

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2024050219

Project Title: Cornucopia Hybrid ProjectLead Agency: Fresno County Department of Public WorksContact Person: Jeremy ShawMailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth FloorPhone: (559) 600-4207City: FresnoZip: 93721County: Fresno**Project Location:** County: Fresno CountyCity/Nearest Community: AvenalCross Streets: State Route 33 (Lost Hills Road) and Sutter AvenueZip Code: 93210Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 3 ' 8.5 " N / -120 ° 12 ' 3.5 " W Total Acres: 2,446Assessor's Parcel No.: See attachedSection: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: Mt. DiabloWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: noneWaterways: noneAirports: noneRailways: noneSchools: none**Document Type:**

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☒ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☒ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Variance

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☒ Power: Type Hybrid Solar Generation MW 300
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☐ Other: _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: GHG, Energy, TCR

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:Zoning: AE-20 (exclusive agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size); General Plan designation: Agriculture**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The Applicant submitted an unclassified conditional use permit (CUP No. 3777) and accompanying Variance application (variance no. 4184) to construct, operate, maintain, and ultimately decommission the Cornucopia Hybrid Project on approximately 2,446 acres in western Fresno County. The Project consists of three main components: a photovoltaic solar facility with a 300 megawatt (MW) alternating current (ac) generating capacity with associated substation, a 300 MWac energy storage system, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company infrastructure improvements, including a 230 kilovolt (kV) switching station to interconnect the Project to the regional electric grid. The substation would include an electrical control building and would tie into the PG&E switching station via a new transmission line. The energy storage system would use lithium-ion, lithium-ion and iron-flow, or sodium sulfur batteries and would be located adjacent to the substation, with a footprint of approximately 12 acres in size. On-site support facilities for the Project would include power conversion systems, including bi-directional inverters, transformers, and associated connection lines; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units or a liquid cooling system for the ESS; fencing; access roads; a supervisory control and data acquisition system; two prefabricated structures to be used for operation and maintenance (O&M) services and for control services; and security lighting. In addition, the Project site is located on parcels subject to Williamson Act agricultural preserve contracts, and the Project site would be required to be petitioned for cancellation of the Williamson Act contracts by the property owner(s) as part of the Project.

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☐ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☒ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>6</u>	☒ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☒ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☒ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☒ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☒ Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley APCD</u>
☐ Housing & Community Development	☒ Other: <u>Southern San Joaquin Valley Archaeological Info Center</u>
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date Wednesday, January 28, 2026 Ending Date Friday, March 13, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Jeremy Shaw Date: 1/23/2026

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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Cornucopia Hybrid Solar Project (Fresno County EIR 8511)

The Project site consists of the following Assessor Parcel Numbers located within Township 21 South, Range 16 East, Sections 34, 35, and 36; Township 22 South, Range 16 East, Sections 1, 2; and Range 17 East, Section 6 of the Avenal, California United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute Topographical Quadrangle Map:

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