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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING & NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

On Wednesday morning, the 17th day of October 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at 1195 Third Street, Suite 305, Napa, California, a public hearing will be conducted by the Napa County Planning Commission regarding the project identified below. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard.

**American Canyon Solar Project: Use Permit # P18-00114-UP
2180 American Canyon Road APN: 059-090-012&-016**

CEQA Status: Consideration and possible adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. According to the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed project would not have any potentially significant environmental impacts after implementation of mitigation measures (or MM's). MM's are proposed for the following area: Biological Resources. The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Request: Request for approval of a Use Permit to allow construction of a 17.93 acre solar field on the 21-acre property at 2180 American Canyon Road within the AW, Agricultural Watershed Zoning District. The solar field will utilize approximately 12,096 solar modules (panels) and 66 string inverters, which convert the sun's energy into usable, AC power. The solar panels will be mounted on steel racking systems which will be anchored to the ground using driven steel piers at an overall height of under 8-feet above grade. Single axis tracking technology will be used to allow the panels to move to efficiently track the sun throughout the day thereby maximizing the efficiency of solar collection. The solar panels will generate a total of 3 Megawatts of AC power when fully implemented. The power generated from this facility will be sold to Marin Clean Energy (MCE) through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The existing single-family home and several agricultural out-buildings will be removed as part of the project.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for inspection, along with copies of all documents which relate to the above described project, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the office of the Napa County Planning, Building, & Environmental Services Department, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, California.

Written and verbal comments regarding the environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the proposed Negative Declaration are solicited. Written comments must be presented during the public review period, which runs from September 26, 2018 through October 16, 2018. Comments should be directed to Vincent Smith, Planning Manager, Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services Department, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, California; (707)259-5934 or vincent.smith@countyofnapa.org and must be received before 4:45 p.m. on October 16, 2018. (day before the hearing)

Appeals to decisions of the Planning Commission must be filed in writing with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1195 Third Street, Suite 305, Napa, California, in accordance with the time lines and submittal requirements set forth in Chapter 2.88 of the County Code.

If you challenge the particular proceeding in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

DATED: September 24, 2018

David Morrison
Director of Planning, Building, & Environmental Services