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377 West Line Street
Bishop, California 93514

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:
Office of Planning and Research
P. O. Box 3044
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FROM:
City of Bishop
P. O. Box 1236 / 377 West Line Street
Bishop, CA 93515

Inyo County Clerk/Recorder
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Independence, CA 93526

Contact: Gary Schley, Planning Director
Phone: (760) 873-8458

Lead Agency (if different from above)
Address:
Contact:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearing House Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2015041009

PROJECT TITLE: WELL AND SEWER PLANT SOLAR PROJECT, CITY OF BISHOP

PROJECT LOCATION (include county): City of Bishop Well 2, Well 4, and Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of Bishop City Limits (Inyo County)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will install four separate photovoltaic systems, one at each of the Well 2 and Well 4 sites, and two at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. One of the systems at the plant will power the plant and the other will power electrical equipment at the sewer ponds. The total capacity of the four systems would be about 285 kilowatts.

All of the systems would use ground-mounted solar panels installed in rows and tilted south. The high side of each row of panels would be about 5 feet above the ground. Foundations would probably be pounded posts or poured footings. The panels will use anti-reflective glass.

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The final size and layout of the systems will be refined as needed to best accomplish the project purpose and to address other project issues. The general layout of the arrays are shown on the attached layout maps.

In addition to construction of the solar panel arrays the project will include the construction of underground electrical conduit and power runs between the arrays and the associated electric meters, installation of related electrical equipment such as power inverters either adjacent to the arrays or adjacent to the electric meters, and the removal or trimming of trees as shown on the attached layout maps.

To improve consistency of the existing use of the Well 2 site for water supply and the proposed use for solar power generation, it is proposed to change the zoning of the Well 2 parcel and the array parcel to P, Public as part of the project.

This is to advise that the City of Bishop [Lead Agency Responsible Agency] has approved the above-described project on May 11, 2015 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

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1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measure [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: Bishop Planning Department, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, California 93514.

Public Agency Signature: _____



Gary Schley, Planning Director

Date: October 5, 2015

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code

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Environmental Protection Agency

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

Responsible Agency

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – WELL AND SEWER PLANT SOLAR PROJECT

Project Title

CITY OF BISHOP WELL 2, WELL 4, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, CITY OF BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

Address

CITY OF BISHOP, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 377 WEST LINE STREET, BISHOP, CA 93514

Name and Address of Project Proponent

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