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Silurian Valley Solar Variance Public Meeting

Purpose and Need for the Public Meeting

- ▶ Application filed by Aurora Solar, LLC.
- ▶ Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA)
- ▶ 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2800
- ▶ Solar Programmatic PEIS Record of Decision (ROD)

BLM Solar Programmatic EIS



<http://blmsolar.anl.gov/>

Variance Areas

- ▶ Variance areas are made up of public lands that are outside of solar energy zones (SEZs)
- ▶ Potentially available for utility-scale solar energy development
- ▶ Solar PEIS map - BLM California public land variance areas are identified

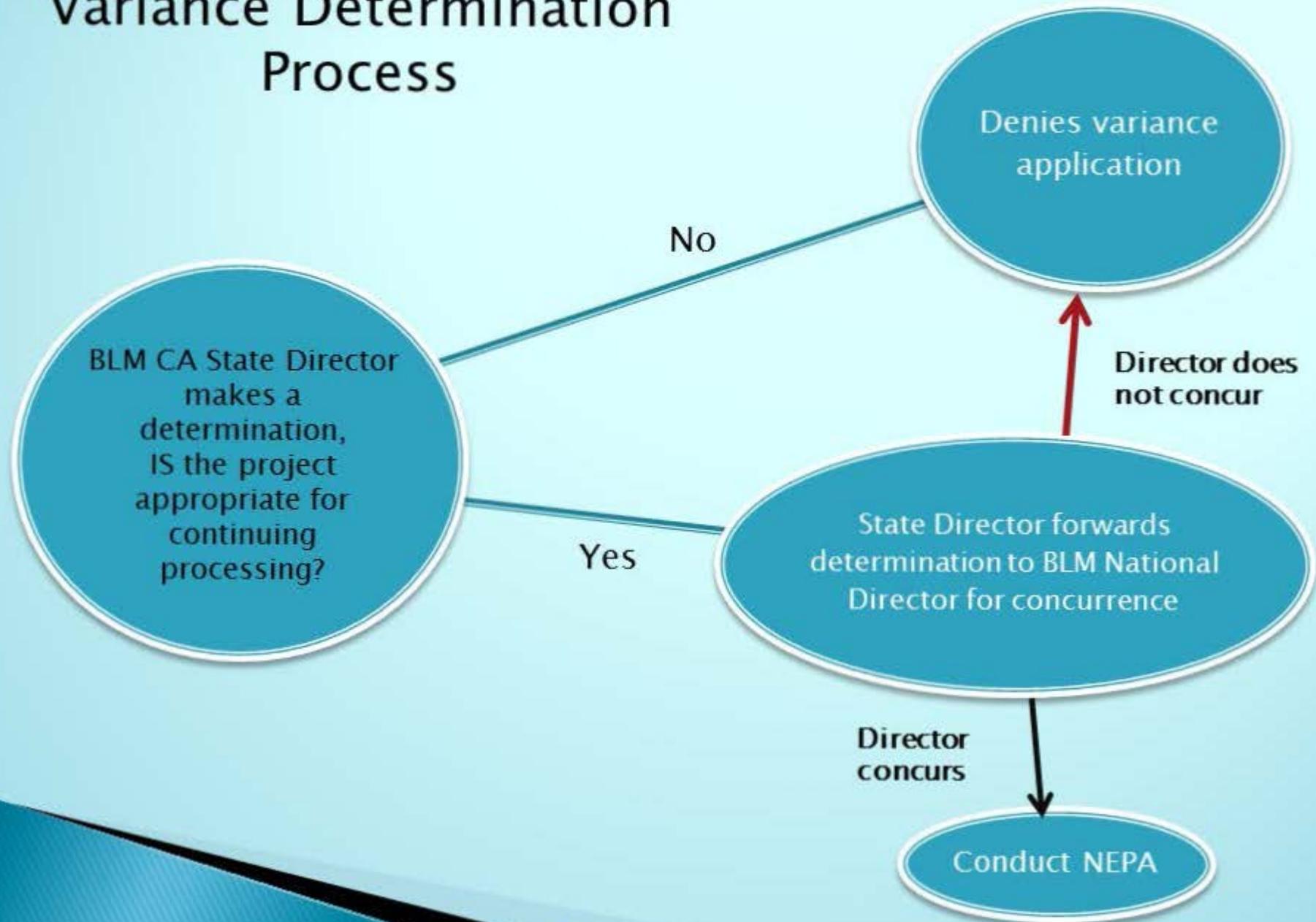
Variance Process

- ▶ A Right-of-Way (ROW) application is filed for a utility-scale solar energy development within a variance area and is deemed a lower priority and considered on a case by case basis.
- ▶ Applicants are responsible for demonstrating to the BLM and other coordinating parties that a proposal in a variance area will avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate sensitive resources.
- ▶ Applicants assume all risk associated with their application and will not be a factor in the BLM's evaluation process.

Variance Components

- ▶ The components of the variance process are as follows:
 - Application Submittal
 - Required Preliminary Meetings
 - Factors to Be Considered by the BLM
 - Public Outreach
 - BLM Coordination

Variance Determination Process



Comments

- ▶ 30 day comment period begins today with written comments due by **April 28, 2014** (must be postmarked no later.)

May be submitted by US Mail to

BLM Barstow Field Office
2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311

or..via email to BLM_CA_Silurian_Valley_Solar@blm.gov



- ▶ On the web:

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>

for further information on Silurian Valley Solar
OR

- ▶ <http://blmsolar.anl.gov/variance>
for further information on the
BLM Solar Energy Program

Up Next ...

- ▶ A Presentation by the applicant,
Aurora Solar, LLC., (a subsidiary of Iberdrola
Renewables, Portland, OR)
- ▶ Followed by Open Forum



Thank You!

