

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2023

TO: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE, AGENCIES, AND INTERESTED

PARTIES

FROM: CITY OF LANCASTER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILBILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TITLE: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) NO. 22-11

This notice is to advise responsible and trustee agencies as well as interested parties and those potentially affected by the project that the City of Lancaster has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project identified below (CUP No. 22-11). The City has determined that the project will not result in significant environmental impacts with the implementation of the identified mitigation measures.

Project Description: The applicant (Heliogen, Inc.) proposes to expand their existing Research and Development facility to include hydrogen production, processing, storing, and dispensing; electricity production using a photovoltaic field; and synthetic fuel production and storage. The expansion is part of the research and development phase is not intended for commercial production.

Location: The project site is located 431 East Avenue K-4 in the City of Lancaster, California. Specifically, the proposed project is located on Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 3126-031-901 and 3126-031-902. The parcels were previously developed with the City's golf center. A portion of the property is currently being utilized as Heliogen's existing Research & Development facility and the remainder of the property is currently unutilized. The property is zoned Specific Plan No. 80-02 (SP 80-02) (Lancaster Business Park).

Mitigation Measures: Mitigation measures have been identified for air quality, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise.

Availability of Documents: The IS/MND is available for review at:

- The Lancaster Public Library located at 601 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA
- City of Lancaster offices located at 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA
- Online at https://www.cityoflancasterca.org/about-us/departments-services/development-services/planning/environmental-review

Comment Period: The comment period for this IS/MND starts on February 7, 2023 and closes on March 9, 2023. You are encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed IS/MND and/or the merits of the proposed project. You may do so by submitting written comments to the address or email below and the comments should be received no later than March 9, 2023.

Lead Agency Name and Address

City of Lancaster Attention: Jocelyn Swain, Senior Planner 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534 jswain@cityoflancasterca.gov

The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its March 20, 2023 meeting.

Jocelyn Swain Senior Planner