
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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FROM:

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Real Estate Services Division
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Los Banos Wildlife Area Solar Project

State Clearinghouse Number

2024010246

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Project Approval

The California Department of General Service (State) adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the Los Banos Wildlife Area Solar Project on **March 18, 2024**.

Project Location

The Project is located just outside and north of the City of Los Banos, approximately 1.0 mile directly east of the intersection of Mercy Springs Road and Henry Miller Avenue, in unincorporated Merced County. The Project Site is east of an irrigation canal known as San Luis Canal at 18110 Henry Miller Avenue. The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the Project Site is 070-202-012. Section 31, Township 09 South, Range 11 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. The approximate center of the site is located at latitude 37.100008° and longitude -121.817025°.

Summary Project Description

The Los Banos Wildlife Area Solar Project (Proposed Project) is a solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation system that will include 486 ground-mounted solar arrays that would occupy 27,000-square-feet. The Proposed Project will convert sunlight to Direct Current (DC) electrical power which would then be converted to Alternating Current (AC) by string inverters before being delivered to the PG&E distribution system. The total system is expected to be approximately 211 kilowatts. The Proposed Project would support energy reduction goals, the Global Warming Solutions Act, and Governor's Green Building Order S-20-04.

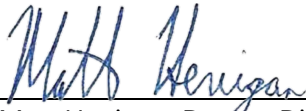
The State, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described Project and has made the following determinations:

- There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;

In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted by DGS, which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the following website: <http://www.ecorpcconsulting.com/docs/DGS-Los-Banos-Wilidlife-Area-Solar-Project-Draft-ISMND-WITH-APPENDICES.pdf>.

- Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project;
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project; and
- A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration including comments and responses, the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, and record of Project approval is available to the general public at: <http://www.ecorpcconsulting.com/docs/DGS-Los-Banos-Wilidlife-Area-Solar-Project-Final-ISMND-WITH-APPENDICES.pdf>.



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