

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
TULARE 40 GENERATION FACILITY PROJECT (PSP 20-068)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tulare 40 Generation Facility Project (PSP 20-068). The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** Coldwell Solar I (PSP 20-068).
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Coldwell Solar I, LLC
500 Menlo Dr. # 100
Rocklin, CA 95765
3. **LOCATION:** The proposed Project is in an unincorporated area of southern Tulare County, California. The Project site is located approximately 5 miles east of the City of Tulare and is east of Road 152. The Project site is addressed as 23599 and 22996, Road 152. The northern proposed Project development area is located directly north of State Route (SR) 137/Avenue 232. The southern proposed development area is located approximately 0.4 miles south of SR 137/Avenue 232, approximately 100 to 300 feet south of Inside Creek. The site is located within the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Cairns Corner 7.5 Minute Quadrangle. It lies within Sections 2, 11, 12; Township 20 South; Range 25 East, MDB&M within APNs 195-070-025, 195-060-041, 195-060-050.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Coldwell Solar 1, LLC (Applicant) is proposing the construction and operation of the Tulare 40 Generation Facility (Project), an approximate 40-megawatt (MW) solar generation facility on three (3) parcels totaling approximately 237 acres in the southwest quadrant of Tulare County, California. The Project site is divided into two (2) proposed development areas located directly north and approximately 0.4 miles south of SR 137/Avenue 232 (commonly locally referred to as the "Tulare-Lindsay Highway"), both directly east of Bliss Lane (Road 152). The installation would comprise approximately 129,000 fixed axis mounted solar modules, rated at 410 watts per module. It should be noted that watts per module may increase at time of Project construction; however, for planning purposes we have included an approximate module output of 410 watts. In addition to the installation of photovoltaic (PV) solar modules, both the north and south proposed development areas of the proposed Project would include the construction of an on-site substation, wiring and inverters, fence, access roads, and a new distribution interconnect power line (on existing poles) along public road rights of way to the existing substation located approximately 5.4 linear miles southeast of the Project location at the Southern California Edison (SCE) Bliss Substation.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** A copy of the MND will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, at the address above, (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.

The MND may also be reviewed at the County website link below:

Tulare County Web Site:

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/tulare-40-solar-project-ppsp-20-068/>.

6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** April 29, 2021 – May 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@co.tulare.ca.us (**para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The MND has a minimum review period of **30 days**, starting on **Thursday, April 29, 2021**, and ending on **Friday, May 28, 2021**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND 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 MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. 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 Section 21177, Government Code Section 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, P.E., ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER