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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Tulare II PV Solar Project (PSP 25-093)

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency

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Project Location: 19585 Ave 128, Porterville (*City*) Tulare County (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Tulare II PV Solar Project (PSP 25-093) would develop a 5,000 kW (5 MW) ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation facility. The Project consists of 11,000 solar modules on a single axis tracking system. The proposed system would interconnect with the Southern California Edison (SCE) distribution system in the area and supply renewable energy to utility customers through the electrical grid. Project facilities would include, but are not limited to, solar modules, string inverters, single-axis tracker racking system, step-up transformers, interconnection equipment (including pole mounted grounding transformers, reclosers, group operated air brake switch, etc.), underground conduit and electrical cabling, access roads, and fencing. An access driveway would be constructed from Avenue 128 and perimeter fencing would be installed around the Project site. It is anticipated that the operational life of the Project would be approximately 30 years. Prior to decommissioning, the applicant shall prepare a reclamation plan consistent with County requirements to be implemented after the Project ceases operation. The Project would be located on approximately 26.00 acres of a 48.35-acre parcel zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20-Acre Minimum).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: WEAP Training; BMPs; Avoidance; Pre-construction surveys; Avoidance Buffers; Pre-construction Take Avoidance Survey; General den survey; Den avoidance; Remote cameras; & Timed den excavation.

Cultural Resources: Potential impacts from resources being unearthed as a result of project-related ground excavation. Mitigation measures include ceasing activities and establishing buffer areas until appropriate authorities are notified and appropriate measures are identified;

Geology and Soil: Same as Cultural

Tribal Cultural: Same as Cultural

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The Lead Agency is not aware of any areas of controversy associated with the Tulare II PV Solar Project (PSP 25-093). Review of the project's Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program indicates that no issues were raised by responsible agencies or members of the public during preparation of the environmental document. The project proceeded without identified disputes regarding environmental impacts, mitigation measures, or project design.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board (ARB);
California Energy Commission (CEC);
California Highway Patrol (CHP);
Department of Conservation, Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR);
Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP);
Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - District 4, Fresno;
Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA);
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire);
Department of General Services;
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC);
Department of Transportation (CalTrans) - District 6, Fresno ;
Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC);
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District;
Natural Resources Agency;
Office of Historic Preservation (OHP);
Public Utilities Commission (PUC);
Regional Water Quality Control Board - District 5, Fresno;
State Water Resources Control Board, Water Quality;
Tulare County Resources Conservation District;
Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension;
Tulare County - Resource Management Agency; Agricultural Commissioner; Association of Governments; Farm Bureau; Fire Warder; Health & Human Services-Environmental Health; Local Agency Formation Commission; Office of Emergency Services; Sheriff's Office; City of Porterville