NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY Calaveras County Planning Department
891 Mountain Ranch Rd.
San Andreas, CA 95249

2024-086 CUP for Double Springs Energy Storage, LLC

The application proposes to construct a utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) consisting of up to 240 prefabricated battery enclosures with an on-site substation. The BESS facility will be composed of lithium-ion or comparable batteries installed within modular outdoor enclosures, and contain inverters, medium-voltage transformers, switchgear, fire suppression systems, communication facilities, and other associated equipment to connect the project to the PG&E Valley Springs Substation. The project is intended to provide a reliable source of auxiliary energy to stabilize the local transmission grid, as well as receive, store, and discharge electricity from the electric grid. The attached Project Narrative provides further information regarding the proposed development.

The project site consists of three separate parcels (APNs 040-002-017, 040-002-018, and 040-002-019) totaling approximately 15 acres. The project site is approximately one-quarter mile west of Highway 26 on Double Springs Road in Valley Springs and is immediately adjacent to the PG&E Valley Springs Substation. The site is located in a portion of Section 9, T04N, R11E, MDB&M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Calaveras County Planning Department has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the above-described project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on December 5, 2025, through January 5, 2026, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address or kstefani@calaverascounty.gov within the public review period. Comments can also be made during the public hearing. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the above address or by contacting the Planning Department.

Pursuant to Government Code 65009, if anyone challenges the above listed issues in a court of law, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raise at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission, at or prior to, the public hearing. You are welcome to review the application at the Calaveras County Planning Department during normal working hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except county holidays. Copies of the project file and staff report can be purchased at the Planning Department for the cost of making the copies.

Date of Notice – December 5, 2025