**CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles will consider adoption of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and approval of the following project:

Project Title: Firestone Solar Phase II

Applicant: REC Solar

Project Location: Northern end of Ramada Drive / east of US Hwy 101; APNs: 009-631-018

Project Description: Planned Development (PD22-21), Conditional Use Permit (CUP 22-21). The project is a solar system consisting of 210,705 square feet of photovoltaic (PV) area. The system includes a 1.2-megawatt (MW) ground-mounted single axis tracker system on approximately 4.84-acres of a 13.75-acre field located southeast of Firestone’s main building operations, adjacent to another existing solar system.

The Public Review Period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on Monday, April 24, 2023, and conclude on May 23, 2023.

**FINDING**

The City of Paso Robles has reviewed the above project in accordance with the City of Paso Robles’ Rules and Procedures for the Implementation of the California Environmental quality Act and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report need not be prepared because:

[ ]  The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

[x]  Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures included in the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and hereby made a part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration have been added to the project.

The Initial Study which provides the basis for this determination is available at the City of Paso Robles, Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

**NOTICE**

The public is invited to provide written comment on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or to provide oral comment at the Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for May 23, 2023. The appropriateness of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered in light of the comments received.

Questions about and comments on the proposed project and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be mailed to the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 or e-mailed to planning@prcity.com provided that any comments are received prior to the time of the review period ends. Should you have any questions about this project, please call (805) 237-3970 or send email to planning@prcity.com.

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