NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

A Final Environmental Impact Report for Special Use Permit No. PSP 22-006 has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review by appointment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394, (559) 624-7016, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am). For further information regarding this project, please call Sandy Roper at (559) 624-7101 or email him at <u>sroper@tularecounty.ca.gov</u>. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

PROJECT: Special Use Permit No. PSP 22-006

APPLICANT: 22SV 8me LLC

LOCATION: The Project site is located west of State Route (SR) 65 and generally located north of Avenue 56, east of Road 200, south of Avenue 75, and west of Road 224. The Project is located near the unincorporated community of Ducor, a census designated place, in south central Tulare County, and is located on Tulare County Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 319-160-007; 320-360-005; 321-010-002 & -003; and 321-140-009 & -011. Neighboring unincorporated communities include Terra Bella to the north and Richgrove to the southwest. The Rexford 2 Project site is located in close proximity to the previously approved Rexford 1 Project (PSP 19-073), with two parcels being immediately adjacent to the Rexford 1 Project. Rexford 2 is intended to share some common facilities that are already approved for construction associated with the Rexford 1 Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Use Permit No. PSP 22-006 requests to allow a 500 megawatt-alternating current ("MW-AC") utility-scale solar farm with up to 500 MW-AC of energy storage capacity on six (6) Assessor's Parcel Numbers ("APNs") encompassing approximately 1,200 acres of land in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 Acre Minimum) Zone and the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 Acre Minimum) Zone.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

REVIEW PERIOD: 10 days until September 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission on September 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings are held in the Human Resources and Development Department, Innovation Conference Room, located at 2500 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291. **PLANNING COMMISSION** meetings start at 9:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. Meeting Agendas, Documents, Live Broadcasts and Archived Recordings are available at the following link: <u>https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/planning-commission/</u>

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, **members of the public are encouraged**

to participate in the Planning Commission meetings in the following ways: Remote Viewing - Listen to the live audio stream of the Planning Commission meetings. Instructions on how to participate in the live meeting can be found at the following link:

https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/planning-commission/planning-commissionwebsite-information/

For environmental questions, please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at 624-7000. If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Economic Development and Planning Branch, within the review period described herein. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

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