

Notice of Exemption

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Applicant(s): Deer Creek Solar I, LLC.
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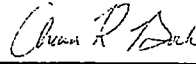
Project Title: Minor Modification, MIM 24-058 (PSP 18-011), Deer Creek Solar I, LLC.
Project Location - Specific: Located at 22448 Avenue 96, Terra Bella, CA 93270 (APN 302-460-003 & 302-230-013).
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Sec. 32 & 33, T. 22S, R 27E MDB&M

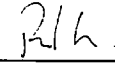
Project Location - City: Terra Bella, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification to PSP 19-083 to update the Site Plan for the allowance to update the site plan for a new location of roads, a new location of inverters and battery containers, a change in size of 66 containers, a new location of the Southern California Edison substation, a change in the construction laydown areas, the addition of two weather stations, and the addition of five water storage tanks, and the change in the documented owner of the Project from Vesper Energy Finance, LLC., 125 E. John Carpenter Fwy, Suite 525, Irving TX 75062 to VZ Development, LLC., 6555 Sierra Drive, Irving, TX 75039, in the AE-10 (Exclusive Agriculture – 10 Acre Minimum) and AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) Zones, to the existing solar facility.

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (e)(2)**
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. In this instance, to allow a new location of roads, a new location of inverters and battery containers, a change in size of 66 containers, a new location of the Southern California Edison substation, a change in the construction laydown areas, the addition of two weather stations, and the addition of five water storage tanks, and the change in the documented owner of the Project from Vesper Energy Finance, LLC., to VZ Development, LLC. All aspects of Minor Modification No. MIM 24-058 has been CEQA evaluated in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and NOD for PSP 18-011, NOD State Clearinghouse Number 2019089012. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 (e)(2) is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare
Project Planner: David Alexander **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7138

Signature:  Date: 12.9.24 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
 Aaron R. Bock

Signature:  Date: 12/16/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
 Reed Schenke

Signed by Lead Agency **Date received for filing at LUCI:** _____
 Signed by Applicant **Date Sent to the Tulare County Clerk:** _____