

Notice of Exemption

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare Solar Center, LLC, 50 California Street, Suite 820, San Francisco CA 94111, Ph.: (925) 998-7510

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 20-047 for Special Use Permit No. PSP 11-062

Project Location - Specific: On the east side of State Route 65 and west of Road 240, between Avenue 12 and Avenue 24, approximately 1.5 miles north of SR 155 (Kern County Line) and 4 miles south of Ducor (APNs 339-100-007, 339-110-022, 339-110-023, 339-110-024, 339-110-025, 339-110-016, 339-140-015, 339-140-016, 339-140-001, 339-110-010, 339-140-008.)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 22 & 27, Township 24 S, Range 27 E, MDB&M

Project Location - City: Near the unincorporated community of Ducor

Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Minor Modification to a Special Use Permit to authorize an updated project design per Southern California Edison requirements, with a more detailed equipment list on the reconductoring of the existing 66kv sub-transmission line and connections into existing SCE Vestal and Growers substations. The subject parcels are located outside Urban Boundaries. The public benefits as the project accommodates an alternative energy producer thereby allowing the producer to provide electricity to County residents.


Exempt Status: (check one)

- Common Sense Rule: CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b) (3)
 Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
 Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The use of Section 15061(b) (3) is applicable and appropriate, as the minor modification is to update project design per Southern California Edison (SCE) requirements, without adding new uses or increasing capacity, employees or traffic. Operations must comply with applicable state and local regulations. There is no new available information of substantial importance relating to the project, which was not known, nor could have been known in the exercise of reasonable diligence, when the previous Environmental Impact Report was certified and approved.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: April Hill, Project Planner Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7108

Signature:  Date: 02/10/21 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: Aaron R. Bock For Date: 2.10.2021 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

Signed by Lead Agency