## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

This notice is being provided pursuant to applicable law. **Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC** has requested approval of **Amendment 22-0003** to amend Use Permit 166-84 to construct a 93-foot-long by 27-foot-wide photovoltaic solar array, six (6) 35.42-foot-tall ground-mounted small wind turbines (43.42 tip height as measured from finished grade to vertical tip of the blade), wind and solar energy inverters and eleven (11) lithium batteries to be located in an existing utility building to serve as back-up power for an existing commercial wireless telecommunications facility. The property is developed with several commercial wireless telecommunications towers and large wind turbines that are part of the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project. The project site is located in the Montgomery Creek area on a 631-acre parcel situated on Hatchet Ridge owned by Sierra Pacific Land and Timber Company and is accessed from an unnamed spur road on the south side of Bunchgrass Lookout Road and intersects Bunchgrass Lookout Road approximately 5.6 miles northwest of the Bunchgrass Lookout Road/California State Highway 299 East intersection. Assessor's Parcel Number: 027-120-007. Supervisor District: 3. Planner: David Schlegel.

The Planning Commission of the County of Shasta, State of California, acting as the lead agency, will consider the recommended environmental determination and hold a public hearing on whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the project described in this notice. Based on an Initial Study, the Planning Commission will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration for the described project. A Negative Declaration is a statement that the project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment. **The public hearing to consider the project will be held on June 9, 2022, with the session beginning at 2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Commission will allow. The hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers located in the Shasta County Administration Center at 1450 Court Street, Room 263, Redding, California.

The public review period for the proposed Negative Declaration will begin on May 6, 2022, and end on June 6, 2022. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are encouraged and invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed actions or be present at the public hearing to be heard regarding the actions to be considered including, but not limited to, the proposed project, and the proposed determination of a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. To ensure consideration by the Commission, all written material concerning the proposed project should be submitted to the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001 as soon as possible and no later than three days prior to the hearing. All items presented to the Planning Commission before or during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, e-mail, petitions, photos, or maps, become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Planning Commission. It is advised that the presenter bring eight copies of anything presented to the Commission, that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records. Persons wishing to submit comments or appear before the Planning Commission are encouraged to first contact the staff planner listed for the project.

Please note that any challenge of the proposed action in court may be limited to addressing only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

A copy of the staff report and all attachments will be posted on the Shasta County Planning Division website and will be available for review at the **Department of Resource Management**, **Planning Division**, **1855 Placer Street**, **Suite 103**, **Redding**, **California 96001** at least 72 hours prior to the hearing; Telephone (530) 225-5532. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who may be interested in this information. (Publication Date: 05/06/22)