



KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Community Development Agency invites public review and comment on the environmental document listed below. The public review period begins on February 1, 2024, and ends on March 4, 2024. Written comments concerning the adequacy of the documents will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on March 4, 2024, at the Kings County Community Development Agency, at the Kings County Government Center, Engineering Building No. 6, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA 93230. The documents are posted in the County Clerk's office and are also available at the Kings County Community Development Agency. If you would like to request an electronic copy of a document then please contact Noelle Tomlinson, with the Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697, or by email at noelle.tomlinson@co.kings.ca.us.

INITIAL STUDY PROPOSED AS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

1. **Conditional Use Permit No. 23-03 (Westlands Daylight Legacy Solar Project)** – The applicant is proposing to construct, operate, and decommission a 300-megawatt (MW) commercial photovoltaic solar and battery storage facility to be located at 18352 Avenal Cutoff Rd., Stratford, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 026-010-028, 026-300-004, -031, -032, -033, -043, -044, 026-320-002, and -003. The project proposal includes an electrical substation, battery storage, an Operations & Maintenance facility, telecommunication facilities, and a meteorological data collection system. The proposed battery storage consists of 300 battery containers and has a capacity of 1200 MW hours. A new 230-kV gen-tie line is proposed to extend from the project substation 2.5 miles north to the existing PG&E Mustang switching station. An alternative to this proposed northern gen-tie line is also included and proposes to extend 2.5 miles to the south with the southernmost 1.0-mile segment passing through the previously approved Westlands Cherry Solar Project.

The Kings County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the environmental document for the proposed project that is listed above. The public hearing will be tentatively held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., in the Kings County Multipurpose Room, in the Administrative Building No. 1, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009, subdivision (b), if you challenge Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 23-03 (Westlands Daylight Legacy Solar Project) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Kings County Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Interested parties are invited to appear and present evidence or make statements of fact regarding the proposed projects. For more information regarding the proposed project please call Noelle Tomlinson, Planner, of the Kings County Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697.

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