

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Tulare CSG 2 Solar Project**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Tulare CSG 2 Solar Project (PSP 23-059). The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** Tulare CSG 2 Solar Project (PSP 23-059)
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Tulare CSG 2 LLC
11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 780
Los Angeles, CA 90025
3. **LOCATION:** The site is located Northeast of Avenue 160 and Road 180 southern San Joaquin Valley approximately 1.25 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Woodville. The Project is located within Section 21, Township 21 S, Range 27 E, MDBM at coordinates 36°04'55.2" N (latitude) and 119°09'58.4 W (longitude).
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Applicant (Tulare CSG 2 LLC) proposes to construct and operate the Tulare CSG 2 Solar Project (Project); a single-axis tracker ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) community solar and battery storage facility, approximately 6.6MWdc/5MWac in capacity. The Project is proposed to be located on a privately-owned parcel in Tulare County, California. Tulare CSG 2 LLC is requesting Special Use Permit approval from Tulare County in order to proceed with construction of the Project. The purpose of the proposed Project is to construct and operate a PV solar array with attached battery storage, which will generate and store clean and renewable solar energy, with electricity offtake sold to residential customers within Tulare County and the larger Southern California Edison ("SCE") Utility Territory. The Project is proposed under the California Assembly Bill 2316 (AB2316), adopted by the California legislature in 2022. AB 2316 (Ward) Community Renewable Energy Program (CREP) instructs the California Public Utilities Commission to establish a new community solar program by March 2024 which will bolster the reliability of the electrical grid while benefitting those who cannot put solar on their roofs. The Project would benefit Tulare County by providing clean and renewable solar energy generation.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; at the Visalia Main Branch Library at 200 W. Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291, (559) 713-2700; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/tulare-csg-2-solar-project-23-059/>.
6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** July 19, 2023 – August 18 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@tularecounty.ca.gov (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar (559) 624-7000).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**, and ending on **Friday, August 18, 2023**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

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