

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
REXFORD 2 SOLAR FARM (SCH # 2020020326)**

Project Title: Rexford 2 Solar Farm (State Clearinghouse # 2020020326)

Project Location: The Rexford 2 Solar Farm Project (“Rexford 2” or “Project”) is located on approximately 1,200 acres of land near the unincorporated community of Ducor, a census-designated place, in south-central Tulare County. The Rexford 2 Project site is located in close proximity to the Rexford 1 Project, with two parcels being immediately adjacent to the Rexford 1 Project. The Project site is located west of State Route (SR) 65 and generally located north of Avenue 56, east of Road 200, south of Avenue 72, and west of Road 224.

Project Description: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the County of Tulare Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be preparing a supplemental EIR (SEIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the Rexford 2 Project. Rexford 2 would involve the construction and operation of an up to 500 megawatts-alternating current (MW-AC) solar PV facility, including an ESS with up to 500 MW-AC storage capacity on approximately 1,200 acres near the unincorporated community of Ducor. The proposed Project would include a ground mounted PV solar power generating system, supporting structures, inverter modules, pad mounted transformers, ESS, access roads and fencing, and on-site substation. An operations and maintenance building may be constructed on the site. The proposed Project would involve the construction of both transmission and collector lines. Power generated by the proposed Project would be transmitted to the Southern California Edison (SCE) Vestal Substation via an up to 230 kilovolt (kV) overhead and/or underground gen-tie line. The proposed transmission and/or collector lines would extend along existing roadway rights-of-way from various portions of the Project site (where substations are located) ultimately connecting to the SCE Vestal Substation. The transmission and/or collector lines will be located along portions of Road 192, Road 200, Road 208, Road 232, 24th Avenue, Avenue 42, Avenue 46, Avenue 56, Avenue 64, Avenue 68, and Avenue 72, or could possibly utilize additional nearby routings.

EIR Availability: A copy of the Draft SEIR will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am).

A copy of the Draft SEIR may also be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Tulare County Web Site: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/rexford-2-solar-farm-project-psp-22-006/>

State Clearinghouse Web Site: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> (enter the SCH # in the search bar)

And if open to the public before the end of the 45-day commenting period, at the Terra Bella Branch Library, 23825 Avenue 92, Terra Bella, CA 93270.

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121 (**para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The Draft SEIR has a review period of **45 days**, starting on **Friday, July 15, 2022**, and ending **Tuesday, August 30, 2022**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the Draft SEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the Draft SEIR established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission at a date to be determined later. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code § 21177, Government Code § 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

Reed Schenke, Director, Resource Management Agency