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# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING  
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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 7943 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

**INITIAL STUDY NO. 7943** and **UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3691** filed by **H2B2 USA, LLC.**, proposing to allow a renewable hydrogen generation facility on a 324.66-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the south side of State Route 180 (West Whitesbridge Avenue) approximately 1.5 miles west of its nearest intersection with South James Road and is approximately 7.4 miles east of the City of Mendota (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 015-100-20S). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared, based on Initial Study No. 7943, and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3691 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 7943 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

### Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from April 9, 2021 through May 9, 2021.

Email written comments to [TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov](mailto:TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov), or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning  
Development Services and Capital Projects Division  
Attn: Thomas Kobayashi  
2220 Tulare Street, Suite A  
Fresno, CA 93721

IS No. 7943 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at [www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies](http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies). An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Thomas Kobayashi at the addresses above.

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**\* SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19 \***

*Due to the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the County is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment at all Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Board chambers will be open to the public. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's executive Order N-25-20. Instructions about how to participate in the meeting will be posted to: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planningcommission> 72 hours prior to the meeting date.*

- *The meeting will be broadcast. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the Planning Commission meeting at: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/PlanningCommission>.*
- *If you attend the Planning Commission meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, i.e., maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals. Due to Shelter-in-Place requirements, the number of people in the Board chambers will be limited. Members of the public who wish to make public comments will be allowed in on a rotating basis.*
- *If you choose not to attend the Planning Commission meeting but desire to make general public comment on a specific item on the agenda, you may do so as follows:*

**Written Comments**

- *Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to: [Planningcommissioncomments@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:Planningcommissioncomments@fresnocountyca.gov). Comments should be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than 8:30am (15 minutes before the start of the meeting). You will need to provide the following information:*
  - *Planning Commission Date*
  - *Item Number*
  - *Comments*
- *Please submit a separate email for each item you are commenting on.*
- *Please be aware that public comments received that do not specify a particular agenda item will be made part of the record of proceedings as a general public comment.*
- *If a written comment is received after the start of the meeting, it will be made part of the record of proceedings, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the Planning Commission meeting.*
- *Written comments will be provided to the Planning Commission. Comments received during the meeting may not be distributed to the Planning Commission until after the meeting has concluded.*

*If the agenda item involves a quasi-judicial matter or other matter that includes members of the public as parties to a hearing, those parties should make arrangements with the Planning Commission Clerk to provide any written materials or presentation in advance of the meeting*

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*date so that the materials may be presented to the Planning Commission for consideration. Arrangements should be made by contacting the Planning Commission Clerk at (559) 600-4230*

**PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II covers the programs, services, activities and facilities owned or operated by state and local governments like the County of Fresno ("County"). Further, the County promotes equality of opportunity and full participation by all persons, including persons with disabilities. Towards this end, the County works to ensure that it provides meaningful access to people with disabilities to every program, service, benefit, and activity, when viewed in its entirety. Similarly, the County also works to ensure that its operated or owned facilities that are open to the public provide meaningful access to people with disabilities.

To help ensure this meaningful access, the County will reasonably modify policies/ procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. If, as an attendee or participant at the meeting, you need additional accommodations such as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print material, electronic materials, Braille materials, or taped materials, please contact the Current Planning staff as soon as possible during office hours at (559) 600-4497 or at [imoreno@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:imoreno@fresnocountyca.gov). Reasonable requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent reasonably feasible.

### **Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 20, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions please call Thomas Kobayashi (559) 600-4224

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