## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR JUDICIAL STREAMLINING OF THE CORNUCOPIA HYBRID PROJECT IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

**I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Public Resources Code Section 21178 et seq., make the following determinations:

The Cornucopia Hybrid Project, a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating and storage facility in Fresno County, will invest in the California economy, create living wage jobs and help achieve California's renewable energy generation goals. A copy of the project's application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at: <a href="https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/judicial-streamlining/#under-consideration">https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/judicial-streamlining/#under-consideration</a>

As set forth below, the project has demonstrated that it meets all requirements to be eligible for certification for streamlining.

- 1. Project Applicant: Cornucopia Hybrid, LLC
- 2. Project Description: The applicant proposes to build utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating and storage facility, which would generate and store up to 300 megawatts (MW) solar PV with up to 300 MW alternating current energy storage system.
- 3. CEQA Lead Agency: County of Fresno
- 4. The project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (d)(1)(A). It is an eligible renewable energy resource as defined in Section 399.12 of the Public Utilities Code (Exhibit 1, Section 1.3, pg. 5).
- 5. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the prevailing and living wage requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (d)(2) will be satisfied. (Ex. 1, pg. 11, Attachment A).
- 6. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the project will not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21189.83, Subdivision (a) and will mitigate emissions in the order prioritized by Section 21183.6, Subdivision (a)(1) (Ex. 1, pg. 16, Attachments B, C).
- 7. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the project will minimize impacts to disadvantaged communities in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision(c) (Ex. 1, pg. 16, Attachment B).
- 8. The project applicant has agreed to pay the costs of the trial court and the Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any case challenging a lead agency's action on the certified project, pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(1)(B)(j) (Ex. 1, pg. 14, Attachment B).

- 9. The project applicant has agreed to pay the costs of preparing the record of proceedings for the project concurrent with review and consideration of the project pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii-iii) and Section 21189.86 (Ex. 1, pgs. 14, Attachment B).
- 10. The application materials submitted by the applicant were made available to the public on the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's website on December 16, 2024, and no public comment on the project application was received.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the Cornucopia Hybrid Project is an eligible project under Public Resources Code Section 21178 et seq. Pursuant to statute, this certification must be submitted for to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for concurrence or nonconcurrence; I therefore instruct the Director of the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to transmit this certification to the JLBC for such agtion.

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Governor of California

March 19, 2025