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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SONRISA SOLAR PROJECT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2020110008; FRESNO COUNTY EIR NO. 7869

LEAD AGENCY: Fresno County

PROJECT TITLE: Sonrisa Solar Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is in unincorporated Fresno County, bounded by State Route 33 to the west, West Manning Avenue to the south, South Merced Avenue to the east, and West Adams Avenue to the north. West South Avenue bisects the site from east to west. Nearby communities include Tranquillity (7 miles east), Mendota (8 miles north), and San Joaquin (9 miles east). The Project site is approximately 2,000 acres and comprises 33 Fresno County Assessor Parcel Numbers (listed below) Twenty parcels would be developed with photovoltaic solar, 12 parcels would be associated with the interconnection and transmission line, and one parcel would be used for the substation and interconnection (shared with the Scarlet Solar facility).

028-071-15	028-071-36	028-071-02	028-071-33	028-071-35
028-071-40	028-071-41	028-071-43	028-071-44	028-071-45
028-071-55	028-071-20	028-071-07	028-071-17	028-071-16
028-071-21	028-071-06	028-071-01	028-071-04	028-071-13
028-101-74	028-101-72	028-071-39	028-111-01	028-111-07
028-111-10	028-111-13	028-111-14	028-111-15	028-111-16
028-111-17	028-111-19	028-071-47		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: EDP Renewables CA Solar Park VI, LLC applied to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3677 to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission an approximately 200-megawatt alternating current (MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility, 184 MWac energy storage system, and related facilities and infrastructure, known as the Sonrisa Solar Project. The Project would extend (by approximately 0.2 mile) and share use of an existing 3.3-mile long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to PG&E's existing Tranquillity Switching Station. In addition to the shared use of the transmission line and switching station, which is being considered as part of the Scarlet Solar EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2018091022, Fresno County EIR No. 7230), the Project would share other facilities with Scarlet Solar, including an electrical substation and operation and maintenance building. The Project is expected to be decommissioned after a 35-year permit term.

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SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The County has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report analyzing the environmental effects of the Project. No significant and unavoidable impacts would result. The Project would have a potential significant impact that could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level in the following areas: Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Paleontological Resources, Noise, and Transportation.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD/STATUS: The 45-day review and comment period for the Draft EIR begins July 3, 2024 and ends at 5 p.m. August 19, 2024. Comments should reference EIR No. 7869, Sonrisa Solar Project. Include your name, address, and phone number or email address so we may contact you for clarification, if needed. Send written comments to:

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Development Services and Capital Projects Division
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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations:

- Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department, 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA;
- Fresno County Main Library, Reference Department, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA;
- Fresno County Mendota Branch Library, 1246 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA; and
- Fresno County website: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/EIR>

NO PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING: Public comments may be restricted to written communication. No public meeting is scheduled to receive oral comments on the Draft EIR. Please submit input in writing. Future public meetings about the EIR and the Project will be separately noticed.