

# COUNTY OF MONTEREY

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monterey County Housing & Community Development has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for a General Development Permit and Combined Development Permit (Myhre Arvid J Tr et. al. [Aera Energy LLC], File Number PLN210174) at 66880 Sargents Road, San Ardo (Assessor's Parcel Number 423-081-019-000) (see description below).

The Mitigate Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at Monterey County Housing & Community Development – Planning, 1441 Schilling Pl South 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salinas, California. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review in an electronic format by following the instructions at the following link:

<https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/current-planning/general-info/recent-environmental-documents> .

The Planning Commission will consider this proposal at a meeting on November 13, 2024 in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 168 West Alisal St, Salinas, California. Written comments on this Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted from **September 25, 2024 to October 25, 2024**. Comments can also be made during the public hearing.

**Project Description:** General Development Plan and Combined Development Permit consisting of 1) a Use Permit to allow construction of an 11-megawatt alternating current solar PV facility and 2) a Use Permit to allow development on slopes exceeding 25 percent.

We welcome your comments during the 30-day public review period. You may submit your comments in hard copy to the name and address above. The Agency also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that the Agency has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to:

[CEQAcomments@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:CEQAcomments@countyofmonterey.gov)

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address and include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that the entire document was received. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact the Agency to ensure the Agency has received your comments.

Facsimile (fax) copies will be accepted with a cover page describing the extent (e.g. number of pages) being transmitted. A faxed document must contain a signature and all attachments referenced therein. Faxed document should be sent to the contact noted above at **(831) 757-9516**. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Agency to confirm that the entire document was received.

**For reviewing agencies:** Housing & Community Development requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform this Agency if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey  
Housing & Community Development  
Attn: **Fionna Jensen**  
1441 Schilling Pl South 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Myhre Arvid J Tr et. al. [Aera Energy LLC]; File Number PLN210174

From: Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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