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## **BUTTE COUNTY**

### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Butte County has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The Mitigated Negative Declaration establishes that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect because required mitigation measures will address potential project effects. The County has prepared this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project. The IS/MND is available for review on the County's website at <https://www.buttecounty.net/363/California-Environmental-Quality-Act-CEQ>.

#### **Project Information**

**Project:** La Porte Road Solar + Battery Energy Storage Use Permit (UP23-0005)

**Location:** The project site encompasses 17 acres of an 82-acre parcel at 5864 La Porte Road, immediately east of La Porte Road, in the community of Bangor, approximately .3 miles northeast of Oroville-Bangor Highway; APN: 028-240-061.

**Project Description:** Proposed Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a 17-acre solar array facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The facility will generate up to 3 megawatts (MW) of alternating current solar energy using approximately 7,182 solar modules and 24 string inverters to convert the sun's energy. A single-axis tracking technology will allow the modules to track the sun efficiently throughout the day and maximize the efficiency of the solar collection. The facility will interconnect to PG&E's pre-existing electrical distribution system located on-site and be sold to PG&E through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is on file for public review and comment starting **February 12, 2024**, to **March 12, 2024**. All comments for the IS/MND must be submitted in writing and received by **5:00 pm Tuesday, March 12, 2024**. Written comments may be submitted to the project planner, Rowland Hickel, Senior Planner, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: (530) 552-3684 Email: [rhickel@buttecounty.net](mailto:rhickel@buttecounty.net). The Butte County Planning Commission will consider the proposed project at a public hearing on a future date to be determined.

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