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BUTTE COUNTY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SILLER GRADING PERMIT AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT (CEQA230002/PWGRD23-0003/ZCA23-0007)

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: Siller Grading Permit and Zoning Code Amendment (CEQA23-0002/PWGRD23-0003/ZCA23-0007)

Location: The project site is located at 3355 Feather River Boulevard (southeast of the intersection of Feather River Boulevard and Georgia Pacific Way), south and west of Oroville, CA; Assessor Parcel Number: 035-460-022.

Project Description: Grading Permit for retroactive grading/clearing activities, and a Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new land use of "Assessment Facility", as a permitted use in the Industrial Zones (Table 24-26-1 Permitted Land Uses in the Industrial Zones) and a new related definition (under Article VII. – Definitions). The grading activity involved the leveling of the entire site, which included tailing piles and depressions. In total, 5,000 cubic yards of material was involved and was distributed evenly across the site. Of the 36.23 acres, approximately 2 acres is currently fenced and being temporarily used by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for unpermitted equipment storage and a mobile office. The storage yard area has been stabilized using gravel and bark. The remainder of the site is vacant; however, piles of slash from vegetation removal and graded soil are located on the site.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is on file for public review and comment starting **February 16, 2024** to **March 16, 2024**. All comments for the IS/MND must be submitted in writing and received by **5:00 pm Saturday, March 16, 2024**. Written comments may be submitted to the project planner, Mark Michelena, Principal Planner, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: (530) 552-3683 Email: mmichelena@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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