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LEAD AGENCY JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/15/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E202210000055	
PROJECT TITLE NOI TO ADOPT A MIT NEG DEC FOR JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT SOLAR PROJECT #1		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 757	CITY SAN JOAQUIN	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93660

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other NOI		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
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 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 0.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Jessica Munoz</i> Jessica Munoz	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Jessica Munoz Deputy Clerk
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JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for James Irrigation District Solar Project #1

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MAR 15 2022
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DATE: March 16, 2022

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: James Irrigation District

PROJECT TITLE: James Irrigation District Solar Project #1

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By Jessica Munoz
DEPUTY
Jessica Munoz

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that James Irrigation District (JID) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Thursday, March 16, 2022, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is an approximately 36.5-acre parcel that is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Adams Avenue and South Placer Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 030-170-32T) in unincorporated Fresno County (see Figure 1). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project involves the installation of a 3.5-megawatt (MW) solar array with single-axis tracking system, including 4.5 MW of direct current photovoltaic (PV) modules, steel support structures, 3.5 MW alternating current electrical inverters, cabling, and other system components. The project also includes two main service boards and two step-up transformers as well as metering facilities, conductors, and safety equipment for interconnection to Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) distribution system via a new primary meter installed within the project site. The electricity generated by the proposed project would offset JID's aggregated electricity usage for the canal and well pumps across JID-owned parcels. The solar power generated on the project site would be used to generate bill credits for JID's meters in the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer Program (RES-BCT) arrangement to offset their PG&E energy generation charges. The project's interconnection with PG&E would not require off-site construction because an existing PG&E generation tie line is located along the western boundary of the project site.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure that the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from March 16, 2022 through April 15, 2022 at:

- James Irrigation District Website (www.jamesid.org)
- James Irrigation District Office during normal business hours (8749 9th Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660)
- San Joaquin Branch Library during normal business hours (8781 South Main Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660)

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Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2022. Please address comments to:

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

P.O. Box 757

San Joaquin, CA 93660

or by email to: mamorelli@jamesid.org

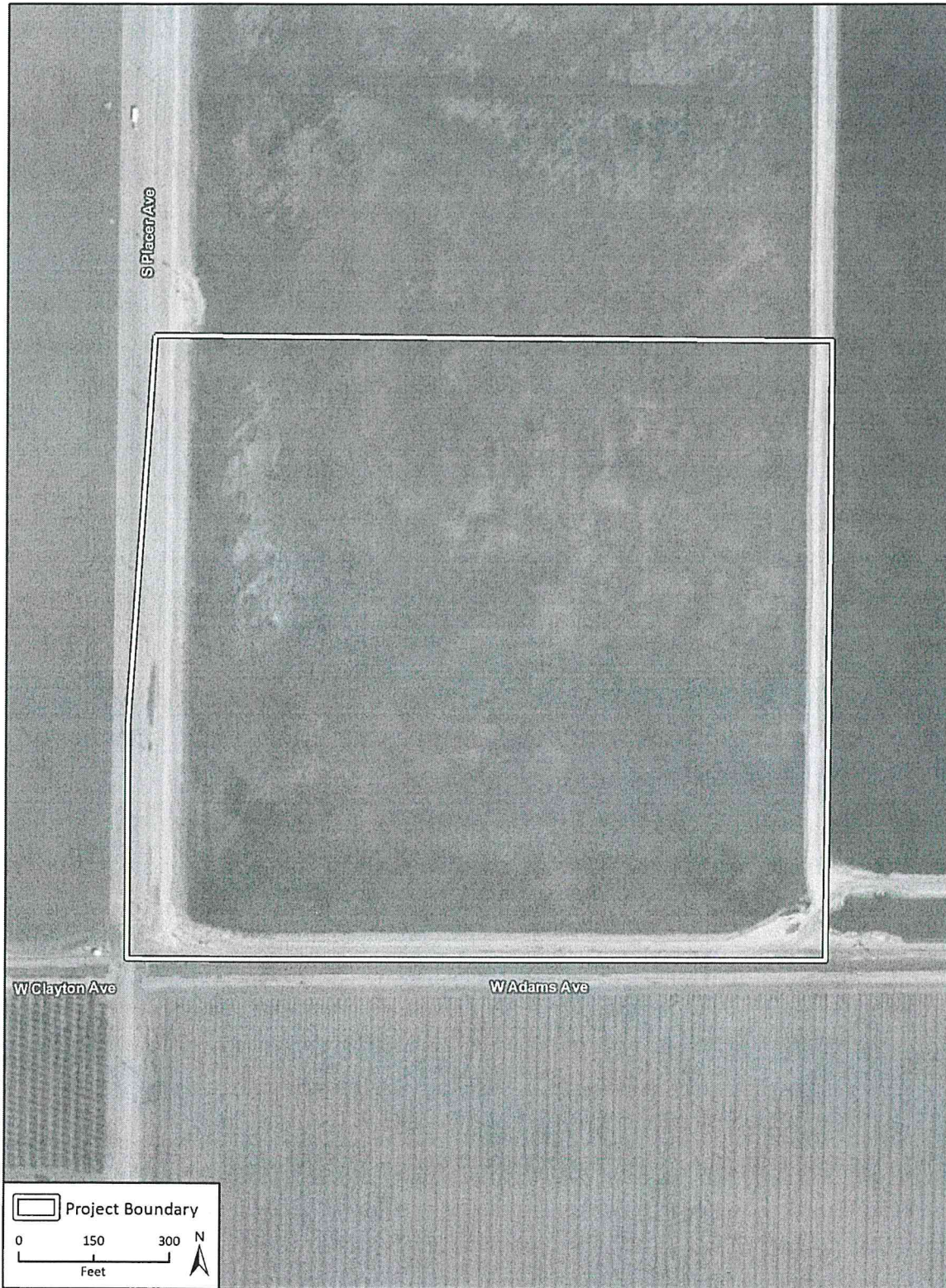
In addition, written and oral comments on the Draft IS-MND will be taken at the JID Board Meeting on April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be conducted at the JID Office located at 8749 9th Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660. The meeting is also accessible via teleconference. The meeting agenda, including information on how to access the meeting, can be found on the JID website: <http://www.jamesid.org/>. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details.

Dated: 3-16-22



Manny Amorelli
General Manager

Figure 1 Project Site Location



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