



**PROJECT NUMBER** PRJ2022-004233-(4) **HEARING DATE** April 22, 2026

**REQUESTED ENTITLEMENT(S)**  
Significant Ecological Area Conditional Use Permit (“SEA-CUP”) No. RPPL2022013117  
Coastal Development Permit (“CDP”) No. RPPL2022013100

## PROJECT SUMMARY

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**OWNER / APPLICANT**

Santa Catalina Island Conservancy / Emily Mallonee

**MAP/EXHIBIT DATE**

November 21, 2024

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**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The applicant proposes a solar photovoltaic (“PV”) system that would consist of 304 ground-mounted solar modules covering 10,400 square feet and with a maximum height of 41.25 inches above grade, located on a south-facing slope between Airport in the Sky and Airport Road (“Project Site”). The Project is surrounded by airport facilities to the north, a utility road to the west, and Airport Road to the south and east. Open space is located to the south and east. The Project Site is approximately 790 feet south of the Buffalo Springs SEA, which is located north of Airport in the Sky. The solar panels would be installed on an above ground four-rail design using approximately two-inch diameter anchors that will not require any grading or excavation. A new chain-link fence enclosing the solar PV system would have an 8-10-inch gap along the bottom of the fence with a smooth bottom rail to allow for wildlife movement. Trenching for a new underground conduit would run from an existing utility pole 120 feet to the northwest across the utility access road to a new AC panel within the solar impact area.

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**LOCATION**

Airport-in-the-Sky, Santa Catalina Island

**ACCESS**

Airport Road

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**ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)**

7480-041-042

**SITE AREA**

599 acres

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**GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN**

Santa Catalina Island Land Use Plan

**PLANNING AREA**

Santa Catalina Island

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**LAND USE DESIGNATION**

I/T/U (Industrial/Transportation/Utilities),  
OS/SR (Open Space/Structured Recreation)

**ZONE**

OS/C (Open Space/Conservation)

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**PROPOSED UNITS**

N/A

**MAX DENSITY/UNITS**

N/A

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT**

N/A

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)**

Class 3 Categorical Exemption - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

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**KEY ISSUES**

- Consistency with the Santa Catalina Island Land Use Plan, including the following:
    - Appendix E, Section 22.56.040 (Conditional Use Permits, Burden of Proof)
    - Appendix E, Section 22.56.215 (Significant Ecologic Areas, Burden of Proof)
  - Satisfaction of the following portions of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
    - Section 22.46.150 (Uses Subject to Additional Review in the Open Space/Conservation District)
    - Sections 22.46.160 and 22.46.460 through 22.46.750 (District Specific Development Standards and Islandwide Development Standards)
    - Section 22.56.2320 (Coastal Development Permits, Burden of Proof)
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