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## **Notice of Public Scoping Meeting San Jose Data Center (19-SPPE-04)**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will hold a public scoping meeting remotely via Zoom on February 19, 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and receive comments on the scope of the environmental impact report (EIR) that CEC staff is preparing for the San Jose 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=19-SPPE-04>. 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 March 2, 2021. Instructions about how to submit written comments are provided below.

### *Remote participation*

Participants may join by clicking on the links below. To participate by telephone, see instructions below.

*Panel Session:* San Jose Data Center Public Scoping Meeting  
<https://energy.zoom.us/j/98763436987?pwd=WWcxcmRlYm1tZVlEdEVScFczSEpjdz09>.

The meeting may also be accessed at: <https://zoom.us/join> by entering the Meeting ID and password listed below.

*Meeting ID:* 987 6343 6987

*Password:* 385589

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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 (see contact information below).

### Public Participation

The CEC welcomes public participation in the small power plant exemption (SPPE) review process. A copy of the San Jose Data Center 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/sj2/>. 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

The applicant, Microsoft Corporation, is seeking an SPPE from the CEC's jurisdiction to proceed with local permitting rather than requiring certification by the CEC for the San Jose Data Center. The project is proposed at 1657 Alviso-

Milpitas Road in the City of San Jose. The project site is bound by vacant land to the north, Ranch Drive to the east, Milpitas Alviso Road to the south, and Zanker Road to the west.

The applicant proposes to construct and operate the project. The project would consist of two single-story data center buildings. To provide reliable operation of the data center in the event of loss of electrical service from the local electric utility provider, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the project includes 40 3.0-megawatt (MW) Tier 4 compliant standby diesel generators. The generators would provide electrical power to support the information technology (IT) load during utility outages or certain onsite electrical equipment interruptions or failures. The maximum electrical load of the data center would be 99 MW, although the estimated load is 92 MW, inclusive of IT equipment, ancillary electrical/ telecommunications equipment, and other electrical loads (administrative, heat rejection, and safety/security). The project also includes an onsite 115-kilovolt (kV) substation with two 115-kV electrical supply lines that would connect to PG&E's Los Esteros Substation, located adjacent to the site. The project would require offsite linears for potable water, reclaimed water, storm water, sanitary sewer, and electrical. No natural gas would be used onsite.