

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of Tulare County's intent to adopt a **Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011** as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 for the approval of **Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011**. The **Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011** 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.

**PROJECT:** Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011

**APPLICANT/AGENT:** Deer Creek Solar 1 LLC/ESA-Cory Barringhaus

**LOCATION:** On the north side of Avenue 96 (Terra Bella Avenue), bounded on the west by Road 224 and on the east by Road 232, approximately 0.5 miles west of Terra Bella.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for PSP 18-011; and Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011 to allow the construction and operation of a 70MW solar generation facility on a 378-acre site comprised of two parcels in the AE-10 (Exclusive Agriculture – 10 acre minimum) and AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 acre minimum) Zones.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-011 as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

**REVIEW PERIOD:** 10 days until Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. For further information regarding this project, please call **Dana Mettlen (559) 624-7000** or for environmental questions please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at 624-7121.

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.

HECTOR GUERRA, CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER  
REED SCHENKE, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER