



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
24-2024-140
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)
2024080705

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/28/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-2024-140	

PROJECT TITLE
100 TOWER ROAD 200 MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUGAR ENERGY STORAGE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL PROJECT.PLANNER@COUNTYOFMERC	PHONE NUMBER (209) 385-7654
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2222 M STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95340

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

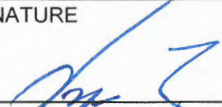
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>2,916.75</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ **2,966.75**

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Juliana Zamora Deputy Clerk
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Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

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From: Merced County
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

2024 OCT 28 P 12: 39
MERCED COUNTY CLERK
BY: 

Contact: Project Planner
(209) 385-7654 ext. 1234
Project.Planner@countyofmerced.com

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024080705

Project Title: 100 Tower Road 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System ("formerly titled the 100 Tower Road 252 MW Battery Energy Storage System Project")

Project Applicant: Cougar Energy Storage 1, LLC

Project Location: 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) 062-063-018

Project Description:

The proposed project involves the construction of a battery energy storage system (BESS) consisting of lithium-ion battery modules with 315 containers (each container comprised of 40 battery modules) and off-site underground transmission wires connecting to the PG&E substation.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above project described on 10/23/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made pursuant to provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the County of Merced Community & Economic Development, 2222 "M" Street, 2nd Floor, Merced, CA 95340, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Signature: 
Title: Deputy Director of Planning

Date: 10/28/2024

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

MERCED COUNTY RECORDER
MATT H. MAY
CLERK RECORDER'S
2222 M STREET
MERCED, CA, 95340
(209) 385-7627

Public

Receipt # F2024027590

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Register RECORDER-006

Date / Time 10/28/24 12:45 pm

Description	Fee
NOD/Neg Dec	
Document n/a	\$2966.75
Time Recorded: 12:45 pm	
Recording Fee:	\$2966.75
Total Amount Due	\$2966.75
Total Paid	
Check	\$2966.75
# 3755	
Amount Due	0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

New Leaf Energy, Inc.

Check: 3755

Payee: Merced County, CA

Date: 10/24/2024

Amount: \$2,966.75

Our Reference	Date	Type	Your Reference	Amount	Discount	Net Amount
AP-28623	10/23/2024	Invoice	Cougar Energy Storage-PSR-0262	2,966.75	0.00	2,966.75

HOLD TO LIGHT TO VIEW TRUE WATERMARK IN PAPER HEAT SENSITIVE RED LOCK DISAPPEARS WHEN HEATED

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New Leaf Energy, Inc.
 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102
 Lowell, MA 01851
 (800) 818-5249

CHASE
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 www.Chase.com
 1-2/210

DATE: 10/24/2024
 AMOUNT: \$2,966.75

PAY Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six and 75/100 Dollars

TO THE ORDER OF: Merced County, CA
 2222 M Street
 Merced CA 95340
 United States



[Handwritten Signature]
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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