NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Name:

Mallard Slough 1 & 2 Solar Projects

Application No(s).:

AP-15-1114 (DR)

Date:

May 23, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pittsburg finds that no significant effect on the environment, as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, will occur for the following proposed project:

- 1. <u>Project Proponent</u>: Joe Corning on behalf of NRG Solar DG LLC, 100 California Street, Suite 650, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 2. <u>Project Description</u>: This is a request by NRG Solar for approval of: 1) a zoning amendment to add a limited overlay to the site's existing industrial zoning designation in order to permit a solar photovoltaic array; and 2) design review for plans to install a two-megawatt, ground-mounted, solar photovoltaic array covering a 23-acre portion of a 231-acre site zoned IG (General Industrial).
- 3. <u>Project Location</u>: Northern terminus of Willow Pass Road, Pittsburg CA. 94565 (Assessor's Parcel No. 096-100-031)
- 4. <u>Findings</u>: The Initial Study prepared for the project identified potentially significant impacts in the following categories: Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. Mitigation measures have been identified to reduce each of the potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level.

All other impacts in the categories of Aesthetics, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology/Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Recreation, Utilities/Service Systems, Agriculture and Forest Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use/Planning, Public Services, and Transportation/Traffic were found to be less than significant. Based on the Initial Study, the Planning Manager has determined that preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for the project described above.

- 6. <u>Initial Study</u>: The Initial Study, proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and project plans may be reviewed during normal business hours at the City of Pittsburg Planning Division, located at 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565, or on the City's website via the Environmental Review page at http://www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=217. Background and reference materials related to the Initial Study can be reviewed upon request to the City of Pittsburg Planning Division.
- 7. Public Review: The 30-day public review and comment period for this environmental determination will begin on Monday, May 23, 2016. Anyone who wishes to comment on the findings of this environmental analysis must submit these comments in writing to Hector Rojas, Senior Planner for the City of Pittsburg at the address noted above, by email to hrojas@ci.pittsburg.ca.us, or by fax to (925) 252-4814. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.
- 8. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration: Notice is hereby given that the Pittsburg Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider a recommendation on the project to the City Council at a public hearing scheduled for July 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the third floor Council Chamber at 65 Civic Avenue in Pittsburg.

This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration does not signify approval or disapproval of this project by City decision-making bodies. The Planning Commission and City Council will consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process to determine whether the project will have a significant impact on the environment.

Kristin Pollot, AICP Planning Manager