

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: 3730 Francis Avenue Battery Energy Storage Project

Project No.: PROJ-2022-00139

Project Location: The project is located at 3730 Francis Avenue Chino, CA

Assessor Parcel Number: 1013-251-10

Project Description: A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A 40 MW (160 MWh) STAND ALONE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGY SYSTEM (BESS) ON 1.5-ACRES ADJACENT TO THE FRANCIS AVENUE SCE SUBSTATION LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF FRANCIS AVENUE AND EAST END AVENUE, ONE MILE NORTH OF HIGHWAY 60 IN THE COMMUNITY OF CHINO.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation online at: <u>Valley Region – Land Use Services (sbcounty.gov)</u> and the following offices:

High Desert Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131 Hesperia, CA 92345 San Bernardino Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

The comment period on the IS/MND begins on **October 5, 2023**, and closes on **November 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM.** Please submit comments to <u>anthony.deluca@lus.sbcounty.gov</u> or to:

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