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Napa County Planning Commission **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Napa County Planning Commission

FROM: John McDowell for Hillary Gitelman - Director

Conservation, Development & Planning

REPORT BY: Sean Trippi, Principal Planner - 299-1353

SUBJECT: Napa Solar Farm

RECOMMENDATION

NAPA SOLAR FARM/GREENTECH POWER GROUP, LLC - USE PERMT (P10-00139-UP)

CEQA Status: Negative Declaration prepared. According to the proposed Negative Declaration, the proposed project would have no potentially significant environmental impacts. The project is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Request: Approval of a use permit to construct a 6.7 Mega-Watt solar electric power generation facility. The proposed facility will consist of approximately 50,000 photovoltaic modules assembled into large scale solar arrays mounted on pre-cast concrete pads. The facility will be constructed on about 50 acres of the 80-acre site. The overall height of the arrays will be approximately 5 to 6 feet above existing grade. There will generally be no employees on-site except for maintenance as needed. There is no expected water use or sewage disposal. Access would be provided from an existing gated access point at the west end of Eucalyptus Drive. The facility would be fenced. The 80 acre project site is located on the west end of Eucalyptus Drive within an Agricultural Watershed: Airport Compatibility (AW:AC) zoning district. APN's: 058-020-012 (S.F.A.P.) and 058-050-042 (S.F.A.P.). American Canyon.

Staff Recommendation: To continue the item to Jluy 21, 2010.

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TO BE CONTINUED TO JULY 21, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposed Action:

1. That the Planning Commission continue the item to July 21, 2010.

Discussion:

The applicant needs additional time to provide documentation from PG&E that the existing overhead lines have enough capacity to transmit the electricity generated by the solar farm to PG&E.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: John McDowell