

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 22—008 to Special Use Permit No. PSP 10-030 – CED California Battery Storage, LLC.

Project Location - Specific: Located between Avenue 68 and Avenue 56, west of State Route 43, Alpaugh, CA (APN: 311-090-009 & 008, 313-050-009, & 313-060-002).

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 13, 15, & 25, Township 23S, Range 23E

Project Location - City: Near Alpaugh, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification No. 22-008 to Special Use Permit No. PSP 10-030 is to update the site plan reflecting the addition a 10 MW/40-megawatt hour battery energy storage and associated equipment, within the Rural Valley Lands Plan, zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) & AE-80 (Exclusive Agriculture – 80 Acre Minimum).

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Categorical Exemption: Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Guideline § 15303, Class 3 pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Existing Structures
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is categorically exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15303, Class 3, pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Existing Structures and, therefore, is not subject to CEQA. The use of Section 15303, Class 3 is applicable and appropriate.

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


Project Planner/Representative: David Alexander, Planner III

Telephone: (559) 624-7138

Signature: 
Hector Guerra

Date: 03/17/22

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 3/17/22

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____