

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following described project in the County of Kern, State of California:

- a. Applicant, or sponsoring agency or department: The AES Corporation (formally sPower Development Corporation, Inc.) (PP17226);
- b. Name of Project: (a) Specific Plan Amendment No. 33, Map No. 231; Zone Change Case No. 154, Map No. 231; Conditional Use Permit No. 116, Map No. 231; Specific Plan Amendment No. 35, Map No. 231; Zone Change Case No. 155, Map No. 231; Conditional Use Permit No. 117, Map No. 231; Specific Plan Amendment No. 36, Map No. 231; Specific Plan Amendment No. 37, Map No. 231; Zone Change Case No. 156, Map No. 231; Conditional Use Permit No. 118, Map No. 231; Specific Plan Amendment No. 38, Map No. 231; Conditional Use Permit No. 119, Map No. 231; Conditional Use Permit No. 4, Map No. 231-20; Specific Plan Amendment No. 39, Map No. 231; Specific Plan Amendment No. 3, Map No. 231-20; Specific Plan Amendment No. 5, Map No. 231-21; Specific Plan Amendment No. 5, Map No. 231-28; Zone Change Case No. 3, Map No. 231-21; Zone Change Case No. 3, Map No. 231-28; Conditional Use Permit No. 3, Map No. 231-21; Conditional Use Permit No. 7, Map No. 231-28; Specific Plan Amendment No. 6, Map No. 231-21; Specific Plan Amendment No. 6, Map No. 231-28; Cancellation of Land Use Restrictions, Land Conservation Act, Agricultural Preserve No. 24 (Zoning Maps No. 231 and 231-20) and Contract Amending Land Use Contract;
- c. Street Address/Cross-Street of Project: Between Rosamond Boulevard and Avenue A and between 70th Street West and 90th Street West, adjacent to the community of Rosamond in the unincorporated Kern County

Map of Project (if no street address): Attached

- d. Description of Project The request to be considered is: The proposed Raceway Solar Project would involve construction and operation of five (5) solar photovoltaic (PV) power generating facilities, which would produce a combine total of approximately 271 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity with up to 271 megawatt hours MW energy storage on 1,270 acres of land in unincorporated Kern County. The proposal includes: **Raceway 2.0 Solar, Site 1:** (a) Amendment to the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 33, Map 231) from map code designation

7.1/4.4 (Light Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.1 (Light Industrial) on approximately 89 acres and from existing map code designation 7.2/4.4 (Service Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.2 (Service Industrial) on approximately six (6) acres; (b) Change in zone classification (ZCC 154, Map 231) from the existing zone district E (2 1/2) RS MH FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Mobilehome Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on approximately 92 acres; (c) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 116, Map 231) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a 15 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as related ancillary structures (Section 19.12.030.G), on 92 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District.

Raceway 2.0 Solar, Site 2: (a) Amendment to Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 35, Map 231) from map code designation 7.1/4.4 (Light Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.1 (Light Industrial) on approximately 42 acres and from map code designation 7.2/4.4 (Service Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.2 (Service Industrial) on approximately 48 acres; (b) Change in zone classification (ZCC 155, Map 231) from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on approximately 40 acres and from E (2 1/2) RS MH FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Mobilehome Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS on approximately 50 acres; (c) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 117, Map 231) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a 20 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as related ancillary structures (Section 19.12.030.G), on 90 acres in an A District; and (d) Amendment to the Willow Springs Specific Plan circulation element (SPA 36 Map 231) to eliminate road reservations along section and midsection lines in Section 32 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map 231.

Raceway 2.0 Solar, Site 3: (a) Amendment to Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 37, Map 231) from map code designation 7.1/4.4 (Light Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.1 (Light Industrial) on approximately 75 acres and from existing map code designation 7.2/4.4 (Service Industrial - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 7.2 (Service Industrial) on approximately 38 acres; (b) Change in zone classification (ZCC 156, Map 231) from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on approximately 510 acres; (c) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 118, Map 231) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a 106 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as ancillary structures (Section 19.12.030.G), on 510 acres in an A District; and (d) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 38, Map 231) to eliminate road reservations along section and midsection lines in Section 20 and 29 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map No. 231.

Raceway 2.0 Solar, Site 4: (a) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 119, Map 231) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a combined 70 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as ancillary structures (Section 19.12.030.G), on approximately 156 acres in an A District; (b) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 4 Map 231-20) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a combined 70 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as ancillary structures (Section 19.12.030.G), on approximately 154 acres in an A District; (c) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 39, Map 231) to eliminate road reservations along section and midsection lines in Section 20 and 29 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map No. 231; (d) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 3, Map 231-20) to eliminate road reservations along section and midsection lines in Section 20 and 29 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map No. 231-20; and (e) Cancellation of a Williamson Act Contract No. 20-06 on APNs: 374-011-04 and 374-011-11 (formerly known as APNs: 257-020-11 and 257-020-04).

Raceway 2.0 Solar, Site 5: (a) Amendment of Willow Springs Specific Plan Amendment (SPA 5, Map 231-21) from map code designation 5.3/4.4 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Comprehensive Planning Area) to 5.3 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre) on approximately 160 acres; (b) amendment of Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 5, Map 231-28) from map code designation 5.3/4.4/2.85 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Comprehensive Planning Area - Noise/Military Flight Operations) to 5.3/2.85 (Residential - Maximum 10 Units/Net Acre - Noise - Mobile Source) on approximately 80 acres; (c) Change in zone classification (ZCC 3, Map 231-21) from E (2 1/2) RS FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on approximately 160 acres; (d) Change in zone classification (ZCC 3, Map 231-28) from E (2 1/2) RS MH FPS (Estate - 2 1/2 acres - Residential Suburban Combining - Mobilehome Combining - Floodplain Secondary Combining) to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture - Floodplain Secondary Combining) on approximately 81 acres; (e) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 3, Map 231-21) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a combined 60 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as related ancillary activities (Section 19.12.030.G), on approximately 160 acres in an A District; (f) Conditional Use Permit (CUP 7, Map 231-28) to allow for the construction and operation of up to a combined 60 MW solar electrical generating facility, as well as related ancillary activities (Section 19.12.030.G), on approximately 81 acres in an A District; (g) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 6, Map 231-21) to eliminate road reservations along section and midsection lines in Sections 21 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map No. 231-21; and (h) Amendment to the Circulation Element of the Willow Springs Specific Plan (SPA 6, Map 231-28) to eliminate road reservations along

section and midsection lines in Section 21 of T.9N/R.13W, Zone Map No. 231-28.

2. Approval – Summary of Proceedings:

Adoption date August 24, 2021, Item No. 3 2:00 p.m.

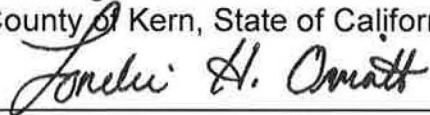
3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has determined that the project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Mitigation Measure Monitoring Program were prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines and were received and considered by this Board and certified as required by Section 15090 the State CEQA Guidelines.

5. Mitigation measures and a Mitigation Measure Monitoring Program were made as conditions of approval of the project. Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project, pursuant to Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

6. A copy of the EIR may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours at the following location: Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301, Telephone No. 868-3585.

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