

TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Foxtail Solar Project, PSP 24-065

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Foxtail Solar Project (PSP 24-065). The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** Foxtail Solar Project (PSP 24-065)
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Foxtail Solar, LLC
17785 Center Court Drive, Suite 200
Cerritos, CA 90703
3. **LOCATION:** The site is located at the northwest corner of Avenue 184 and Road 80. The site is located on Tulare County APN 228-050-020, and is not located within an Urban Development Boundary (UDB). The site is located in Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Foxtail Hybrid Solar Project (Project) would construct and operate 55-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar generation facility and a 55 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) at 4 hours of continuous discharge on an approximate 475.5-acre site in Tulare County. The Project proposes to develop approximately 450 acres of the 475.5-acre parcel. The property is designated Valley Agriculture in the Tulare County General Plan and is appropriately zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture, 40-acre minimum). The surrounding properties around the project site are also zoned AE-40. The Project is within the Paige and Taylor Weir USGS Quad. The Project would install approximately 108,344 single-axis tracker solar panels on the site. The layout of the single axis tracker panels will be in an east-west direction. It is anticipated that the life of the proposed Project will be 35 years. In addition to the description above, the applicant will prepare a reclamation plan to be implemented after the life of the Project. The project site is under Williamson Act contract and is located in Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area per FEMA.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; at the Visalia Main Branch Library at 200 W. Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291, (559) 713-2700; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/foxtail-solar-24-065/>.
6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** February 19, 2025 – March 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division, at (559) 624-7199 or Gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar (559) 624-7000).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**, and ending on **Friday, March 21, 2025**, which has been approved by the State of California, Land Use and Climate Innovation. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

GARY MILLS, CHIEF PLANNER, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION
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