

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
ANGELA SOLAR PROJECT (PSP 19-083)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Angela Solar Project (PSP 19-083). The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. 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.

1. **PROJECT:** Angela Solar, Special Use Permit PSP 19-083.
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Angiola East, LLC
5601 E. Slauson Ave, Ste 101
Commerce, CA 90040
3. **LOCATION:** The site is located on two noncontiguous sites along Avenue 42, approximately two miles southeast of the community of Alpaugh, within Tulare County, California. The project site is located on Tulare County APNs 330-100-026, 045, 046 & 330-110-007, 013 & 330-130-005, 006, 007, 031, and is located within the Allensworth 7.5-minute USGS Quadrangle. The site lies within Sections 2, 3, & 10, Township 24 S, Range 23 E, MDB&M.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** a 40 MW solar generation facility located on approximately 277 acres in Tulare County. The project will primarily consist of photovoltaic panels, a single axis tracker system, inverters and transformers, electric cabling and communication lines, on-site switchgear, generation-tie lines, access roads, and a security fence. The project also includes an approximate 1-mile transmission line that will interconnect at the Olive Substation and may include an 80 MWhr battery storage component.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** A copy of the MND will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, at the address above, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am). Due to the coronavirus emergency, an appointment will be necessary to view the document at RMA.

A copy of the MND may also be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Tulare County Web Site: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/angela-solar-project-19-083/>.

State Clearinghouse Web Site: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> (enter the project name in the search bar).

at the Visalia (Main Branch) Library located at 200 W. Oak Ave., Visalia, CA 93291; or on the County web site at:

And if open to the public before the end of the 30-day commenting period, at the Visalia Main Branch Library, 200 W. Oak Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291 and at the Alpaugh Branch Library, 3816 Avenue 54, Alpaugh, CA 93201.

6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** May 21, 2020 – June 19, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@co.tulare.ca.us (**para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Thursday, May 21, 2020**, and ending on **Friday, June 19, 2020**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

REED SCHENKE, P.E., ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER