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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

for Public Review of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

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As authorized by the California Energy Commission (CEC) as a Lead Agency, the Commission hereby provides a **30-day public review** period for an **Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)** prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project:

- Project Title:** East Road Storage Project (CEC-500-2023-055-D)
Location: At 7475 East Road and 7399 East Road, in Redwood Valley, Mendocino County. The project site is on APNs 166-050-02-00 and 166-050-03-00.
Applicant: Form Energy, Inc.
Request: Adoption of a MND for the construction, operation, and demolition of a battery energy storage system; request for comments on draft document.

Initial Study Determination

An Initial Study was completed by Aspen Environmental Group on behalf of the CEC, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has been filed in the CEC's docket for this Project, which can be found online at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/dockets/california-energy-commission-dockets>, or by scanning the QR code below.

The East Road Storage Project is the development of a multi-day battery storage project with 5 MW of capacity/500MWh of storage using iron-air battery technology. The Project will be located at the PG&E Mendocino Substation in Redwood Valley and will provide local area capacity for electrical system reliability and flexibility. Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because mitigation measures have been incorporated into/added to the Project by conditions of approval that will reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration will satisfy the requirements of CEQA.

Comments

Comments may be filed with the CEC in response to the Initial Study, within the review period beginning **Friday, October 27, 2023, and ending at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 27, 2023**, pursuant to Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The preferred method for submitting comments is via the Energy Commission's Dockets system (the URL is above), referencing **Docket No. 23-ERDDD-07**. Written comments may be submitted by email, with the docket number (**23-ERDDD-07**) and "East Road Storage Project Initial Study" in the subject line. Written comments may also be hand-delivered, or mailed, using the contact information below.

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