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WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02C) LIMITED NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

On December 19, 2025, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved a certification for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (21-AFC-02). On June 30, 2026, CEC staff received a request for a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) to be issued for a portion of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center.

The proposed activities include:

- Trash Removal
- Western Joshua Tree (WJT) Relocation
- Installation of Desert Tortoise Fencing
- Temporary Placement of Trailers

CEC staff has determined that the proposed activities may commence as of July 20, 2026, within the approved boundaries and in accordance with the applicable Conditions of Certification (COCs) from the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Final Decision (Final Decision).

No other ground disturbing or construction activities are authorized at this time. Willow Rock Energy Storage Center will be given a full notice to proceed for all construction activities after all pre-construction COC submittals are received and approved as required by the CEC's Final Decision. CEC staff will continue to work closely with Hydrostor to ensure conformance with all COCs as written in the Final Decision.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Compliance Project Manager Anwar Ali, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Safety and Reliability Branch, at (916) 839-0392 or e-mail at anwar.ali@energy.ca.gov.

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