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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT No.
AA22-056 ("100 TOWER ROAD 252 MW BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT")**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Merced intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting Initial Study (IS) for Administrative Permit No. CUP21-015 ("100 Tower Road 252 MW Battery Energy Storage System Project"), described below, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION: The project is a request to establish, construct, and operate a battery energy storage system (BESS) adjacent to the existing PG&E Wilson substation for an expected operational period of 30 years. The project involves installation of approximately 315 containers with approximately 40 battery modules each and interconnection equipment. The project site is located on the northside of Canyon Road, approximately 0.75 miles west of Interstate-5 (I-5) in the Los Banos area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 088-020-039. The project site is located on the east side of North Tower Road, approximately 450 feet north of East Childs Avenue in the Merced area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 061-033-018. The project site is designated Agricultural land use in the General Plan and is zoned A-1 (General Agricultural).

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENTS: August 16, 2024 to September 16, 2024

The IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address or above email no later than 5:00 PM on the end date of the public review period.

Copies of the IS/MND are available to review at the above address Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM and on the County's website at www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents.

The Merced County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the MND at a future date to be determined. This meeting will be separately noticed when the date and time are determined.