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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed on the County website at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, at Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123 and the public libraries listed below. Comments on these proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

AES FALLBROOK 40 MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT

PDS2019-ZAP-19-001; PDS2019-ER-19-02-001: The applicant is proposing to construct 40 megawatts (MW) of battery energy storage on approximately 4.22 acres of located off East Mission Road within the northeastern portion of the unincorporated community of Fallbrook. The project would provide electrical service for the local electric utility, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). The project would be delivered to SDG&E through a Build-Own-Transfer contract.

The project is designed to be in operation for 20 years. The project will be subject to a Hazard Materials Business Plan. After completion of 20 years of operation, most of the project's electrical equipment (breakers, transformers, inverters) would be removed and recycled. Access to the site would be provided by a private asphalt concrete (AC) driveway off East Mission Rd.

The project site is subject to Limited Impact Industrial (M52) zoning regulations which are intended to create and preserve areas where manufacturing and industrial uses which evidence no or very low nuisance characteristics may locate. The proposed project requires a Minor Use Permit to establish and operate a battery energy storage operation within a M52 zone.

Comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than **January 13th, 2020** at 4:00 p.m. The documents can also be reviewed at the Fallbrook Library, located at 124 South Mission Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028. For additional information, please contact Nicholas Koutoufidis at (858) 495-5329 or at Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov.