



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR HEARTLAND SOLAR PROJECT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022100609; FRESNO COUNTY EIR 7564

LEAD AGENCY: Fresno County

PROJECT TITLE: Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Heartland Solar Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is in western Fresno County, approximately 6 miles southwest of the City of Mendota, 10 miles east of Interstate 5 (I-5), to the east of S. San Bernardino and Los Angeles avenues, south of W. American Avenue, west of State Route 33 (SR 33, also called S. Derrick Avenue), 0.5 mile north of W. Manning Avenue, and 1.25 miles north of the PG&E's Tranquillity Switching Station. The Heartland Project Site is approximately 2,362 acres and encompasses the following Fresno County Assessor Parcel Numbers:

028-060-32	028-101-69	028-140-37	028-170-17	028-170-45
028-060-33	028-101-81	028-160-16	028-170-18	028-170-46
028-140-38	028-101-82	028-160-17	028-170-41	028-170-47
028-060-41	028-140-23	028-160-19	028-170-42	028-170-48
028-060-70	028-140-32	028-160-20	028-170-43	028-170-60
028-101-15	028-140-36	028-160-22	028-170-44	028-170-61

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Heartland Solar Project consists of renewable photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation and energy storage system facilities and interconnection to the regional energy grid. Proposed solar facilities would generate approximately 300 megawatts alternating current (MW_{AC}) of solar PV energy and have capacity to store up to 300 MW of energy on approximately 2,362 acres of private land in western Fresno County. These facilities would interconnect to the regional electrical grid via an electrical generation-tie (gen-tie) line between the solar facility and the existing Tranquillity Switching Station, which is located approximately 1.25 miles south of the solar and energy storage facility site. The project would also require other necessary infrastructure work to support interconnection and upgrades within the existing Tranquillity Switching Station, owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The County of Fresno has prepared a Draft EIR analyzing the Project's potential environmental effects. The Project would have a less-than-significant impact (with or without mitigation measures) regarding: Aesthetics; Agriculture and Forestry Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Energy; Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise and Acoustics; Transportation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire. No impact would result related to Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, or Recreation.

PUBLIC REVIEW: A 45-day comment period for the Draft EIR begins September 24, 2025 and ends November 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. No public meeting is planned during the public review period. Written comments should reference EIR 7564, Heartland Solar Project. Include your name, address, and phone number or email address so we may contact you for clarification, if necessary. Send written comments to:

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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations and in electronic format on Fresno County's website as noted below:

- Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department, 2220 Tulare Street; Suite B Annex, Fresno, CA 93721
- Fresno County Main Library, Reference Department, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno.
- Mendota Branch Library, 1246 Belmont Ave. Mendota, CA 93640.
- Fresno County website: <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Works-and-Planning/divisions-of-public-works-and-planning/development-services-division/planning-and-land-use/environmental-impact-reports/eir-7564-heartland-solar>