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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that a recirculated Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Inyo County CEQA Procedures, and are available for public review for the following application:

Renewable Energy Permit 2022-02/BARKER

The applicant proposes a photovoltaic solar facility on a fifteen-acre parcel (APN's 038-330-32;33;34) consisting of approximately 6,000 single-axis tracker solar panels that will produce 3.0 Megawatts (MW) of electricity and will connect to the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) 33-kV transmission line passing through the area. The fifteen-acre site is graded and highly disturbed, flat or gently sloped, and has no natural vegetation, habitat, water features or structures. The site is approximately 0.3 miles west of Trona Wildrose Road, which is not a designated scenic highway or scenic corridor.

The 30-day review period for this Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on July 20, 2023 and expires on August 20, 2023. During this period, comments may be submitted regarding the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Planning Department at P.O. Drawer "L," Independence, CA 93526, faxed to (760) 878-0382, or emailed to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), County libraries, and the Inyo County Planning Department's website at www.inyoplanning.org.