



KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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PLANNING DIVISION

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Community Development Agency invites public review and comment on the environmental document listed below. The public review period begins on September 16, 2022, and ends on October 17, 2022. Written comments concerning the adequacy of the documents will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on October 17, 2022, at the Kings County Community Development Agency, at the Kings County Government Center, Engineering Building No. 6, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA 93230. The documents are posted in the County Clerk's office and are also available at the Kings County Community Development Agency. If you would like to request an electronic copy of a document then please contact Noelle Tomlinson, with the Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697, or by email at noelle.tomlinson@co.kings.ca.us.

INITIAL STUDY PROPOSED AS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

1. **Conditional Use Permit No. 22-05 (Westlands Cherry Solar Project)** – The applicant is proposing to establish a 250 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility located on the north side of Nevada Avenue, approximately 2.5 miles west of SR-41, Kettleman City, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 026-300-034, 026-320-006, -017, and -020. The Westlands Cherry Solar Project will include an electrical substation, a battery storage facility, and an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facility. The solar generation from the project will be transferred to a new 230 kilovolt (kV) Nevada-Jayne gen-tie line which will transmit the power south along the 25th Avenue alignment and then west along Nevada-Jayne Avenues to the PG&E Gates Substation approximately 12 miles to the west. The on-site battery storage will include 250 battery containers with 4 MW hours storage capacity each, providing a total energy storage capacity of up to 1,000 MW hours.

The Kings County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the environmental document for the proposed project that is listed above. The public hearing will be tentatively held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., in the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers, in the Administrative Building No. 1, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009, subdivision (b), if you challenge Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 22-05 (Westlands Cherry Solar Project) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Kings County Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Interested parties are invited to appear and present evidence or make statements of fact regarding the proposed projects. For more information regarding the proposed project please call Noelle Tomlinson, of the Kings County Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697.

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