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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons

FROM: Merced County
Community and Economic Development Department
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

CONTACT: Tiffany Ho, Planner III, Community and Economic Development Department

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Las Camas Solar Project
(Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 20-011; General Plan Amendment No. 20-001; and Zone
Change Amendment No. ZC 21-002)

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Merced County is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Las Camas Solar Project (proposed project). Merced County will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed project. We need to know the views of agencies, organizations, and interested persons as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Agencies should comment only on the environmental resources that are within the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Agencies issuing a permit or other approval for the proposed project will need to use the EIR prepared by Merced County.

A public scoping meeting will be held on August 25, 2021, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, via online Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/92399154225>.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attachment (Attachment 1).

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

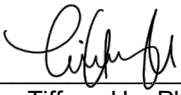
To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, written comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed EIR should be directed to Merced County by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021. Please send your comments to the attention of Tiffany Ho, at the address shown above. If an organization or agency, please include the name of a contact person so that we have the ability to contact you further during the EIR preparation process.

Project Title: Las Camas Solar Project

Project Location: Merced County Nearest City: Los Banos

Project Applicant: EDP Renewables North America LLC
7900 Conser Street, Suite 10
Overland Park, KS 66204
Contact: David Neely, Project Manager
Contact: Will Talbott, Development Director

Date: 08/13/2021

Signature:  _____
Tiffany Ho, Planner III