



NOTICE OF COMPLETION
For Public Review
DRAFT TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians (Rincon Band) has released a Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) for the proposed Rincon Government Center Solar Panel and Energy Storage Microgrid Installation Project (Proposed Project) that may result in the issuance of a Business Lease by the Rincon Band that would allow construction and operation of this facility. This TEIR has been written in accordance with the Rincon Band Business Leasing Regulations (Rincon Tribal Code [RTC] §7.600) and includes a description of the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Proposed Project; evaluates potential on- and off-reservation environmental effects, and identifies measures to reduce identified impacts. The Tribe is hereby requesting public comments on the Draft TEIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Solaris Energy is the entity that has requested to establish the Business Lease on the Rincon Band Reservation to install and operate a microgrid system at the Rincon Government Center comprised of a 333-kilowatt (kW) carport photovoltaic (PV) system located within existing parking lots to provide shade and connect to a battery energy storage system (BESS) to provide renewable energy to offset Rincon Tribal customer load. An area of approximately 28,900 square feet (0.66 acre) would be developed / disturbed as part of the Proposed Project. Project construction is expected to be completed in approximately 20 weeks. In addition, the microgrid will use the PV system and energy storage to provide backup power to the existing Government Center facilities in the event of grid failure.

PROJECT LOCATION: Rincon Tribal Government Center, One Government Center Lane, Valley Center, California 92082.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: This Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Proposed Project was issued on January 18, 2024, initiating a 30-day comment period with a scheduled closure date of February 17, 2024. The Draft TEIR is available for public review at: <https://rincon-nsn.gov>

Written comments regarding the Draft TEIR may be sent via e-mail to cmerchant@rincon-nsn.gov (received no later than February 17, 2024 with Government Center TEIR in the subject line) or be postmarked by February 17, 2024 and submitted to the following address:

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For more information, contact the Rincon Environmental Department, Camille Merchant, Environment Director, at cmerchant@rincon-nsn.gov or (760) 749-1051.