

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Tulare 40 Generation Facility Project (PSP 23-012)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tulare 40 Generation Facility Project, Special Use Permit PSP 23-012. 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:** Tulare 40 Generation Facility Project (PSP 23-012)
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Coldwell Solar 1, LLC
3. **LOCATION:** The proposed Project is in an unincorporated area of southern Tulare County, California. The Project site is located approximately 5 miles east of the City of Tulare and is west of Road 164. The Project site is addressed as 16398 Avenue 208, Strathmore, CA. The Project will be located on two separate properties/locations. The northern Project development area is located approximately 0.50 miles north of the intersection of Avenue 208/Road 164. The southern development area is located south of the intersection Avenue 208/Road 164 (immediately adjacent to and south and west of the SCE Bliss substation). The site is located within the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Cairns Corner 7.5 Minute Quadrangle. It lies within Sections 23, 24, 25, & 26; Township 20 South; Range 25 East, MDB&M within APNs 196-020-012 (on 153 acres of the northern portion) and 196-030-004 (on approximately 160 acres of the southern portion).
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Coldwell Solar 1, LLC (Applicant) is proposing the construction and operation of the Tulare 40 Generation Facility Project, an approximate 40-megawatt (MW) solar generation facility on two parcels totaling approximately 160 acres in western Tulare County, California. The Project site development area is located both north and south of Avenue 208, west of Road 164. The installation would comprise approximately 68,040 single axis mounted solar modules, rated at 650 watts per module. It should be noted that watts per module may increase at time of Project construction; however, for planning purposes we have included an approximate module output of 650 watts. In addition to the installation of photovoltaic (PV) solar modules, the proposed development area of the Project would include the construction of an on-site substation, wiring and inverters, fence, access roads, and a new very short distribution interconnect power line to the existing substation located directly adjacent to the Project location at the Southern California Edison (SCE) Bliss Substation. The southern development area of the Project would potentially include a 20 (MW) storage component in the form of batteries. The life of the Project is anticipated to be 35 years.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; at the Visalia Main Branch

Library at 200 W. Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291, (559) 713-2700; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/tulare-40-generation-facility-ppsp-23-012/>.

6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** March 29, 2023 – April 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@tularecounty.ca.gov (**para Español llame (559) 624-7000**).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**, and ending on **Friday, April 28, 2023**, 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