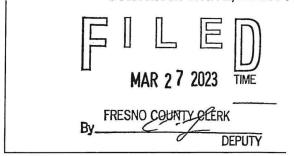


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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE. DIRECTOR



For County Clerk's Stamp

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 8116 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO. 8116 for UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3718 filed by APACHE ENERGY STORAGE 1, LLC, proposing to allow the construction, operation, and ultimate decommissioning of a battery energy storage system consisting of lithium-ion based battery modules housed in purpose-built metal enclosures with integrated power conversion equipment, fire suppression system, transformer and 115kV transmission poles for the overhead wires crossing McCall Avenue for interconnection to nearby PG&E Sanger substation. The project will be located on an approximately 11.3-acre portion of a 37.56-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture; 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the northeast corner of S. McCall and E. Jensen Avenues approximately 1.26 miles west of the city limits of City of Sanger (APN: 314-080-36) (10018 E. Jensen Avenue) (Sup. Dist. 4).

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 8116 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from April 1, 2023 through May 1, 2023.

Email written comments to eahmad@co.fresno.ca.us, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division Attn: Ejaz Ahmad 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721 E2023/0000083

IS Application No. 8116 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays). An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Ejaz Ahmad at the addresses above.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II covers the programs, services, activities, and facilities owned or operated by state and local governments like the County of Fresno ("County"). Further, the County promotes equality of opportunity and full participation by all persons, including persons with disabilities. Towards this end, the County works to ensure that it provides meaningful access to people with disabilities to every program, service, benefit, and activity, when viewed in its entirety. Similarly, the County also works to ensure that its operated or owned facilities that are open to the public provide meaningful access to people with disabilities.

To help ensure this meaningful access, the County will reasonably modify policies/ procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. If, as an attendee or participant at the meeting, you need additional accommodations such as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print material, electronic materials, Braille materials, or taped materials, please contact the Current Planning staff as soon as possible during office hours at (559) 600-4497 or at ipotthurst@fresnocountyca.gov. Reasonable requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent reasonably feasible.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 18, 2023, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions, please call Ejaz Ahmad at (559) 600-4204.

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