

Notice of Public Hearing / Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the Alameda County has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below.

Project Description: CalSun Solar (Mitch Weinberg, Byron Highway Energy Center, LLC), the Project Applicant, proposes a solar photovoltaic energy generation and storage project, consisting of single axis tracking solar photovoltaic panel arrays capable of producing approximately 20 MW of electricity, and a battery system able to store approximately 20 MW of energy. The CalSun site is in the northeastern corner of Alameda County, California on a single 112.8-acre parcel. The site is an irregular polygon bordered on the northeast by the Byron-Bethany Road (County Road J4, also known as Byron-Bethany Highway), and on the west by Mountain House Road. The Contra Costa County line also intersects with the northern tip of the project site. The portion of the site to be developed for the solar generation and energy storage facility is 89.1 acres in size. A high voltage transmission line corridor runs through the center of the site and the solar panels would be deployed both north and south of it. The facility would include the photovoltaic panels, inverters, and on-site substation, and a connection with the PG&E 70 kV Herdlyn-Tracy transmission line located along Mountain House Road adjacent to the site or to the 12kV lines located directly to the east along Byron Highway. The project would require no new transmission line.

Project Location: Assessor's Parcel Number 99B-7100-3-1, no numbered street address. The site is in Township 1S, Range 2E, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, Rancho Pescadero.

Finding: On the basis of the Initial Study, the Alameda County Planning Department has determined that with the incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Initial Study, the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The project site is not on a list (Cortese List- Hazardous Materials) compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project is not considered a project of statewide, regional or area wide significance. The proposed project will not affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation.

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein are available for public review at Alameda County Planning Department (224 West Winton Avenue, Room 111, Hayward, CA 94544), the East County Office Martinelli Center (3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA, 94550), and on the County website: <https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/>.

The 30-day public review for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will start on September 14, 2018 and end on October 15, 2018. All comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are due no later than the close of the 30-day public review period at 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2018. Please submit comments to the Alameda County Planning Department (224 West Winton Avenue, Room 111) or email to Andrew Young at andrew.young@acgov.org or to Bruce Jensen at bruce.jensen@acgov.org with "CalSun - Byron Highway Solar" as the subject.

A public hearing to take public testimony, including possible adoption of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, will be held by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments, on October 25, 2018:

Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: City of Pleasanton Council Chambers
200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

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Date of Notice: September 13, 2018
