

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Humboldt, as Lead Agency, in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) on the project described below. This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from January 12, 2021 to February 12, 2021.

PROJECT TITLE: Hatchery Road Solar Project

APPLICANT: Renewable Properties

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A small-scale commercial energy generating facility that would construct a 4 megawatt (MW) solar facility on approximately 25.70 acres. The proposed project includes approximately of 13,664 solar photovoltaic (PV) module arrays, 32 string inverters, and associated electrical conductors and equipment needed to convert sun energy into usable AC power. The project will enhance electrical reliability for the existing Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E's) grid system. A small drainage though the middle of the property will be avoided by a 150' setback leaving the remainder of the land area covered by the solar arrays, which will be mounted on a racking system attached to steel piles driven into the ground. Single axis tracking technology will be utilized to allow the modules to efficiently track the sun throughout the day and maximize the efficiency of solar collection. The project proposes ongoing agricultural uses on the property, including but not limited to sheep grazing or the keeping of honey bees, on a rotational basis whereby pasture areas would be occupied for variable periods, allowing pasture rest periods to promote optimal vegetation quality management and maintenance of the project's pollinator habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION: In Humboldt County, in the Blue Lake area, on the east side of Hatchery Road, approximately 3,700 feet south from the intersection of Hatchery Road and West End Road, on the property known to be in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31 of Township 06 North, Range 02 East, Humboldt Base & Meridian.

ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND WHERE COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED:

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department 3015 H Street Eureka, CA 95501

Specific questions regarding the proposed project and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be directed to Joshua Dorris, Planner, at (707) 268-3779.