

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

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**PROJECT TITLE:** **Environmental Assessment No. 2021-4**  
**Site Plan Review Application No. 2021-2 (CVTC Solar Project)**

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**State Clearinghouse Number**  
**(If subject to Clearinghouse)**

2010031106

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**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 370-240-60T, 370-240-64T (approximately 3.7 acres)  
Site Address: 1600 S Apple Avenue, Reedley, California 93654

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes to construct a 1-megawatt (MW) single axis tracker photovoltaic (PV) solar facility in the City of Reedley. The project site is a currently undeveloped 3.7-acre portion of a larger 80.31-acre site located at 1600 S. Apple Avenue, APN: 370-240-60T and 370-240-64T.

The project site is owned by the Kings Canyon School District. The area south of the project site is developed with the Central Valley Transportation Center (CVTC). The center services the vehicles for the school district and for the City's Public Works Department. The proposed solar project would offset power used by the Public Works Department.

The project would include the construction of 3.7 acres of single-axis tracker solar panels, approximately 630 feet of trenching for cables, and new switchgear. The project area (excluding the trenching and the new switchgear) would be surrounded by a six-foot tall chain link fence. Access gates would be located on the northeast and northwest corners of the site. The solar panels would be installed in three sections of 22 rows each for a total of 66 rows of panels. The rows of solar panels would run north-south with the panels tracking east-west. The solar panels would be mounted on pile driven posts. The maximum height of the solar panels, achieved when the panels would be rotated fully east or west, would be six feet, six inches.

New switchgear, monitoring equipment, and inverters would be installed between northern and center sections of solar panels. The trenching would be completed to connect cables from the inverters and switchgear in the solar panel area to new switchgear and interconnection point. The new switchgear and interconnection point would be located north of the solar panels. No lighting is proposed.

**Construction**

Construction would be anticipated to begin late summer 2021 and last two to three months. All staging of equipment and supplies would occur within the footprint of the proposed project. The solar panels would be placed on posts that would be pile driven to a depth of five to ten feet below the surface of the site.

Operation

The site would be unmanned except for when the panels require washing. The washing would happen no more than twice per year.

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The City of Reedley, as the Lead Agency, approved the above described project and made the following determinations about the above described project:

1. On February 25, 2014, the City Council certified the Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010031106), prepared for General Plan Amendment No. 2012-002, which was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. The approved project (Site Plan Review Application No. 2021-2) would have no new effects that were not identified or examined in the Program EIR (SCH No. 2010031106).
3. No new effects could occur beyond those identified and analyzed in the Program EIR (SCH No. 2010031106).
4. No new mitigation measures would be required beyond those set forth in the Program EIR (SCH No. 2010031106).
5. An Addendum to the Program EIR shall prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Section 15168(c)(2).

The Addendum has determined that the changes within the Proposed Project would not trigger any of the conditions listed in Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report or negative declaration. The Proposed Project does not introduce new significant environmental effects, substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant environmental effects, or show that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible. Thus, this Addendum satisfies the requirements of CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15164.

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This is to advise and certify that pursuant to Public Resources Code, section 21151(c), the Community Development Department of the City of Reedley on August 4, 2021 considered the above described project and approved the environmental findings and assessment prepared for the above-described project and the following determinations regarding this project:

1. The project (  will  will not ) have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 An *Addendum to a Program EIR* was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (  were  were not ) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (  was  was not ) adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations (  was  was not ) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (  were  were not ) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

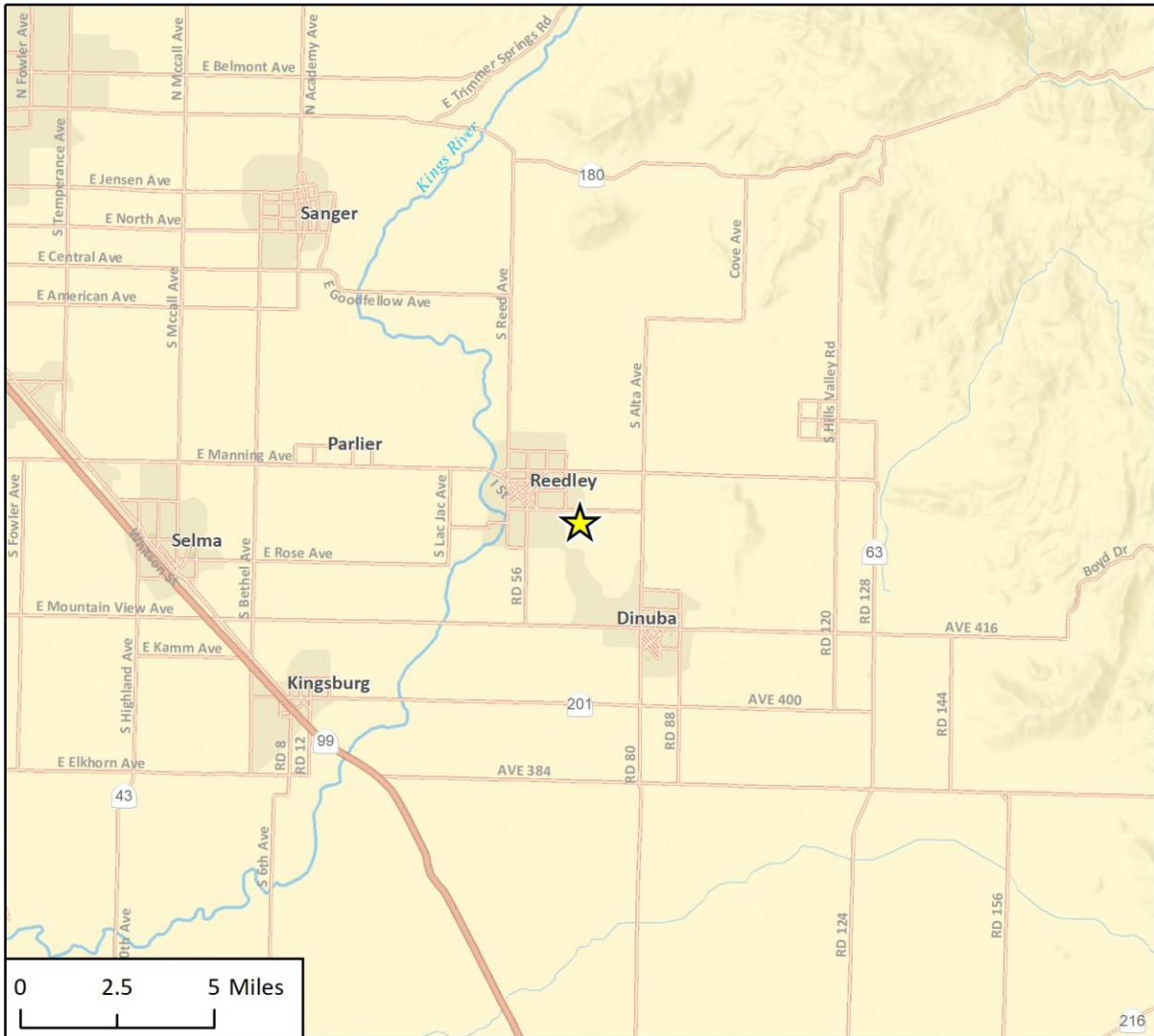
The above-described environmental assessment (Environmental Assessment No. 2021-4), together with the previously adopted Program EIR, initial study, comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the general public at the Community Development Department, 1733 Ninth Street, Reedley, California 93654.

  
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Ellen Moore, Senior Planner  
Community Development Department

8/4/2021  
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Date

Attachments: Regional Location Map  
Site Plan Review Application No. 2021-2 – Proposed Site Plan

## VICINITY MAP



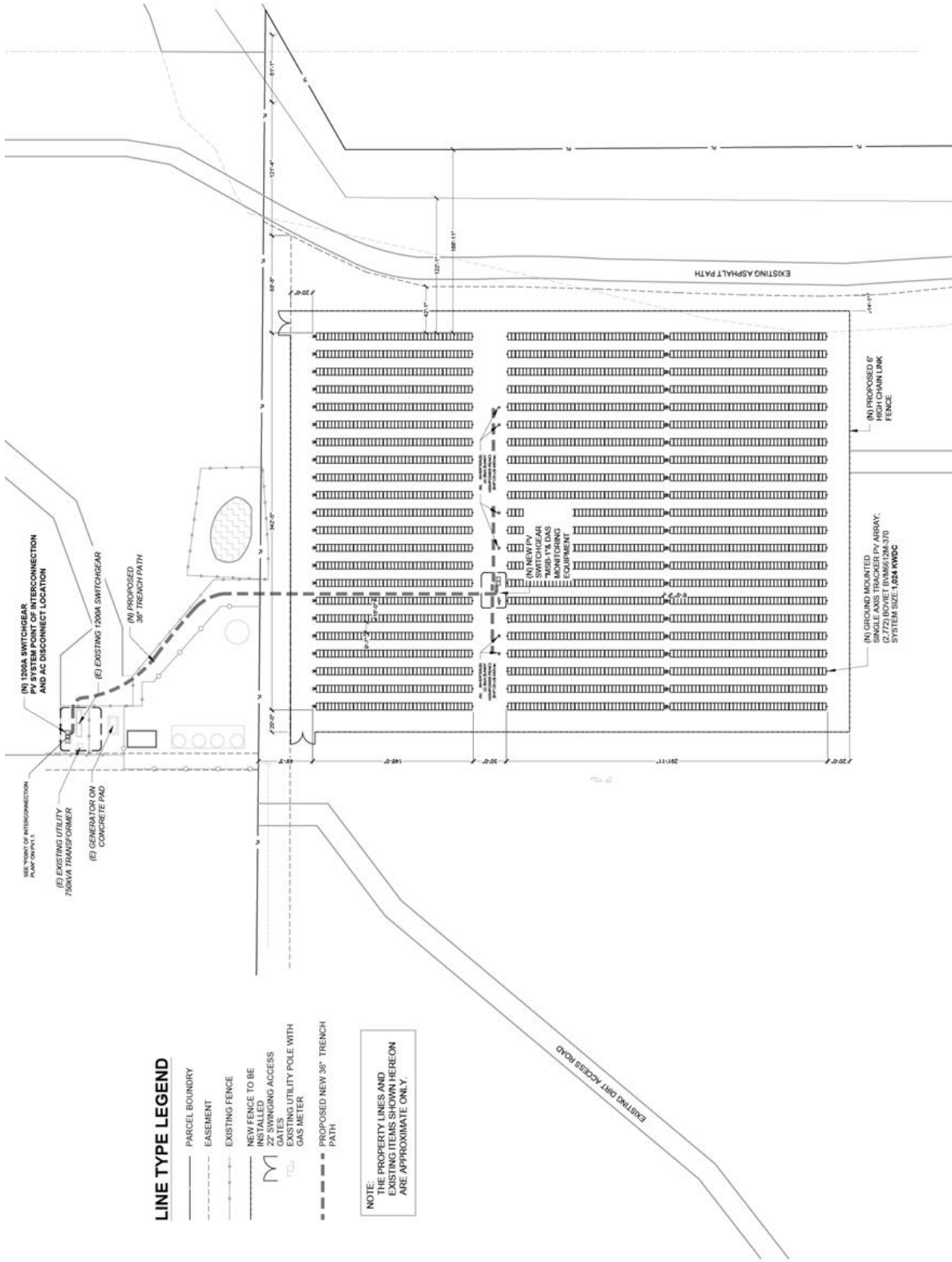
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Project Location



Fig. 1 Regional location

# SPR 2021-2 - SITE PLAN



### LINE TYPE LEGEND

- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- - - EASEMENT
- - - EXISTING FENCE
- - - NEW FENCE TO BE INSTALLED
- M 22' SWINGING ACCESS GATES
- ⊕ 22' SWINGING ACCESS GATES
- ⊕ GAS METER
- - - PROPOSED NEW 36" TRENCH PATH

NOTE: THE PROPERTY LINES AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY.

Source: Kramer PV Associates, Inc. 2020.