**Notice is Hereby Given:** The <u>City of Tulare</u> is the lead agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act, for the United States Cold Storage (USCS) Facility Solar Project – CUP 2020-11. The complete project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. All environmental impacts were determined to be less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Project Title: United States Cold Storage (USCS) Facility Solar Project, CUP 2020-11

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located on the north side of Levin Avenue, east of south 'O' Street within the City of Tulare California. The proposed solar array will occupy an approximately 2.2-acre portion of a 30.6-acre parcel (APN 181-080-007).

**Project Description:** Installation of an 810-kW direct current photovoltaic 15 panel array. The array will establish on an approximately 2.2-acre portion of a 30.6-acre parcel to offset energy use of an on-site industrial cold storage facility, United States Cold Storage, by 25%. The arrays will consist of solar panels installed on pile-driven steel structures, various pad top electrical equipment such as switchgear, transformers, and inverters, and overhead or underground electrical circuits. The arrays will be tied directly to a facility's electrical infrastructure behind the meter

**Document Availability and Public Review Timeline:** The draft Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review and comment. The review period for the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from <u>July 2, 2020</u> to <u>August 3, 2020</u>. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Tulare, 411 E. Kern Ave., Tulare, CA 93274. All comments must be submitted by August 3, 2020.

Please send your comments to Steven Sopp, Senior Planner, at the address shown above. Please provide the name for a contact person in your agency.

**Planning Commission Consideration:** The City of Tulare Planning Commission will consider Conditional Use Permit No. 2020-11 and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date: August 10, 2020 Time: at or after 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** City of Tulare Council Chambers

491 N. M Street Tulare, CA 93274