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Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail Street Address
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County Clerk
County of Kings
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, California 93230

FROM: Kings County Community Development Agency
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, CA 93230

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JAN 16 2025
KRISTINE LEE
KINGS COUNTY CLERK
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PROJECT TITLE:
Site Plan Review No. 24-23 (CIM Group/Castanea Solar)

PROJECT APPLICANT:
CIM Group, Chris Biller, 4700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010
(818) 577-8123

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:
24998 Nevada Ave.

PROJECT LOCATION - City
Stratford

PROJECT LOCATION - County:
Kings

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
The applicant is proposing to expand the switchyard at the existing Castanea Solar facility (formerly Chestnut Solar) located at 24998 Nevada Ave., Stratford, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 026-330-001, -074, and 026-320-009. The applicant proposes to expand the substation area and switchyard to the south and to relocate a portion of the security fencing for a total fenced area expansion of approximately 13,900 sq. ft. The existing Chestnut/Castanea commercial solar facility was approved as Conditional Use Permit No. 19-01.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:
Kings County Community Development Agency, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Bldg. #6, Hanford, CA 93230, (559) 852-2670

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
CIM Group, 4700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)
 Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Section 4.G.1. of the *Kings County Local Guidelines to Implement CEQA* lists Site Plan Review as a Ministerial Project pursuant to Section 15268 of the *Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act*.

CONTACT PERSON:
Noelle Tomlinson

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(559) 852-2697

Noelle Tomlinson
Signature: Noelle Tomlinson
Title: Planner
Date: 1/16/2025



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 25-102
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/16/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING KINGS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 24-23 (CIM GROUP/CASTANEA SOLAR)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CIM GROUP, CHRIS BILLER	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ((818) 577-8123
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 4700 WILSHIRE BLVD.	CITY LOS ANGELES	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 90010

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ \$70.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$70.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Desiree Cuevas, Deputy County Clerk/Recorder
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