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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE INTENT TO ADOPT FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15183 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT & NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT HABITAT LOSS PERMIT

June 25, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego Intends to adopt findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15183 for the following project. The proposed findings and the associated analysis can be reviewed at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html. Under this process, public review is not required however any comments received will be accepted and taken into consideration. A FAQ sheet on the 15183 CEQA exemption process can be located at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/zoning/formfields/PDS-202.pdf>. Comments on these findings must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

VALLEY CENTER ENERGY STORAGE, PDS2020-STP-20-011, PDSXXXX-HLP-XXX, PDS2020-ER-20-08-005

The proposed project, Valley Center Energy Storage, consists of a Site Plan (STP) to construct a battery energy storage system (BESS) facility capable of delivering 140-megawatts (MW) for a 4-hour period and associated improvements (Project). Project improvements include a private road and utility easement, generation tie line (gen-tie line), fire hydrant, security lighting, 8-foot tall vinyl wall, and a stormwater basin. The Project site would be located on an 8.9-acre parcel at 29523 Valley Center Road in the Valley Center Community Planning area of the County of San Diego. Access would be provided through a 60-foot private road and utility easement located off Valley Center Road. Grading for the Project would be balanced onsite, requiring the even cut and fill of approximately 4,470 cubic yards of material. The Project is anticipated to begin construction in the fourth quarter of 2020 and is anticipated to be in operation by August 1, 2021. The Project would be un-manned during operations, with no buildings or parking areas. Daily operations, monitoring, and dispatching would occur remotely. The Project site is subject to the Village General Plan Regional Category, Land Use Designation, Medium Impact Industrial. Zoning for the site is Impact Industrial use regulation of the County Zoning Ordinance. The Project is consistent with the land use designations of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Comments on the proposed findings and associated analysis must be received no later than **August 10, 2020** at 4:00 p.m. (a 45-day public disclosure period).

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