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Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: February 3, 2023
To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: County of Merced, Community and Economic Development Department

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Merced has, Pursuant to Section 15072 – Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration - of the CEQA Guidelines, prepared and Initial Study to evaluate the environmental effects of the project identified below:

- Project Title:** Conditional Use Permit Application No. CUP22-009 – West II Clean Power LLC Solar Project
- Project Location:** The West II Clean Power LLC Solar Project (project) would be constructed within an 8.5-acre portion of a 36.9-acre parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 047-290-002) located approximately 0.7 miles south of the city of Livingston in unincorporated Merced County, California. The project site is situated at the northeast corner of Lincoln and Westside Boulevards at 5056 Lincoln Boulevard and would be accessed via an existing on site 15-foot-wide and 1,990-foot-long access driveway from Lincoln Boulevard.
- Project Description:** The project includes a request by Renewable America LLC (RNA; Applicant) for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP; CUP22-009) to allow for the development of a 2-megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility, a 600-square-foot equipment pad, PV system equipment and a mounted transformer, and various associated site improvements. The project would include the construction of an 8-acre solar PV power generation facility that would generate 2 MWac of solar energy with associated inverters, fencing, and an internal access road and driveway. The project would deliver power to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) existing distribution network through a primary service interconnection located on Westside Boulevard. The purpose of the project is to implement a renewable energy generation facility that would provide renewable energy to the surrounding region.
- CEQA Project Status:** An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS/MND determined that the proposed project would result in less-than-significant impacts when mitigation measures are incorporated. The Public Review Draft IS/MND is available at the Community & Economic Development Department's public counter and on the County's website at: <https://www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents>
- Public Hearing:** The Planning Commission will consider the Conditional Use Permit and the proposed project IS/MND at a public hearing after CEQA review has been completed.
- Planning Commission meetings, begin at 9:00 a.m., and are held in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building; located at 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340.
- Public Review Period:** A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will begin on February 3, 2023. Written comments may be mailed, submitted in person, or emailed to the contact person identified below no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2022.
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