

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD)

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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To: County Clerk
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

24ORD-00028, 24ORD-00029,
24ORD-00030, 26GPA-00005,
and 26GPA-00006

Utility-Scale Solar Amendments Project

25EIR-00003

Project Number

Project Title

EIR or ND Number

2024110254

County of Santa Barbara, Planning and
Development Department

(805) 568-2000

State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency

Area Code/Telephone

PROJECT APPLICANT: County of Santa Barbara

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to remove the 600-acre utility-scale solar overlay restriction in Cuyama Valley and allow such utility-scale solar projects with Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) on various zoned lands throughout the unincorporated county. It also introduces a new "community-scale" solar category for smaller facilities and provides a permitting framework and standards for solar projects, including small-scale solar development. The project aims to streamline solar permitting processes and update multiple county plans and regulations to meet state requirements including the County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan; Coastal Land Use Plan; County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC); Montecito LUDC; Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance; and Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones (Uniform Rules).

This is to advise that the County Board of Supervisors approved the above described project on September 1, 2026, 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.

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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 the provisions of CEQA.
7. The project ☒ did ☐ did not] require discretionary approval from a state agency.

This is to certify that the final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

☐ Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 123 East Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101

☐ Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 624 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455

☒ Online: <https://www.countyofsb.org/792/Utility-Scale-Solar-Comprehensive-Plan>



Supervising Planner

September 2, 2026

Signature (Public Agency)

Title

Date

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