

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:	FROM:
Office of Planning and Research 1400 10th Street Sacramento, California 95814	State of California Department of General Services (DGS) Real Estate Services Division 707 Third Street, 4th Floor West Sacramento, California 95605

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Solar Project

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Project Approval

The California Department of General Services (State) adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the Gray Lodge Solar Project (Project) on **March 18, 2024.**

Project Location

The Project Site is within the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. The Project is located southwest of the intersection of Farris Road and West Liberty Road in the northeast corner of the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area in Butte County, California. The Project Area corresponds to portions of Sections 6 and 7, Township 17 North, Range 02 East (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) within the "Pennington, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle (U.S. Geological Survey 1954 [photorevised 1973]). The approximate center of the Study Area is located at latitude 38.346938° and longitude -121.783179° (NAD83). The Study Area is within the Butte Creek watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code #18020158; Natural Resources Conservation Service et al. 2016).

Summary Project Description

The Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Solar Project (Proposed Project) is a solar Photovoltaic power generation system that would include 468 ground-mounted solar arrays that would occupy 35,000 square feet. The Proposed Project will convert sunlight to Direct Current electrical power that would then be converted to Alternating Current by string inverters before being delivered to the PG&E distribution system. The total system is expected to be approximately 204 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;

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Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Approval

- In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, 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.ecorpconsulting.com/docs/DGS-Gray-Lodge-Wildlife-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.ecorpconsulting.com/docs/DGS-Gray-Lodge-Wildlife-Solar-Project-FINAL-ISMND-WITH-APPENDICES.pdf>



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