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Follow-Up Response

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1 Introduction

On July 22, 2025, Levy Alameda, LLC (Applicant) received an email from the California Energy Commission (CEC) for the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage Project (Project; Docket Number 24-OPT-04 requesting additional information related to grazing on the project site. This document responds to the CEC's request and provides further clarification on the grazing lands as they relate to the Project.

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2 Grazing

2.1 Data Request 1 through Data Request 2

2.1.1 Data Request DR 1

DR 1. *Page 2-1 of the application states: "Development of the BESS facility would occur on about 70 acres of APN 99B-7890-002-04, which currently consists of fallowed annual grasslands suitable for grazing." Also, page 3.6-2 of the application states: "The BESS facility site and surrounding land have been used for cattle grazing in the past. However, the BESS facility site and PG&E Tesla Substation property have not been grazed recently, whereas APN 99B-7890-2-6, the property crossed by the gen-tie between the BESS facility site and PG&E Tesla Substation property is currently used as cattle pasture."*

Data Response Set 2, however, states that the BESS facility site is currently used for grazing. Page 29 of Data Response Set 2 states: "According to the property owner, the property is currently used for livestock grazing, and has been used for livestock grazing since before the property was subject to a Williamson Act contract in 1972."

Response: At present, grazing activities on both the BESS facility parcel and the PG&E Tesla Substation property have been temporarily halted. This pause is a direct result of ongoing construction associated with the Mulqueeney Ranch Wind Project, which has limited access to the grasslands typically used for livestock. According to an update provided by the property owner on July 23, 2025, these lands are expected to return to grazing use in the near future—specifically, as soon as construction activities conclude and necessary fencing improvements are completed, anticipated for mid to late August.

2.1.2 Data Request DR 2

DR 2. *Would the remaining 165 acres of the parcel that is not part of the project continue to be used for agricultural purposes (i.e., grazing)?*

Response: Currently, the remaining 165 acres of the parcel that are outside the project area are not being used for grazing, as construction work for the Mulqueeney Ranch Wind Project is ongoing. However, the property owner shared on July 23, 2025, that grazing will begin again across the entire parcel in mid to late August, or once the construction is finished.

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