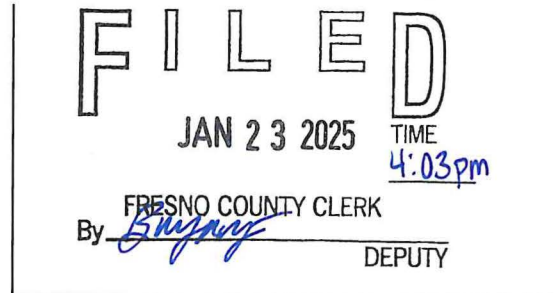




County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR



For County Clerk's Stamp

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 8579 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO.8579 and UNCLASSIFIED CUP APPLICATION NOS. 3800 AND 3801 filed by **PANOCHES BESS, LLC and MIDWAY BESS, LLC**, proposing to Allow the construction and operation of two battery energy storage system (BESS) facilities on an approximately 9.0-acres of a 24.7-acre leased area .portion of a 91.33-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.. The project sites are located on the south side of W. Panoche Road approximately one half-mile west of its intersection with S. Fairfax Avenue and approximately 2.2 miles east of its intersection with Interstate 5. Both of the proposed BESS projects will be located on the same parcel, APN 027-060-91S; the Midway BESS interconnection will be located on APN 027-060-91S; the Panoche BESS interconnection will be located on APN 027-060-61SU. (APNs: 027-060-91S, 027-060-82SU,61SU) (Sup. Dist. 1).

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 8579, and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Nos. 3800-3801 with Findings and Conditions. The Initial Study has concluded that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 8579 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from January 21, 2025 through February 21, 2025.

Email written comments to jshaw@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION
2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor / Fresno, California 93721 / Phone (559) 600-4497 / 600-4022 / 600-4540 / FAX 600-4200
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IS No. 8579 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Jeremy Shaw at the addresses above.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 27, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions, please call Jeremy Shaw (559) 600-4207.

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