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 24-08/27/2025-0025
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LEAD AGENCY MERCED COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/27/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2025-EIR-106	
PROJECT TITLE		

ZETA SOLAR GENERATION AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT-SOLAR BENEFITS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME ZETA SOLAR, LLC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2222 M STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95340

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____
 Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

 Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
 County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____ 50.00
 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other 705282
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Lea Holguin</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Lea Holguin Deputy Clerk
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FILED**August 27, 2025****MATT H. MAY****COUNTY CLERK****Notice of Determination**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of Merced
2222 M Street
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From: Merced County
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Contact: Tiffany Ho
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By *Lea Z. Delgum*
Deputy Clerk

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070088

Project Title: Zeta Solar Generation and Battery Energy Storage System Project – Solar Benefits Agreement Implementation Plan

Project Applicant: Zeta Solar, LLC

Project Location: Poleline Road and First Lift Canal Road, Merced County (APNs 090-130-018, 090-130-044, 090-130-060, 088-180-063, 090-103-059)

Project Description:

Approval of the Solar Benefits Agreement Implementation Plan for the Zeta Solar Generation and Battery Energy Storage System Project.

The County previously approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP22-015 for the Zeta Project on February 26, 2025, authorizing the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a 75 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility, battery energy storage system (BESS) with a storage capacity of up to 8 hours of 75 MW, onsite Project substation, and other associated infrastructure. The County also made CEQA findings and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program on February 26, 2025. A Notice of Determination was filed for those approvals on February 28, 2025.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above-referenced Solar Benefits Agreement Implementation Plan on August 26, 2025 and has made the following determinations.

1. The County previously determined that the Zeta Project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report previously was certified for the Zeta Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures previously were were not made a condition of the approval of the Zeta Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan previously was was not adopted for the Zeta Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings previously were were not made pursuant to provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the previously certified final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the County of Merced Community & Economic Development, 2222 "M" Street, 2nd Floor, Merced, CA 95340, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

**Signature &
Date:**

Digitally signed by
Tiffany Ho
Tiffany Ho
Date: 2025.08.27
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Title: 8/27/2025

**Date Received
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MATT H. MAY
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LEAD AGENCY MERCED COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/28/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0000029	
PROJECT TITLE ZETA SOLAR GERATION AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MERCED COUNTY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 385-7654
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2222 M STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95340

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

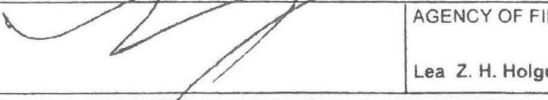
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	<u>4,123.50</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 4,173.50

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Lea Z. H. Holguin Deputy Clerk
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070088

Project Title: Zeta Solar Generation and Battery Energy Storage System Project

Project Applicant: Zeta Solar, LLC

Project Location: Poleline Road and First Lift Canal Road, Merced County (APNs 090-130-018, 090-130-044, 090-130-060, 088-180-063, 090-103-059)

Project Description:

The Project would involve the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility, battery energy storage system (BESS), onsite Project substation, and other associated infrastructure. The Project would generate approximately 75 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) of renewable energy and include a storage capacity of up to 8 hours of 75 MW of AC. The Project is located on all or portions of several contiguous parcels, totaling approximately 650 acres (Project site), plus an additional 1,700-foot-long generation-tie (gen-tie) line to deliver power from the Project to Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E's) existing Mercy Springs Substation (point of interconnection) in unincorporated Merced County, located approximately 0.25 mile north of the Project site.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above project described on 02/26/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made pursuant to provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the County of Merced Community & Economic Development, 2222 "M" Street, 2nd Floor, Merced, CA 95340, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Signature & Date:	Tiffany Ho	Digitally signed by Tiffany Ho Date: 2025.02.28 08:46:26 -08'00'	Title: Deputy Director of Planning
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0000066	

PROJECT TITLE
ZETA SOLAR GENERATION AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT-AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE REMOVAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME ZETA SOLAR, LLC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 385-7654
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2222 M STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95340

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
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 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070088

Project Title: Zeta Solar Generation and Battery Energy Storage System Project – Agricultural Preserve Removal

Project Applicant: Zeta Solar, LLC

Project Location: Poleline Road and First Lift Canal Road, Merced County (APNs 090-130-018, 090-130-044, 090-130-060, 088-180-063, 090-103-059)

Project Description:

Approval of the Agricultural Preserve Removal for the Zeta Solar Generation and Battery Energy Storage System Project.

The County previously approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP22-015 for the Zeta Project on February 26, 2025, authorizing the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a 75 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility, battery energy storage system (BESS) with a storage capacity of up to 8 hours of 75 MW, onsite Project substation, and other associated infrastructure. The County also made CEQA findings and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program on February 26, 2025. A Notice of Determination was filed for those approvals on February 28, 2025.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above-referenced Agricultural Preserve Removal on May 27, 2025 and has made the following determinations.

1. The County previously determined that the Zeta Project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report previously was certified for the Zeta Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures previously were were not made a condition of the approval of the Zeta Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan previously was was not adopted for the Zeta Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings previously were were not made pursuant to provisions of CEQA.

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Community & Economic Development Director

Date:

5/27/25

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