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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System
Opt-In Application for Certification*

DOCKET NO. 24-OPT-04

NOTICE OF STAFF ASSESSMENT PUBLIC
MEETINGRE: Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage
System**Notice of Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System
CEC Staff Assessment Public Meeting****March 2, 2026**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hybrid: In-Person and Remote

Includes In-Person and Remote Spanish Interpretation

See Attendance Instructions

In-person at:

Tracy Transit Center – Meeting Room 105

50 E. 60th Street

Tracy, California 95376

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a public meeting on the Staff Assessment for the proposed Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System (project), pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25545.7.2(b)(2) and 25545.7.6. The purpose of the meeting is for CEC staff to present the Staff Assessment, which includes a draft environmental impact report (Draft EIR), and receive comments on the assessment from government agencies, California Native American tribes, the public, and the project applicant. This is a hybrid meeting, with both a publicly accessible physical location and public access online or by phone through Zoom™.

The Staff Assessment contains the CEC staff's independent, objective evaluation of the proposed project. The Staff Assessment was docketed for public review and comment on January 26, 2026 (TN 268314).¹ The comment period ends at 5:00 P.M. on March 27, 2026.

¹ The Staff Assessment (including a Draft EIR) was submitted to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse (SCH) portal on January 26, 2026, SCH# 2025090227.

The public can participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted. The end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The meeting may end sooner or later than the posted end time. Breaks will be announced during the meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CEC Staff Presentations of the Staff Assessment
 - a. Application Overview
 - b. Engineering Evaluation, Environmental Impact Analysis, Alternatives Analysis, Conformance with Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards (LORS)*
 - c. Opt-In Requirements
 - d. Staff Recommendation
 - e. Next Steps in the CEC Process
3. Applicant Remarks
4. CEC Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs Presentation on Public and Tribal Participation Opportunities
5. Government Comment: California Native American tribes, Elected Officials, and Government Agencies
6. Public Comment
7. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

* Note: Staff will provide summaries of staff's analyses on the proposed project's potential environmental impacts and conformance with LORS. Staff presentations will highlight the following topic areas (order may change).

- Biological Resources
- Land Use
- Visual Resources

Background

The Opt-In Certification Program, authorized in Public Resources Code sections 25545–25545.13, allows specified clean energy projects to seek consolidated permitting at the CEC until June 30, 2030. These projects include, but are not limited to, energy storage systems capable of storing 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more, and electric transmission lines associated with these storage facilities to a point of junction with any interconnected electrical system.

Under this program, the issuance of a certificate by the CEC is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by a local agency and most, but not all, permits required by state agencies. More information about the [Opt-In Certification Program](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-andtopics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program) can be found at

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-andtopics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>.

The law also requires the CEC to be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, after an application is deemed complete, to do the following:

1. Prepare a Staff Assessment, which includes the appropriate environmental document, which is usually an environmental impact report (EIR), negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration.
2. Hold public meetings as close as practicable to the proposed project site.
3. Invite consultation with California Native American tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the geographic area of the proposed site.
4. Certify compliance with requirements for community benefits, labor standards, and economic benefits.
5. Approve or deny the proposed project at a publicly noticed business meeting within 270 days.

Renew Development HoldCo, LLC (applicant), filed an Opt-In application on August 7, 2024, for the project proposed in eastern Alameda County, California. On September 6, 2024, the CEC deemed the application incomplete and docketed a letter detailing the information deficiencies. On August 15, 2025, the CEC sent applicable California Native American tribes a letter inviting tribal consultation on the Potentia-Viridi project. On August 29, 2025, after receiving additional data, the CEC determined that the application was complete and sent a Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR (NOP) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the project to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and distribution to state agencies, via the State Clearinghouse portal. The NOP was filed to the CEC docket and mailed on August 29, 2025, to trustee agencies, the Alameda County Clerk, and local, regional and federal agencies. These and other documents, including the Staff Assessment, are available on the CEC docket for this proceeding at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-04>.

Project Summary

The applicant proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a utility-scale battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure on approximately 107 acres (portion of an approximately 236-acre parcel) to deliver electricity to the statewide electricity transmission grid. The proposed project would include up to 400 megawatts (MW)/3,200 MWh of battery storage. The proposed project batteries would be lithium ion or similar, and the overall project includes the following primary components:

- High-voltage project substation (34.5 to 500 kilovolt [kV])
- 500 kV generation-intertie (gen-tie) line
- Battery energy storage system (BESS) enclosures
- Power conversion system
- Medium voltage collection system
- Control building

- Switchyard and substation

The power stored by the project would be conveyed to the regional electrical grid through a new, approximately 2,884-foot-long, single-circuit 500 kV gen-tie interconnection to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Tesla Substation. The applicant would construct and own the gen-tie segment from the project substation to the combined Point of Change of Ownership (POCO)/Point of Interchange (POI), while PG&E would construct and own the remaining segment from the POCO/POI to the Tesla Substation.

The CEC maintains a website for this project with proposed project information, a link to the docket, email subscription sign-up, and more at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/potentia-viridi-battery-energy-storage-system>.

Attendance Instructions

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50 E. 60th Street
Tracy, California 95376

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- or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **817 8158 8386** and passcode **099921** and follow all prompts.
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Zoom Closed Captioning Service.

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Public Comment.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2026. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 24-OPT-04 and Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-OPT-04
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page for this docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-04) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-04>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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Media Inquiries.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the docket for the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System project at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-04>

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System subscription topic. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: February 20, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

Dian Vorters, Deputy Director
Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division

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