



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

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**NOTICE OF HEARING EXAMINER PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF  
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
ESTRELLA SOLAR PROJECT  
PROJECT NO.: PRJ2020-001622-(5)  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.: RPPL2020005134  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO.: RPPL2020008177**

The Los Angeles County (“County”) Department of Regional Planning, acting in the capacity of “Lead Agency” under the County Environmental Guidelines, Chapter III, Section 304, has prepared an Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Project in accordance with, and pursuant to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended; Public Resources Code, Section 21000 *et seq.*; and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines), California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Chapter 15000 *et seq.*, (including Sections 15162 and 15164).

## **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

The formal public review period for the IS-MND will be from July 21, 2021 to August 20, 2021 (30 days). All comments received by the closing of the public review period will be considered by the Regional Planning Commission at a later-scheduled public hearing as described below.

## **SITE LOCATION**

Southwest intersection of West Avenue A and 90<sup>th</sup> Street West, Antelope Acres

## **PROPOSED PROJECT**

The applicant, AES, requests a conditional use permit (CUP) to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 21-megawatt utility-scale photovoltaic ground-mounted solar energy facility (“solar facility”) on approximately 145 acres of a site in the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural – Two Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. Also proposed on site is a 28-megawatt electric battery storage system. Proposed grading totals approximately 71,550 cubic yards to be balanced on site. Perimeter fencing and landscaping as required by the County Code will be installed. Solar panels will be mounted on a single-axis tracking system.

## **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The five following areas were found to be less than significant with Project mitigation:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources

- Geology/Soils/Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

## HEARING EXAMINER HEARING

A public hearing on the IS-MND has been scheduled before the County Department of Regional Planning Hearing Examiner on **August 5, 2021**, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending after the last testifier or 9:00 p.m., whichever comes first. The meeting will be held virtually via *Zoom* at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/94412818180>; Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or 833 548 0276 (Toll Free) or 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) or 877 853 5257 (Toll Free) or 888 475 4499 (Toll Free)  
*Zoom* Webinar ID: 944 1281 8180

## PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed project and the IS-MND will be scheduled before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission at a time and date to be determined.

## REVIEWING LOCATIONS

An electronic version of the IS-MND is available on the Department's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case> by typing the project number **PRJ2020-001622-(5)** into the Search Case Archive Window.

Please submit written comments on the IS-MND to Soyeon Choi of the Department of Regional Planning at the above address. You may also fax your written comments to (213) 626-0434, or email to [schoi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:schoi@planning.lacounty.gov). Should you have any questions, please call (213) 974-6443.

# PROJECT VICINITY MAP



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