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REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: July 1, 2026

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

From Lead Agency: Kings County Community Development Agency
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building #6, Hanford, California 93230

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit No. 25-04 (Rex Solaire Solar and Storage Project)

Project Applicant: Rex Solaire Solar and Storage, LLC – Simon Day

Subject: Revised Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

In November 2025, the Kings County Community Development Agency issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15082) to inform agencies and interested parties that an environmental impact report (EIR) would be prepared for the Rex Solaire Solar and Storage Project (Project). The 2025 NOP stated that the Project involved the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of an 18,381 acre utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation and energy storage facility. The Project has since been expanded to a 20,600 acre utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation and energy storage facility, thereby requiring issuance of this revised NOP. A summary description of the Project as it is currently proposed, its location, background, and the potential environmental effects to be addressed in the EIR are provided below in this Revised NOP.

This Revised NOP has been released to provide sufficient information about the modified project to allow agencies and interested parties the opportunity to provide a meaningful response related to the scope and content of the EIR, including mitigation measures that should be considered and alternatives that should be addressed.

The Kings County Community Development Agency will be the Lead Agency in the preparation of an EIR. An Initial Study has been prepared for this project which includes a description of the project, environmental setting, and potential environmental impacts (available for download at <https://www.countyofkingsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/41022/639178315944317569>). Your agency may need to use this EIR prepared by Kings County when considering permits or other approvals which your agency requires to issue permits related to this project. If your agency requires particular environmental information pertinent to your agency's statutory responsibilities included in the document, please submit that information to the Kings County Community Development Agency. The response of responsible and trustee agencies should be sent at the earliest possible date. Time limits mandated by State law require that responses be sent **no later than 30 days after receipt of this Notice (July 31, 2026 at 5:00 PM)**. Responses should include a contact name at your agency and can be sent to:

Contact Person: Noelle Tomlinson, Planner III

By Mail to: Kings County Community Development Agency
Attn: Noelle Tomlinson, Planner
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building #6, Hanford, California 93230

By Email to: Noelle.tomlinson@co.kings.ca.us

Scoping Meeting: A Scoping Meeting to solicit input from public agencies and members of the public regarding the scope and content of the EIR will be held on **July 14, 2026 starting at 3:00 pm until 3:30 pm**, at the Kings County Agricultural Department Multi-Purpose Room located at 680 N. Campus Dr. Suite B, Hanford, CA 93230. The public scoping meeting may also be viewed remotely via Teams using the information below.

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/276569347397472?p=2AsMFRPVeIPd9kXGKE>

Meeting ID: 276 569 347 397 472

Passcode: 59AK2FB9

During the scoping session, the County will solicit input from the public and agencies on specific topics they believe should be addressed in the environmental analysis. The scoping process is designed to enable the County to determine the scope and content of the EIR and identify potentially significant environmental effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in the EIR.

Project Description: The Kings County Community Development Agency has received an application for a land development permit that proposes to construct, operate, and eventually decommission a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation and energy storage facility on approximately 20,600 acres. The Project consists of tracking solar PV panel arrays with a nominal output of up to 2,800 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) at the point of interconnection and battery energy storage with a capacity of up to 11.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh). Other project components include project substations, an underground collection system, and a gen-tie line that would connect the project substations to up to two switchyards located adjacent to the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) transmission corridor. The project would also include telecommunication facilities and an operations and maintenance facility.

Project Location: The project site is located immediately east of Interstate 5 and south of Utica Ave., on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 046-010-012 thru -021, 046-080-001, -004 thru -007, -010, -011, 048-030-016, -017, -026 thru -028, 048-040-007 thru -015, -020 thru -027, -049, -050, -052 thru -059, -061, 048-190-005, -010, -013, -014, -018, -019, -020, -024, 048-200-022 thru -026, -028, -031, -033, -035, -043, -045, -047, -048, -051, -053, 048-260-005, -006, -013, 048-270-001, -002, -010, -011, -012, -021, 048-280-026, -027, -028 & 048-300-006, -021, -024, -031, 048-370-015, -017, & -018. Figure 1 below shows the regional location of the project, and Figure 2 shows the project location in more detail.

Potential Environmental Effects: The environmental analysis in the Draft EIR will include potential construction, operation, and decommissioning impacts and project-specific and cumulative effects. Based on existing conditions and current available information, it is anticipated that the following topics could result in potential significant environmental impacts: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. These impacts will be analyzed in detail in the EIR. It is anticipated that the proposed project would not have the potential to adversely affect energy, mineral resources, population and housing, and recreation.

Our office appreciates your time and assistance with this project review. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Noelle Tomlinson at noelle.tomlinson@co.kings.ca.us or (559) 852-2697.

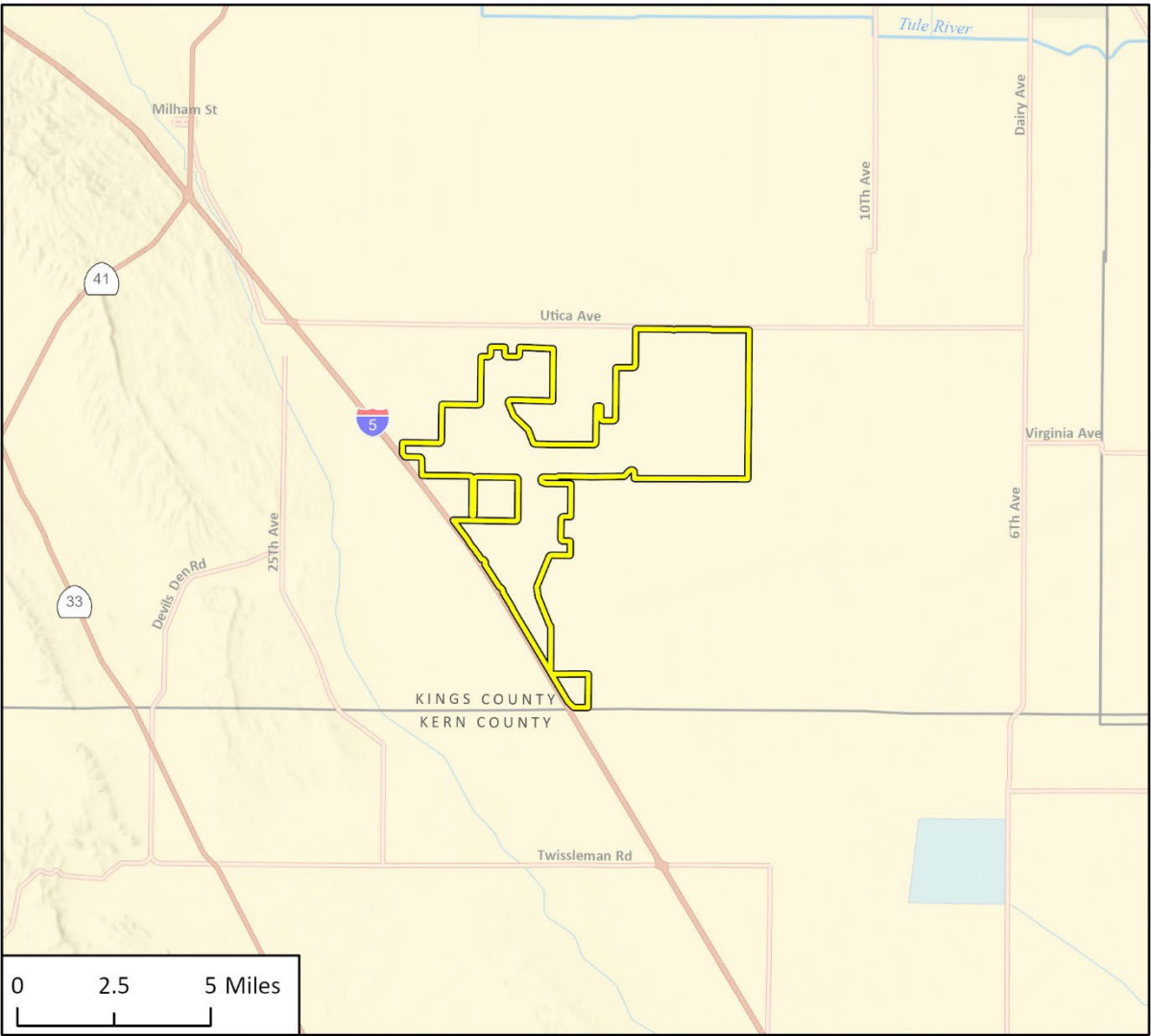
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/s/Chuck Kinney

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Figure 1 Regional Location

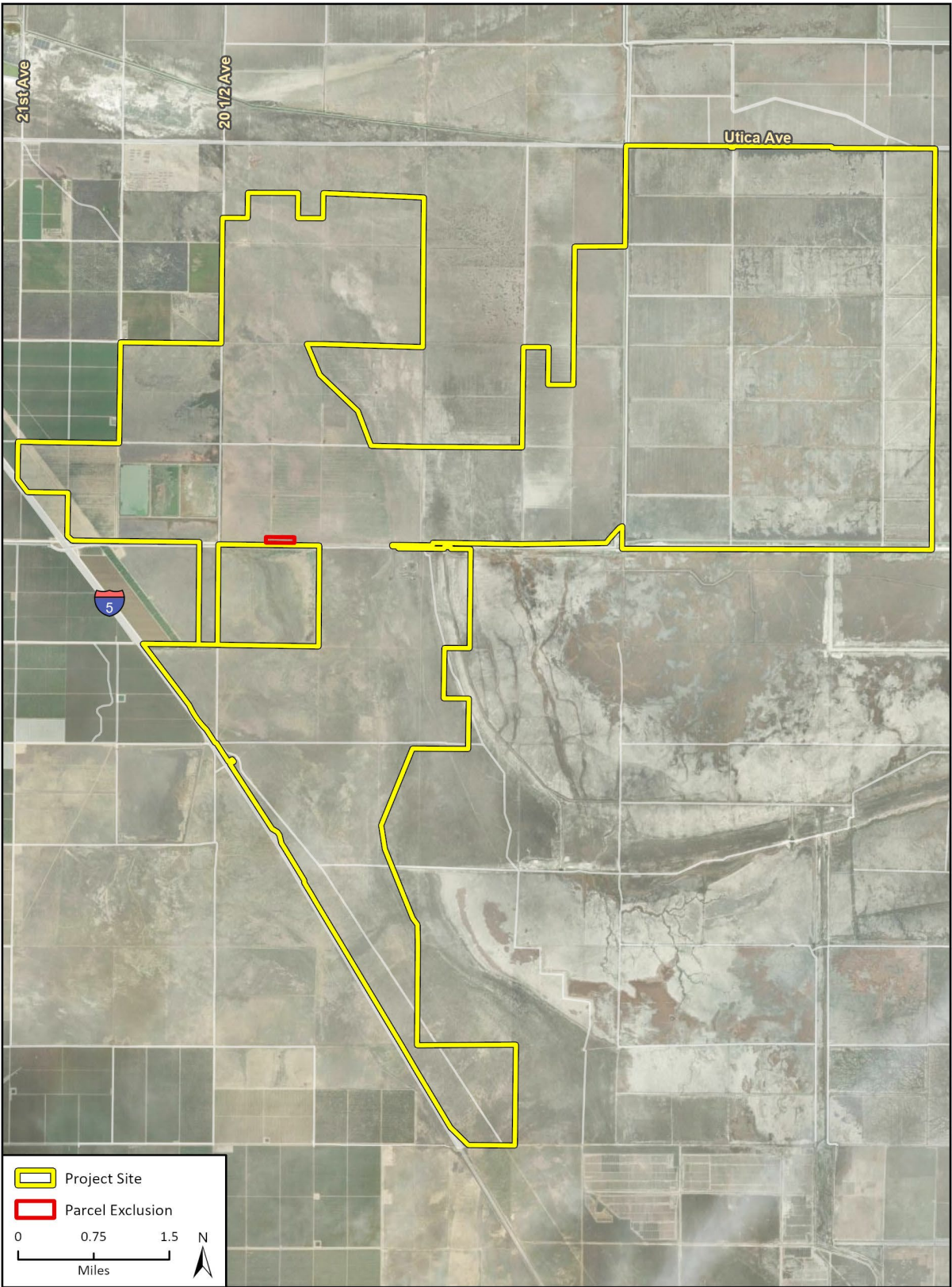


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Fig 1 Regional Location



Figure 2 Project Site



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