



# County of Yolo

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Yolo, as lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the below referenced project. The IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Yolo County has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the IS/MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

The Yolo County Planning Commission is **tentatively** scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed Use Permit on **December 14, 2017** at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street, Woodland, to hear public comments, discuss the project, and consider approval. A separate notice will be sent out in advance of the Planning Commission hearing.

The Capay Valley Citizens Advisory Committee is also **tentatively** scheduled to hold a meeting to consider a formal recommendation to the Planning Commission on the proposed Use Permit on **December 6, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall in Guinda

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**PROJECT TITLE:** King Flat Meteorological Towers Use Permit (ZF#2017-0066)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Three separate properties located in the Capay Hills, ranging from east of Brooks to east of Rumsey, and between the State Route 16 and the County 85 corridors (APNs: 061-150-002, 059-180-007, and 059-090-009)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project is a request for a Use Permit to construct three 60-Meter (197 feet) tall temporary Meteorological wind towers ("Met towers"). The applicant is Terra-Gen Development Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Terra-Gen, a renewable energy company.

Each Met tower would be a 60-Meter XHD NRG Talltowers™ with 3-foot by 3-foot base plates, and 24 guy wires. Guy wires, with industry-recognized bird deterring reflectors, would extend up to 30 meters from the base of the Met towers at 90-degree angles and be oriented to create an "X" pattern when viewed from overhead. Each guy wire will be attached to a temporary anchor that meets the design standards of the Met tower manufacturer, based on the underlying soil conditions.

Cup anemometers and wind direction vanes would be attached at to the Met tower at various heights to measure wind speed and direction. Each of the Met towers will be powered by a small solar cell, and battery. The Met towers will be unmanned, and aside from the tower and affixed apparatuses, no other equipment is proposed. The towers are temporary and would be decommissioned and removed from the project site within three years from the date of approval.

The three proposed Met towers will be located in the Capay Hills, east of State Route 16 and west of County Road 85, within an approximately 10 mile-long area (see Figure 1).

Tower #1 is sited at approximately the 1,457-foot elevation in the southeast portion of a 390-acre parcel (APN: 061-150-002, owned by the Hammerness family) that is zoned Agricultural Extensive (A-X). The site is accessed via County Road 15B from the east and unnamed dirt roads. The site is approximately three miles northeast of Brooks.

Tower #2 is proposed at approximately the 1,774-foot elevation in the western portion of a 157-acre parcel (APN: 059-180-007, owned by Hayes Trust, Findley & Hickey) that is zoned Agricultural Extensive (A-X). The site is accessed via County Road 57 near Guinda from the east and unnamed dirt roads. The site is approximately two and one-half miles east of Guinda.

Tower #3 is at approximately the 1,778-foot elevation in the southeast portion of a 310-acre parcel (APN: 059-090-009, owned by Bremer) that is zoned Agricultural Extensive (A-X). The site is accessed via County Road 57 near Guinda from the east and unnamed dirt roads. The site is approximately three miles east of Rumsey.

The parcels are not listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence **on October 27, 2017 and end on November 29, 2017** during which interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address within the public review period.

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is now available for public review at the following location during normal business hours: Yolo County Community Services Department, 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695. **The IS/MND has been posted to the Yolo County Web site and may be downloaded and printed at <http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division/current-projects>.** A PDF digital file of the IS/ND, or a hard (paper) copy of the IS/ND, is also available upon request from the Planning Division at the address or e-mail depicted below.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained from, and comments (written, e-mailed, or oral) may be directed to:

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All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing(s) or send written communications to the Yolo County Community Services Department no later than the relevant hearing date(s).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of a project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the hearings are closed.

**FIGURE 1**

