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## **Notice of Public Scoping Meeting Great Oaks South Backup Generating Facility (20-SPPE-01)**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will hold a public scoping meeting remotely via Zoom on November 17, 2020, starting at 11 a.m. to discuss and receive comments on the scope of the environmental impact report (EIR) that CEC staff is preparing for the Great Oaks South Backup Generating Facility and Great Oaks South Data Center (the project). A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the meeting on the project's docket at:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-SPPE-01>.  
All interested parties, agencies, members of the public are welcome to participate.

The meeting will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public is able to participate and observe the meeting consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.

### *Purpose of Meeting*

The City of San Jose and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will need to use the EIR for each agency's respective permitting decisions should the CEC exempt the facility from its licensing jurisdiction. As such, CEC staff is soliciting the view of responsible and trustee agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information the EIR should contain that is germane to each agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. To be considered, written comments on the scope and content of the EIR are due no later than 5:00 PM on November 24, 2020. Instructions about how to submit written comments are provided below.

*Remote participation*

Participants may join by clicking on the links below. The meeting may also be accessed at: <https://zoom.us/join> by entering the unique Meeting ID and password for each session listed below. To comment, dial \*9 to "raise your hand." To participate by telephone, see instructions below.

*Panel Session:* Great Oaks South Public Scoping Meeting  
<https://energy.zoom.us/j/97207519961?pwd=SHljbnlalL0dkYzI5MUFSbHI3YzNBZz09>.

*Meeting ID:* 972 0751 9961.

*Password:* 413740

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*Zoom:* If you experience difficulties, you may contact Zoom at 1-888-799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office via email or phone.

*Public Participation*

The CEC welcomes public participation in the small power plant exemption (SPPE) review process. A copy of the Great Oaks South Generating Facility SPPE application, the Notice of Preparation for the EIR, as well as other project information, can be found on the CEC website at:

<https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/greatoakssouth/>. To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming meetings and workshops, please subscribe to the project list serve, which can be accessed on the same project webpage. The list serve sends out e-mail notifications when documents and notices are posted to the project webpage. Comments may also be submitted via the project webpage.

For questions about the project, please contact, Lisa Worrall, Senior Environmental Planner, at (916) 661-8367 or by email at: [lisa.worrall@energy.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.worrall@energy.ca.gov).

The CEC's Public Advisor's Office is available to provide information on, and assistance with, public participation in CEC proceedings. The Public Advisor's

Office can be reached at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, and can also be contacted by email at: [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov).

Media questions should be directed to the CEC's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or by email at: [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

### Project Background

SV1, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Equinix, LLC (SV1 or applicant) filed an application with the CEC seeking a small power plant exemption (SPPE) from the CEC's jurisdiction for the Great Oaks South Backup Generating Facility (GOSBGF) (20-SPPE-01). The GOSBGF would be part of the Great Oaks South Data Center (GOSDC) to be located in the City of San Jose at 123, 127, and 131 Great Oaks Boulevard. The project was approved by the city on February 1, 2017, but not constructed. Since its approval, SV1, LLC has made project design changes and is now seeking approval of an SPPE for the GOSBGF.

The GOSDC would consist of three 182,350 square foot, two-story data center buildings. The project site is approximately 18-acres in size.

The GOSBGF would consist of 36 3.25-megawatt (MW) diesel-fired generators in six generation yards that would each be separately electrically interconnected to the three data center buildings. The GOSBGF would be used exclusively to provide backup generation and uninterruptible power supply for the GOSDC, and other than for routine maintenance and testing, would only operate in the event of a failure of the electrical service from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to the data center. In addition, the GOSBGF would include three life safety diesel fired generators, each capable of generating 0.50 MW. GOSBGF would have a generating capacity of up to 99.0 MW.

The GOSDC would connect to a new PG&E substation via five new 21 kilovolt (kV) distribution feeders that would extend underground either along Via Del Oro or along Great Oaks Boulevard, or via both routes to the project site. The California Public Utilities Commission has granted PG&E approval to construct the new substation, which is called the "Santa Teresa Substation".