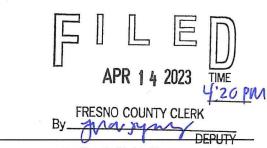


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STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



For County Clerk's Stamp

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 8210 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO. 8210 and **UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3738** filed by **H2B2 USA**, **LLC**, proposing to allow the construction, operation and ultimate decommissioning of a solar energy generating facility to provide power to an existing commercial hydrogen generation facility on an approximately 40-acre portion of an approximately 324-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the south side of State Route 180 (West Whitesbridge Avenue) approximately 1.5 miles west of its nearest intersection with S. James Road and is approximately 8.0 miles east of the City of Mendota and approximately 8.0 miles west of the City of Kerman (APN 015-100-20S) (SUP. DIST.: 1). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 8210, and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3738 with Findings and Conditions.

(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 No. 8210 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 19, 2023, through May 18, 2023.

Email written comments to jshaw@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning

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IS No. 8210 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), or at <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us/</u>initialstudies. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Jeremy Shaw at the addresses above.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 8, 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 Jeremy Shaw (559) 600-4207.

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