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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, 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.

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PROJECT TITLE: Putah Creek Energy Farm Use Permit (ZF#2019-0006)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of the intersection of State Route 128 and County Road 87D west of and adjacent to the City of Winters, CA 95694 (APN 030-200-016)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The "project" is a request for a Use Permit to construct and operate a 3 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage project that will be reviewed under the County's Small and Medium Solar Energy Systems Ordinance (Section 8-2.1104 of the Yolo County Code). The project is located on agriculturally-zoned property, currently planted in walnuts, and will cover approximately 19 acres of the 31-acre parcel. Adjacent to and south of the proposed project is the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Putah Creek Substation, with agricultural uses surrounding the project site to the north and west. Dry Creek, which runs along the northern and eastern sides of the project site, separates the project from a residential community in the City of Winters. The applicant operates the approximately 15-acre solar generation facility on the south side of the Putah Creek substation, which was constructed in 2014 under Use Permit ZF2013-017 approved in July 2013.

Mitigation to address potential impacts to agricultural, biological, and cultural resources is proposed to reduce project related environmental impacts to less than significant levels.

The parcel is 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 September 30, 2019 and end on October 30, 2019** 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/MND, or a hard (paper) copy of the IS/MND, is also available upon request from the Planning Division at the address or e-mail 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 send written communications to the Yolo County Community Services Department no later than commencement of the public review period.

The Yolo County Planning Commission is **tentatively** scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed project on **November 14, 2019** 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.

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 or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the public comment period is closed and at the public hearing(s) before the Planning Commission or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the hearings are closed.