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SCH #: _____

Project Title: CUP #2022-016 - New Leaf Energy

Lead Agency: Madera County

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Project Location: Unicorporated area of Madera, Madera County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project is located on the east side of Road 30 ½, approximately less than half a mile south of Avenue 12. The project site is topographically flat and has an almond orchard consisting of immature trees. The applicant proposes installing a 200-megawatt Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which will occupy approximately sixteen of the thirty-five acres. The BESS will initially comprise 2,400 storage containers with rows facing east to west and running north to south on the northside of the property. An additional 840 storage containers will be added throughout the project's life to maintain storage capacity. The project will also include a substation located on the northeast corner of the parcel. The parcel's project area will be enclosed with a seven-foot-high chain link fence

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Projects Significant or Potentially Significant Effects: Air Quality
Mitigation Measures: - The Project shall comply with SJVAPCD conditions.The Project will be subject to Regulation VIII, Dust Control Plan. An AIA application is required and the District recommends that demonstration of compliance with District Rule 9510, before issuance of the first building permit, be made a condition of Project approval.

Projects Significant or Potentially Significant Effects: Biological Resources
Mitigation Measure: To the extent practicable, construction shall be scheduled to avoid the Swainson's hawk nesting season, which extends from March through August. Install exclusion/silt fencing around all excavations and other areas of potentially ground disturbing activities to preclude California tiger salamander and western spadefoot from entering the active work area.

Projects Significant or Potentially Significant Effects: Hydrology and Water Quality
Mitigation Measure: Prior to construction, the Applicant shall submit a copy of: (1) the approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and (2) the Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None controversies.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board