

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

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

Project Location: The Project site encompasses approximately 3,614 acres of land located near the unincorporated community of Ducor. The Project site is generally located south of Avenue 68, west of Road 272, north of Avenue 12, and east of Road 216. The majority of the Project site is bisected by and lies both east and west of State Route 65.

Project Description: The Project includes the construction and operation of an up to 700 megawatt alternative current (MW AC) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility and an up to 700 MW AC energy storage system (ESS) on approximately 3,614 gross acres of land (on 40 discontinuous parcels) in unincorporated south-central Tulare County, California. 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 Southern California Edison Vestal Substation. The transmission and/or collector lines would be located along portions of Road 232, Avenue 56, Avenue 64, Road 224, Road 240, Avenue 32, Richgrove Drive, and SR 65, or could possibly utilize additional nearby routings. The total length of the transmission and/or collector lines would be approximately 13 miles in length.

EIR Availability: A copy of the DEIR 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). Due to the coronavirus emergency, an appointment will be necessary to view the document at RMA.

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

Tulare County Web Site: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/rexford-solar-project-19-073/>

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 DEIR has a review period of **45** days, starting on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**, and ending **Friday, June 19, 2020**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the DEIR 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 DEIR 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