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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Dear Mr. Plucker:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND USE PERMIT FOR THE JANUS SOLAR PROJECT, SCH#2020070577

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Janus Solar Project (Project). The Division monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis, provides technical assistance regarding the Williamson Act, and administers various agricultural land conservation programs. We offer the following comments with respect to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Janus Solar Project.

Project Description

The project would include: (1) approximately 196,000 solar PV modules in multiple solar arrays interconnected to form a utility-scale PV system and ancillary infrastructure; (2) a battery energy storage system (BESS) consisting of batteries, battery storage system enclosures, ancillary infrastructure and fire protection systems; (3) and an on-site substation that would connect to the existing Cortina Substation via an approximately 3-mile-long, 60 kV gen-tie line strung on new poles of up to 80 feet in height. The entirety of the Project site is under a Williamson Act contract.

Department Comments

The Department notes that the lead agency adequately addressed the majority of its comments in its letter written in response to the projects Draft Environmental Impact Report. However, the lead agency did not address, nor comment on, the Department's recommendation for further discussion of the following issues:

- The Project's compatibility with, and/or, potential contract resolutions for lands within agricultural preserves and/or enrolled in a Williamson Act contract.
- If applicable, notification of Williamson Act contract non-renewal and/or cancellation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Janus Solar Project. Please provide this Department with notices of any future hearing dates as well as any staff reports pertaining to this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Farl Grundy, Associate Environmental Planner via email at Farl.Grundy@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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