

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DATE:

JANUARY 24, 2024

TO:

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE, AGENCIES, AND INTERESTED

PARTIES

FROM:

CITY OF LANCASTER

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING AND PERMITTING DIVISION

SUBJECT:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TITLE:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 23-012

This notice is to advise responsible and trustee agencies as well as interested parties and those potentially affected by the project that the City of Lancaster has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project identified below (CUP No. 23-012). The City has determined that the project will not result in significant environmental impacts with the implementation of the identified mitigation measures.

Project Description: The applicant (Stroud ESS, LLC) proposes to construct and operate a battery energy storage facility capable of delivering up to 250 megawatts (MW) of energy storage capacity and associated ancillary services into the California electric grid. The proposed project will be comprised of battery modules installed in racks housed in outdoor battery energy storage system (BESS) enclosures, associated equipment, a project substation, and a generation tie-line (gen-tie) to connect the proposed project to the adjacent Antelope Substation.

Location: The project site is located on approximately 9.7 gross acres on the south side of Avenue J at 92nd Street West in the City of Lancaster, California. Specifically, the proposed project is located on Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 3203-034-004. The parcel is undeveloped and zoned RR-2.5 (Rural Residential, minimum lot size 2.5 acres).

Mitigation Measures: Mitigation measures have been identified for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards, and noise.

Availability of Documents: The IS/MND is available for review at:

- The Lancaster Public Library located at 601 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA
- City of Lancaster offices located at 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA

Online at https://www.cityoflancasterca.org/our-city/departments-services/development-services/planning/environmental-review

Comment Period: The comment period for this IS/MND starts on January 24, 2024 and closes on February 23, 2024. You are encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed IS/MND and/or the merits of the proposed project. You may do so by submitting written comments to the address or email below and the comments should be received no later than February 23, 2024.

Lead Agency Name and Address

City of Lancaster Attention: Jocelyn Swain, Senior Planner 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534 jswain@cityoflancasterca.gov

The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its February 26, 2024 meeting.

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