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**WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02C) LIMITED
NOTICE TO PROCEED REQUEST NO. 2**

On August 12, 2026, the project owner, Hydrostor, of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center, submitted a request for a Limited Notice to Proceed No. 2 (LNTTP2), (TN# 271972).

The proposed activities under LNTTP2 include:

1. Site Mobilization
2. Clearing and Grubbing
3. Dawn Road Improvements
4. Develop Early Works Area Stormwater Ponds
5. Grade Early Works Area (subsurface area, laydown, parking, internal roads, Haul truck access and turnarounds)
6. Start Site Mobilization for Subsurface Construction (Air Shaft)

CEC staff has determined that the proposed activities may commence as of August 19, 2026, in areas noted within the green line boundary of the map provided with this request for LNTTP2. The approved activities will be in accordance with the applicable Conditions of Certification (COCs) in the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Final Decision (Final Decision) issued in the Commission's Decision (21-AFC-02) on December 19, 2025.

The project owner must continue to work through all pre-construction conditions of certification to receive a full notice to proceed as required by the CEC's Final Decision. The CEC staff will continue to work closely with the project owner to ensure conformance with all COCs as stated in the Final Decision.

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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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