2011, Public Resources Code Sections 21178 et seq., make the following determinations:

The McCoy Solar Project, a billion dollar renewable solar energy facility to be located in Riverside County, will create new jobs, generate clean energy, and help California build the infrastructure for the twenty-first century. A copy of the Project’s Application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at http://opr.ca.gov/s_californiajobs.php.

1. Project Applicant: McCoy Solar, LLC

2. Project Description: Up to 750 MW solar PV energy station in unincorporated Riverside County on 4315 acres of federal land, 477 acres of private land, and a 15.5 mile long transmission line right of way.

3. Lead Agency: Riverside County

4. The project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21180(b)(2) as a solar power generating PV station.

5. Riverside County has been notified that the project intends to qualify for certification, as required by Public Resources Code section 21181. (See Acknowledgment of Obligations Letter from Matthew Handel, Vice President, McCoy Solar, LLC, to Tiffany North, Office of Riverside County Counsel, February 16, 2012, attached as Exhibit 2.)

6. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the project entails a minimum investment of $100 million in California through the time of completion of

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1 The Project Application was originally submitted in January 2012, and a public review period was provided. The Air Resources Board also completed its project review in early 2012. Before the certification process was complete, the Project proponent informed the Office of Planning and Research that it needed to complete discussions with Riverside County before finalizing the application. The Project Proponent notified the Office of Planning and Research on February 6, 2013 that the application was final and that the project remains as described in the application submitted in January 2012.
7. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the prevailing and living wage requirements of Public Resources Code section 21183(b) will be satisfied. (See Confirmation of Prevailing and Living Wage Requirements from Matthew Handel, Vice President, McCoy Solar, LLC, to State Clearinghouse, February 16, 2012, attached as Exhibit 4.)

8. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the project will not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions, and the Executive Officer of the Air Resources Board has made the determination that the project does not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions. (See Application, Exhibit 1; Acknowledgment of Obligations Letter, Exhibit 2; and E.O. Determination, dated May 21, 2012, attached as Exhibit 5.)

9. The project applicant has provided documentation reflecting a binding agreement establishing the requirements set forth in Public Resources Code sections 21183(d), (e), and (f). (See Binding Agreement Between Riverside County and McCoy Solar, dated December 12, 2012, attached as Exhibit 6.)

Therefore, I hereby certify that the McCoy Solar Project is an eligible project under the Jobs and Economic improvement Act of 2011, Public Resources Code Sections 21178 et seq.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

February ___th, 2013