



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**GREENBARK 30 BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT
CASE NOS. 24-0001-GPA, 24-0002-ORD, 24-0007-DP, 24-0002-CUP, 24-0002-DRB
Location: Unaddressed parcel at the northern terminus of Viajero Drive;
Assessor Parcel Number 079-210-053**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta (City), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq.; “CEQA”), has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/IS/MND) for the Greenbark 30 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project (Project). A general description of the Project is provided below. The City invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis and mitigation measures described in the Draft IS/MND during the public review period **from December 11, 2025, through January 9, 2026.**

The Planning Commission will be the City’s decision-maker regarding the adequacy of the analysis of the Draft IS/MND and on the merits of this Project after receiving recommendations from the Design Review Board (DRB). No hearing dates before the DRB and the Planning Commission have been set at this time. Separate notices for these public hearings before these review bodies will be provided in the future.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY: The primary components of the proposed Greenbark 30 Battery Energy Storage System Project are summarized below:

- 36 Tesla Megapack 2 XL battery units standing 9’-2” tall to provide up to 30 MW of stored power.
- Area will be surrounded with 8’ tall ornamental no-climb fencing with landscape screening on the north, south and eastern property lines.
- The parcel’s General Plan land use designation and zoning is General Commercial (C-G). The Applicant is requesting a General Plan Amendment and Rezone from C-G to Office and Institutional (I-OI).
- Major Conditional Use Permit to allow the Major Utilities use (battery storage).

The project was filed by Tim Murphy, ERM on behalf of Scale Microgrids, LLC.

LOCATION AND ZONING: The 2.1-acre project site is located at an unaddressed parcel at the northern terminus of Viajero Drive (Assessor’s Parcel Number 079-210-053) in Goleta, California. The project site is within the Inland Area and is bordered by 7780 Hollister Avenue to the south, Viajero Drive to the east, 30 Las Armas Drive to the West, and the Union Pacific Railroad Right-Of-Way to the north. The project site is designated “General Commercial” by the City of Goleta’s General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan. Portions of the project site are designated as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area in the City of Goleta’s General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Conservation Element. The project site is currently zoned “General Commercial.”

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIR: The Draft IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period from **December 11, 2025, to January 9, 2026.** The Draft EIR is available on the City’s website starting on December 4, 2025.

The Draft IS/MND concludes that the Project would **not** result in any **significant and unavoidable project-specific or cumulative impacts (Class I)**.

The Draft IS/MND concludes that the Project would have **potentially significant, but mitigable, impacts on the environment (Class II)** in the areas of: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire.

CORTESE LIST: The Project site is not listed on the EnviroStor online database of hazardous site records maintained by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control TSC in coordination with the California State Water Resources Control Board consistent with Government Code § 65962.5 (the "Cortese list").

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY and FURTHER INFORMATION: The Draft IS/MND will be posted on December 11, 2025, on the City's CEQA website at <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/your-city/planning-and-environmental-review/ceqa-review>. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for review at Goleta City Hall's Main Lobby, the Goleta Valley Library Express, and the Goleta Community Center. For more information about this project, contact project planner Travis Lee at 805-562-5528 or tlee@cityofgoleta.gov. Para consultas en español, comuníquese con Marco Martinez al (805) 9562-5500 o mmartinez@cityofgoleta.gov.

DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public review period begins on **December 11, 2025, and ends on January 9, 2026**, at 5:00 P.M. All letters should be addressed to Travis Lee, Associate Planner, City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Goleta, CA 93117 or tlee@cityofgoleta.gov. **All comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 9, 2026.** Please limit comments to environmental issues only. When possible, please use email to submit public comments.

NOTE: If you challenge the nature of the above action in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City on or before the date of the hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

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