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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division has prepared and is making available for public inspection a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), CEQA's implementing regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §15000 et seq.), and the County's CEQA Procedures. The Final EIR identifies and analyzes potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and residual impacts for identified environmental resource areas. Potentially significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Paleontological Resources, Noise, and Transportation. To approve the Sonrisa Solar Project, the County would NOT need to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations as no significant and unavoidable impacts are identified. No Williamson Act contract cancellations are required for the project, as no parcels subject to such agreements are proposed for project use. The site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (the "Cortese list").

LEAD AGENCY: Fresno County

PROJECT TITLE: Sonrisa Solar Project

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).

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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 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider certifying the Final EIR and approving the project. The date, time, and location of all public hearings will be separately noticed, including by posting on the County's website (www.fresnocountyca.gov).

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AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL EIR:

An electronic copy of the Final EIR is available for all-hours access on the County's website: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/EIR>. Printed and electronic copies of the Final EIR, as well as electronic copies of reference materials, are available for review during normal working hours 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>