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I know you are probably busy. Sorry for the last second request. I can't seem to find the link for the zoom tonight. Can you resend that? One of our team members can't attend in person and wanted to listen in.

Thanks,



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Thank you Ryan and Andy. That is so very helpful.

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Good afternoon Lisa,

Fresno County Fire plans to attend and can support the time change.

Thanks,



**Ryan Michaels**

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Hi all,

There has been some community requests to start our meeting for Darden later than we originally planned.

We are now thinking of starting at 5pm and continue to about 7:30pm.

For anyone interested in participating, will you be able to participate either in person, or remotely during those times?



We try to accommodate requests from the community wherever possible. We anticipate there will be discussions about biological resources and battery safety and possibly hazardous materials. This project has components that are under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utility Commission.

Please let me know. Thanks,

Lisa

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**Subject:** Darden Clean Energy Project Staff Assessment Public Meeting- March 26, 2025 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Hi all,

We are scheduling a public meeting for the Darden Clean Energy Project on the recently released Staff Assessment (which includes a Draft EIR). and wanted to let you know in advance of the public notice.

We anticipate there will be a discussion about battery safety, especially as it relates to fire, and biological resources. We haven't received any comments on the Staff Assessment yet. The comment period closes on April 21, 2025 at 5 pm.

This public meeting will be a hybrid meeting with in-person participation at the Harris Ranch Resort in Coalinga, California and remote participation via Zoom. We have scheduled the meeting for March 26, 2025 from 3:30pm to 6:00p. The meeting may end before 6:00pm.

Thanks,

Lisa Worrall

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**Subject:** Re: Darden Clean Energy Project Staff Assessment Meeting

Hi Becky and Will,

I apologize for the shifting in the meeting. It is our first opt in meeting at this point in the process and our plans for it have been shifting. We will still have staff presentations but are happy to hear feedback from the community. We will also give you the applicant to make remarks too.

See you today. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Lisa

Lisa Worrall  
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**Subject:** Re: Darden Clean Energy Project Staff Assessment Meeting

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Hi Lisa,

Thank you for this information. If there are any additional changes please let me know as soon as possible so I can come prepared to the meeting. With how things have shifted and changed over the last few weeks on how



the meeting will be run, it's been difficult to clearly understand what the expectations are for us as the applicant and what the CEC will be presenting.

Thank you,

Becky Moores  
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On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 6:36 PM Worrall, Lisa@Energy <[Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Becky,

The public advisor will give you an opportunity to make a few remarks. She will include it as part of her script. I believe this will be when the general public comment period opens up after my presentation on the staff assessment.

See you tomorrow.  
Safe travels.

Lisa

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**From:** Becky Moores <[becky.moores@intersectpower.com](mailto:becky.moores@intersectpower.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 1:19 PM  
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Hi Lisa,

Thank you for letting me know. If questions come in from the public or CEC staff directed to the applicant or project specifics, do you anticipate having Intersect Power respond at the podium at all? We will prepared either way.

Thank you,

Becky Moores  
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On Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 2:11 PM Worrall, Lisa@Energy <[Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Becky,



We are finalizing things for the public meeting next week. I wanted to let you know that we have decided it is best that only CEC staff are up on the dias as the meeting is centered on Staff's Assessment. You and your team can sit in the audience.

Thanks,

Lisa Worrall  
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**Sent:** 3/28/2025 3:24:44 PM  
**To:** Andrea.Mason@constructconnect.com  
**Subject:** Re: Darden Clean Energy Project

Hi Andrea,

On Wednesday CEC staff hosted a public meeting on the Staff Assessment for the Darden Clean Energy Project. We are in the public comment period, which closes by 5 pm pm on April 21, 2025. Staff will review all comments and prepare and release the Updated Staff Assessment mid May. The project will be presented at a Business Meeting at which time the full Commission will determine whether to approve or deny the project. Unless there is a special Business Meeting scheduled in June, the project will be heard at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

I suggest you sign up for the subscription for the project. Any time something is posted to the project's docket (electronic repository), you will receive an automated email notification. You can subscribe on the project's webpage, right side, midway down the page. Here is the link: [Darden Clean Energy Project | California Energy Commission](#)

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Hello,

Looking for information on Darden Clean Energy Project

What is the status of the approvals? What is the next step for this applicant.

Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to either call or email me at your earliest convenience.

**Andrea Mason**

Sr. Content Specialist

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**Subject:** RE: 23-OPT-02 Darden Biology Conditions

Hi, Becky –

Staff would like to meet with you to discuss any concerns with proposed conditions of certification, but we would like to do that after reviewing your written comments. Please submit any comments you may have to the Darden docket. Once CEC and CDFW staff reviews the written comments, we will schedule a meeting with you to better understand the comments and any proposed revisions to conditions of certification. Please do not wait until the end of the comment period to provide any written comments. The earlier your comments are submitted, the more time we will have to schedule a meeting or follow up.

Regards,  
Eric



**Eric Knight**

Manager  
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**Subject:** Re: 23-OPT-02 Darden Biology Conditions

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Hi Lisa,

We engaged Julie and Krista early on (and before our application to CEC) in our planning efforts for Darden and coordinated with them on our approach to sensitive species mitigation. As key stakeholders in our project it's important for them to be on this check-in call to discuss the SWHA and BUOW. My email to you last week requesting a meeting did state that Julie Vance would be an attendee, and when we reached out to her for availability she requested that Krista and Carrie be added to the call as well. I did not have Carrie's updated email so Julie forwarded when I sent the invitation.

On the call, we would like to discuss the SWHA and BUOW COC's requesting compensatory mitigation lands/credits, specifically BIO-11 and BIO-13.

We look forward to discussing these items with you on Thursday.

Thank you,

Becky Moores  
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On Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 4:31 PM Worrall, Lisa@Energy <[Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Becky,

I see you invited Julie and Krista to the meeting; however, Carrie Gragg (formerly Swanberg) is point of contact and Supervisor under the Renewable Energy program at CDFW and Jim Vance is our regional staff contact.

We would like to know why it is elevated to Julie Vance, who is the Regional Manager. We need to know so we know who we should included from the CEC. At this point, I am not sure if the additional staff are available.

In addition we need to know the specific COCs you want to discuss 48 hours before the meeting so we can be prepared.

What is the format of the meeting? Are you wanting to discuss the proposed changes to the COCs, or are you merely presenting the comments you will be filing?

As you know, modifications to Conditions of Certification need to be submitted to the docket.

Thanks,  
Lisa

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**From:** Worrall, Lisa@Energy  
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**Subject:** Accepted: 23-OPT-02 Darden Biology Conditions  
**When:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:30 AM-10:00 AM.  
**Where:**



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**Attachments:** Commenter N.pdf

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Is this something you can provide?

Thanks,

Lisa

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I don't see any others that need additional information.

Can you set up a discussion with the applicant? More details on the battery monitoring system (transmittal of data).

Thanks,

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1 MR. SANTOS: Okay. Yeah, hi.

2 MS. WORRALL: State and spell your name, please.

3 Thank you very much.

4 MR. SANTOS: Okay, Stan Santos, S-T-A-N

5 S-A-N-T-O-S.

6 I'm sorry, I wasn't able to hear because the  
7 sound quality is kind of poor, but my question is from  
8 having worked in telecom and worked in controlled  
9 environment vaults with battery systems, we have  
10 monitoring, and it was environmental, that had high heat,  
11 moisture, combustible, et cetera. And I'd like to know  
12 what kind of systems you have?

13 But I'd also like to know, you said you're going  
14 to have monitoring, but there's a question of the  
15 connectivity of the system to your monitors and whether  
16 that's going to be optical fiber and whether you're going  
17 to have enough capacity in the fiber to be able to monitor  
18 such a large amount, just the sheer volume of information  
19 that has to be constantly being processed, and what is  
20 going to be your platform? Is it going to be a fiber-based  
21 or if it's going to be a satellite? Because we do not have  
22 a lot of confidence in a satellite-based if you need real-  
23 time reporting to avoid either the system overheating or  
24 having a blowup or explosion or something, or a fire.

25 So I'd like to see if your engineers or

N-1  
Cont

1 technicians would agree with that assessment and that they  
2 would -- if they could shed some light on the type of  
3 monitoring system? Because that would really adversely  
4 affect all of the surrounding communities, and that would  
5 be a huge concern that we would have.

N-2

6 Also, if that's all going to be installed and  
7 monitored and the systems are going to be installed by a  
8 union or IBEW-type or telco union workers who have been  
9 trained and certified in all of the necessary aspects and  
10 job functions.

11 That would be it. Thank you very much.

12 MS. FOOKS: Yeah, I don't think we have the  
13 technical detail at this time to know how the battery  
14 management systems will be reporting back. Presumably it  
15 will be remote, given that Tesla does that, but we'll have  
16 to go back to that. Thank you for your comment.

17 MS. WORRALL: Okay, do we have any more?  
18 Alrighty.

19 Armin Garcia, you're unmuted. If you can state  
20 and spell your name? Thank you very much.

O-1

21 MR. GARCIA: My name is Armin, A-R-M, as in Mary,  
22 -I-N, as in Nancy, and Garcia, G-A-R-C-I-A.

23 My question -- well, first of all, the CEC has  
24 done an extraordinary job of funding alternative types of  
25 batteries. And there are batteries that have a better

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Hi Lisa,

For N-1 you could consider referring to information in the DEIR - Project Description, Auxiliary Systems on page 3-21.

For N-2 you could consider referring to information in the DEIR section 10.2 Requirements for Covered Project Under the Labor Code.

Thank you,

Becky Moores  
INTERSECT POWER

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Hi Becky,

There is one more question that I would like to be able to answer. This is one of the six questions Jamie Zweifler-Katz sent us from the community.

1. What do they consider a local hire? Will they prioritize people who live in Cantua Creek and other nearby communities?

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**CC:** Katarina Campbell [kcampbell@wwd.ca.gov]; Alma Antuna [aantuna@wwd.ca.gov]; Russ Freeman [rfreeman@wwd.ca.gov]  
**Subject:** Westlands Water District Comment Letter on the Darden Clean Energy Project  
**Attachments:** 20250421\_NOP 23-OPT-02\_Staff Assessment\_Comment Letter\_Final.pdf; Enclosure1\_20241022\_NOP 23-OPT-02\_Comment Letter\_final.pdf

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Good afternoon Lisa,

Please find attached comments from Westlands Water District on the Darden Clean Energy Project.

Thank you,

**Brent Dragomanovich**

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## Westlands Water District

April 21, 2025

Ms. Lisa Worrall, Senior Environmental Planner  
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Comments Regarding California Energy Commission (CEC) Staff Assessment SCH # 2024091023 for the Darden Clean Energy Project

Dear Ms. Worrall,

Westlands Water District (District) serves a dual role as both a water district and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and is responsible for water management in the Darden Clean Energy Project (Project) area. The District is the landowner, optioning the property for potential sale to enable the development of the Darden Clean Energy Project. Additionally, the District serves as the Responsible Agency required to make key findings and potentially approve the property's sale in accordance with applicable regulations and environmental review processes. The District reviewed Staff Assessment SCH #2024091023 (Assessment), the proposal to construct, operate, and eventually repower or decommission the Project on approximately 9,500 acres in western Fresno County. The District offers the following comments.

### **Groundwater Availability and Use**

The Assessment indicated the proposed water source will be on-site groundwater wells. As stated in the District's previous comment letter on the Project, and per the terms of the proposed purchase and sale agreement with the District, the Project is limited to extraction of two (2.0) acre feet of groundwater per year for operation of its solar power generation facilities for each 320-acre portion of land acquired for the Project. During construction of the Project facilities, the Project may extract an additional one hundred and thirty (130) acre-feet of groundwater per year for construction water purposes for each 320-acre portion of land acquired for the Project.

### **Surface Water Availability and Use**

The Project lands will not receive allocations of groundwater, other than what is indicated above. However, the Applicant may be eligible to apply for and receive surface water for



Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use<sup>1</sup>, and the land will continue to have access to the District's distribution system for lands used for solar development operations. If the Project applies to become a new M&I water user, the operations will be bound by the Regulations, Terms and Conditions established by the District for M&I use. Copies of these are provided for your information, and notable provisions include that the District will make available up to five (5) acre-feet annually, per 160 acres, for solar developments.

### **Decommissioning**

The Assessment indicated the Project will either be repowered or decommissioned after its anticipated useful life of up to 35 years. The Project owner will coordinate with the CEC to plan and prepare for eventual permanent closure, providing at minimum one (1) year notice to the CEC through submittal of a Final Closure Plan and Cost Estimate. Decommissioning is anticipated to be completed within up to a three (3) year period and will follow a decommissioning and reclamation plan. This plan involves removal of all project components, discharge and removal of battery modules and electrical equipment, and removal of any civil facilities, access roads, and security fence.

Regarding land uses following decommissioning, the Assessment provides: "It is anticipated that most of the site would be returned to farmland and/or pasture after decommissioning." (Assessment, p. 3-24.) The assessment further provides that if no specific land use is identified, the Project site would be vegetated with native and naturalized grassland seed mix.

In this context, the Assessment must recognize that after decommissioning, the Project site will no longer have access to water from any source. Moreover, the deed covenants will prohibit the Project site from irrigated agriculture as required by the District's 2015 Settlement with the United States<sup>2</sup>. It is therefore unlikely the Project site will be utilized for farmland or pasture, after decommissioning. Assuming a return to native and naturalized grassland, the Project proponents would need to establish this vegetation using only precipitation. The CEC must ensure that decommissioning is conducted in an orderly and effective manner so the Project site does not fall into neglect/disrepair and become a nuisance to nearby agricultural operations.

### **Weed Management and Fire Risk**

The District reviewed the Assessment's vegetation management plan, which identifies weed control methods including mowing, hand removal, herbicide applications, and sheep grazing. Vegetation fire risk must be mitigated through the control or eradication of vegetation immediately surrounding the solar arrays and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/rules19.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://wwd.ca.gov/resource-management/drainage/drainage-settlement-documents/>

If sheep grazing is determined to be a means to limit weed infestations, it must always be contained within the Project fencing. If grazing occurs outside of the Project fencing, sheep may wander to adjoining fields, damage adjacent crops, and their presence may disqualify adjacent organic fields from further organic certification. The CEC should identify a mechanism to address this concern and ensure any sheep grazing is contained within the Project fencing.

### **District Facilities**

The Project site is located near the District's distribution system Laterals 13R, 14R, 14L, 15L, 16L, 17L and 18L. Prior to construction, please contact Underground Service Alert (811).

If Project features, including electrical collector lines and transmission facilities, may cross the District's distribution system laterals, the Project owner shall contact the District to obtain the requirements for crossing a District lateral easement(s). No Project facilities shall be located in a manner that restricts the District's ability to access and perform maintenance on the water distribution system.

The District previously provided comments for the proposed project on October 22, 2024, a copy of which is attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Project. If you have any questions concerning the District's comments, please contact Brent Dragomanovich at 559-241-6245.

Sincerely,



Stephen Farmer  
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure

*1. Westlands Water District's Comment Letter Regarding NOP No. 23-OPT-02, October 22, 2024*

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**Subject:** Intersect Power's Comments on Darden Staff Assessment  
**Attachments:** TN262695\_20250416T075316\_Intersect Power Comments - Applicant Comments on Staff Assessment.pdf

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David and Robert,

Thanks for connecting today on the Darden Staff Assessment and IP's comments on the Conditions of Approval.

- **Comment Letter:** I'm attaching our docketed comment letter with the key COIs highlighted.
- **Property Tax Senate Bill:** I'm including a link to [SB 710](#) (Blakespear), which would extend the property tax exclusion for rooftop and small systems only. The utility scale solar industry is not seeking an extension to the property tax exclusion, as we want the counties to receive property tax revenues from these projects.
- **Darden's Property Tax Payments + Other Economic Benefits:** While the BOE has not yet issued guidance for how property tax payments should be calculated for utility-scale solar and BESS systems, **at a minimum**, Darden will contribute \$230M over the first 10 years, and at least \$20M of that will go to the Fresno County Fire Protection District. Also, by establishing a local point of sale, about \$36M of sales tax revenues will be paid to the County, with another \$38M going to the State (in 2026 and 2027). The project will also pay over \$160M in employee compensation through construction, creating 1200 construction and 18 permanent jobs. Our EPC contractor will be spending \$65M in procurement of local goods and services during construction.
- **Support Letters to the Docket.** Note that I've not yet seen the conservation groups' comment letters yet, but I'll pass them along once I see them. There are numerous support letters already submitted to the docket from local mayors, community groups, and farmers.

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**Subject:** RE: Darden OAR Delay  
**Attachments:** (23-OPT-02) California Energy Commission - RESPONSE LETTER.pdf

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Ms. Worrall,

Thank you for your patience. Attached are Fresno County comments.



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**Subject:** Re: Darden OAR Delay

I got your email. We will do our best to respond to your comments. We have a very tight turnaround based on the Opt-In regulations.

it would be very helpful for staff to know what subjects you have comments on and the nature of the comments.

Thanks,

Lisa

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**From:** Brown, Arianna <[arbrown@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:arbrown@fresnocountyca.gov)>  
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Good afternoon,

My apologies, but our comments will not be available until next week as our management would like to further review them.

I appreciate your understanding, thank you.



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**Subject:** Re: Darden OAR Delay

Hi Arianna,

That should be okay. We have a very tight turnaround for the Updated Staff Assessment, so as soon as you can post Fresno County's comments to the docket this week, would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Lisa

Lisa Worrall

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Fresno County is currently reviewing the comments for the Darden Clean Energy Project. Is it possible for us to provide these comments to you by the end of this week?

Thank you



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# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING  
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

April 28, 2025

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California Energy Commission  
715 P Street, MS-40  
Sacramento CA, 95814

**SUBJECT: California Energy Commission 23-OPT-02 Darden Energy Project**

Dear Ms. Worrall,

The project consists of a 1,150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, an up to 4,600 megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS), an up to 800 MW green hydrogen facility, a 34.5-500 kilovolt (kV) grid step-up substation, a 10- to 15-mile 500 kV generation intertie (gen-tie) line, and a 500kV utility switching station. The project would interconnect to the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Los Banos-Midway #2 500 kV transmission line.

The documents received for this review were circulated to our various Fresno County Public Works and Planning divisions. See comments below.

The project comments submitted to your agency on November 1, 2024, by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning remain relevant. For your convenience, the comment letter dated November 1, 2024, is attached.

The County has no additional comments.

Sincerely,

*Arianna Brown*

Arianna Brown, Planner -- Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING  
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

November 1, 2024

Lisa Worrall, Senior Environmental Planner  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street, MS-40  
Sacramento CA, 95814

**SUBJECT: California Energy Commission 23-OPT-02 Darden Energy Project**

Dear Ms. Worrall,

The County of Fresno appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 1,150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility, 4,600 megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system, 800MW green hydrogen facility, 34.5-500 kilovolt (kV) grid strp-up substation, 10–15-mile 500kV generation intertie (gen-tie) line, and 500kV utility switching station. This project to be located south of the community of Cantua Creek.

The documents received for this review were circulated to our various Fresno County Public Works and Planning divisions. See comments below.

**Fresno County Policy Planning:**

The proposed solar electrical generation facility encompasses approximately 9,000-acres of land currently designated and zoned in the County of Fresno for farming and other agriculturally related uses. Upon reviewing the 9000 acres that would be converted into the proposed solar facility, staff identified approximately 2,700 acres are actively farmed. Moreover, there are lands within the 9,000-acre area that are capable of being farmed. The proposed facility would interconnect to the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Los Banos-Midway #2 500 kV transmission line. The 500 kV gen-tie line would be sited within an approximate 200-foot-wide easement on private lands.

The EIR must identify the acreage of agricultural land that is being actively farmed as well as land that is capable of being farmed within the 9000-acre area that would be converted to a solar facility. The impact of the proposed project on the Fresno County's agricultural resources appears to be a significant impact.

Additionally, the EIR must identify lands within the 9000-acre area as well as parcels that will be traversed by the proposed 500 kV gen-tie line that would connect the solar facility to the PG&E transmission line that are privately owned and are under the Williamson Act Contract. The EIR must address how the proposed project would impact lands that are restricted by the Williamson Act contact.

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County staff request that the CEC staff provides the draft EIR to the County of Fresno during the public review period. If you have any questions, please Contact Mohammad Khorsand at [mkhorsand@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:mkhorsand@fresnocountyca.gov) or Dominique Navarrette at [dnavarrette@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:dnavarrette@fresnocountyca.gov) or call (559) 600-9668.

### **Fresno County Roads and Operation**

- 1) Cerini Avenue currently has County Road right-of-way within the project limits, which is not a county maintained road. Applicant should contact Design Division to apply for vacation of the County right-of-way on Cerini Avenue within the project limits.
- 2) A designated construction traffic route, including schedule of equipment and material load deliveries, shall be required. RMO will have additional comments on the roads designated in the route once it is submitted.
- 3) Existing County maintained roads in the area will be negatively impacted by the construction phase of this project. Improvements, such as road widenings, chip seal, or overlay, to the roads used for access will be required but cannot be determined until the construction route and schedule of deliveries is provided.
- 4) An encroachment permit shall be required for any crossings of County maintained roads. There appear to be proposed gen-tie crossings, an engineered plan must be submitted for review and approval prior to permit issuance.
- 5) Once improvements anticipated by Condition #2 are determined, an engineered plan must be submitted for review and approval prior to permit issuance for any improvements to County maintained roads.
- 6) All driveway access points to the subject parcels, both temporary and permanent, shall be identified. Additional conditions may be imposed once driveway access point locations are submitted.
- 7) The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is currently working on the replacement of Bridge 02-018 on Clarkson Avenue, schedule for construction currently unknown. DWR may be contacted for further information on that bridge.
- 8) There is an existing low water crossing/culvert located 0.02 miles north of the intersection of Mount Whitney Avenue and Stanislaus Avenue that is in poor condition and not recommended for construction traffic. If this is designated as part of the construction haul route, applicant will be required to evaluate the structure and may be required to improve it prior to start of deliveries.

Sincerely,

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