

Notice of Exemption

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): VESI 12 LLC
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Project Title: Minor Modification, MIM 21-052, VESI 12 LLC

Project Location - Specific: 21642 Avenue 24, in the unincorporated community of Richgrove, CA (APN: 339-070-017)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Sec. 17, T. 24S, R 27E MDB&M

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification to PSP 21-003 (PC), MIM 21-049 is to expand the concrete pad to approximately 642' by 165' to allow all enclosures and supporting equipment to be located on the pad. The applicant also requests that the batteries be installed into individual enclosures as opposed to a singular building. The resulting expansion of the concrete pad would also increase the lease to a 4.89-acres portion of the 27.26-acre parcel. There will be no increase in the amount of MW or MWh generated. The beneficiary of this project is the citizens of Tulare County.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15300.1 Relation to Ministerial Projects
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15303(d), Class 3 pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The use of Section 15303(d) is applicable and appropriate since the proposed changes to the already approved Special Use Permit No. PSP 21-003 is a public utility facility that is less than ten (10) acres in size. The project proposes to lease 4.89-acres for the BESS.

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

Project Planner: Russell Kashiwa Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7000

Signature:  Date: 01/14/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 1/14/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

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