

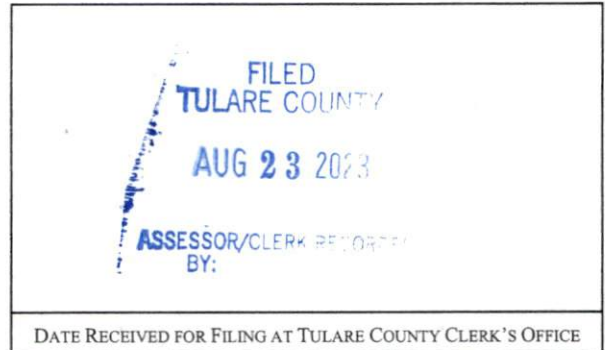
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare CSG 2 LLC
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Tulare CSG 2 Solar Project (PSP 23-059)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070349

Contact Person: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Telephone Number: 559-624-7121

Project Location: Northeast of Avenue 160 and Road 180 southern in the 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°09'58.4W (longitude).

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, on approximately 31 acres of the approximately 77 acres of leased inactive (fallow) farmland. The proposed Project (Project) would include clearing and grading of the site, solar modules, battery energy storage system, underground electrical conductors, balance of system equipment (e.g., inverters, AC combiner boxes, transformers, and/or medium voltage switchgear), access roads, and fencing. The Project would 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 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 is anticipated to have a life of 35 years and includes a Reclamation Plan. When a decommissioning event occurs, the solar site will be reclaimed as required by a County approved Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (and attendant bond). This Reclamation Plan will provide financial assurances along with a detailed plan to remediate soils and return the land to its original pre-construction condition upon termination of the Project. At the time of re-use, the zoning/land use designations will be used to determine the Project site's use. The Project would benefit Tulare County by providing clean and renewable solar energy generation.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [were were not] made a condition of approval of this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency


Project Planner/Representative: David Alexander, Planner III

Telephone: (559) 624-7138

Signature: 
Hector Guerra

Date: 8/23/23

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 2/23/23

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____