

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

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(County of Kings)
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022090283.

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit No. 22-05 (Westlands Cherry Solar Project and Gen-Tie Line)

Project Applicant: Westlands Cherry, LLC, Robert Dowds, 4700 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010

Project Location (include county): The proposed project site is in Kings County, located on the north side of Nevada Avenue, approximately 2.5 miles west of State Route 41. The southern site boundary fronts onto Nevada Avenue for approximately 1.5 miles. The project site includes Assessor's Parcel Numbers 026-300-034, 026-320-006, 026-320-017, and 026-320-020. The 230-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie line included in the proposed project extends from the planned on-site substation eastward across the adjacent Grape Solar Project site along the Manteca Avenue alignment to the completed central switchyard on the approved Chestnut Solar Project site.

Project Description: The Conditional Use Permit No. 22-05 and associated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) proposes to establish a 250-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility which includes 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 Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Gates Substation approximately 12 miles to the west. The on-site battery storage will include 250 battery containers with a 4MW hours storage capacity each, providing a total energy storage capacity of up to 1,000 WM hours.

This is to advise that the Westlands Water District has approved the above
Lead Agency or Responsible Agency

described project on December 19, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project [] will [x] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
[x] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [x] were [] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [x] was [] was not] adopted for this project. was
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [x] not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [x] were [] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at: 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

Date: 1/3/2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: