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SCH #2020020326

Project Title: Rexford 2 Solar Farm (PSP 22-006)

Lead Agency: Tulare County Contact: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner
Mailing Address: 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Phone: 559-624-7121
City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Ducor

Cross Streets: 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 Zip Code: _____ Total Acres: 1,200 Assessor's Parcel No: See Attached

Sec: 13, 23-27, and 34-36 Twn: 23 South Rge: 26 East and Sec: 7-8, 16-21 and 28-33 Twn: 23 South Rge: 27 East and

Sec: 1-3, 10-15, 22-26, and 36 Twn: 24 South Rge 26 East and Sec: 6-8 Twn 24 South Rge 27 East

Base: MDBM Latitude/Longitude: __° __' __" N / __° __' __" W

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: State Route 65 Waterways: White River
Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: Ducor Union Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Pre-zone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Dev. Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Sub.) Other _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Solar PV Facility MW 500
 Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archaeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducing
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid/Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Transportation/Traffic/Circulation Other: Energy
 Other: Tribal Cultural Res. Other: Greenhouse Gases Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: The majority of the Project site is zoned as AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) and AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 acre minimum). The Project site is designated as Valley Agriculture by the Tulare County General Plan. These General Plan and zoning designations expressly allow the installation of renewable solar power with a Special Use Permit.

Project Description: See Attached

Project Description:

The Tulare County Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2020020326) and approved Special Use Permit No. PSP 19-073 for the Rexford Solar Farm Project (herein referred as “previously approved Project” or “Rexford 1”) on August 26, 2020. Rexford 1 involved the construction and operation of an up to 700 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, including an energy storage system (ESS) with up to 700 MW storage capacity, on-site substation, transmission and/or collector lines, and ancillary components on approximately 3,614 acres of land historically used as agricultural farmland in unincorporated Tulare County, California. Power generation by Rexford 1 would connect to the Southern California Edison (SCE) Vestal Substation. Construction of Rexford 1 is scheduled to commence in spring of 2022.

The Project applicant is now requesting the expansion of the previously approved Rexford 1 Solar Farm Project. The proposed Rexford 2 Solar Farm Project (“Rexford 2” or “Project”) is the subsequent development phase of the Rexford 1 Project. 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.

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 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.

Assessor Parcel Numbers:

319-160-007; 320-360-005; 321-010-002; 321-010-003; 321-140-009; 321-140-011

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Forest Service</u> |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</u> |
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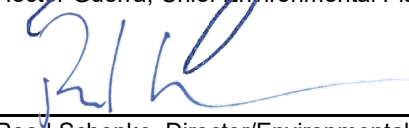
Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: March 16, 2022 Ending Date: April 15, 2022

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>22SV 8me LLC</u>
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Los Angeles, CA 90036</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(323) 525-0900</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 03/15/22
 Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 3/17/22
 Reed Schenke, Director/Environmental Assessment Officer