## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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July 12, 2023

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Archaeological Commission Sonoma State University Department of Forestry/CalFire -Land Use Department of Fish and Wildlife

Cloverdale Rancheria Redwood Valley Rancheria Potter Valley Tribe Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Ukiah Valley Fire District

CASE#: U\_2023-0008 **DATE FILED:** 6/30/2023

**OWNER: HOOPER RANCH LLC** APPLICANT: RPCA SOLAR 10, LLC

REQUEST: Major Use Permit for a Major Impact Services and Utilities Facility to include a 20-acre Solar Farm that spans three parcels utilizing approximately 10,287 solar modules, 32 string inverters, and generating up to a total of 4.0 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) [5.6 MW direct current (DC)] equipped with a 4 MW energy storage system interconnecting to PG&E's pre-existing electrical distribution system located on-site.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** 

**LOCATION:** 2.3± miles northeast of Ukiah's city center on the west side of Redemeyer Road (CR 215A), 0.5± miles north of its intersection with Deerwood Drive (CR 215B); located at 2550 & 2350 Redemeyer Road; APNs: 178-050-01, 178-170-01, & -02.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1

**STAFF PLANNER: STEVEN SWITZER** RESPONSE DUE DATE: July 26, 2023

#### PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mendocinocounty.org

Select "Government" from the drop-down; then locate Planning and Building Services/Public Agency Referrals.

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to pbs@mendocinocounty.org.

Please note the case number a	and name of the project coordinator wi	th all correspondence to this department.
We have reviewed the above a	application and recommend the following	ng (please check one):
☐ No comment at this time.		
☐ Recommend conditional ap	proval (attached).	
	al information (attach items needed, o ces in any correspondence you may h	r contact the applicant directly, copying ave with the applicant)
☐ Recommend denial (Attach	reasons for recommending denial).	
☐ Recommend preparation of	an Environmental Impact Report (atta	ch reasons why an EIR should be required).
Other comments (attach as	necessary).	
REVIEWED BY:		
Signature	Department	Date

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PARCEL SIZE: 31± Acres; 20± Acres; 45± Acres (97± Total Acreage)

GENERAL PLAN: Agriculture, 40-acre minimum (AG 40)

**ZONING:** Agriculture, 40-acre minimum (AG 40)

**EXISTING USES:** Agricultural

**DISTRICT:** 1 (McGourty)

RELATED CASES: PAC\_2023-0003 - Preapplication Conference for ground-mounted solar and energy storage facility

ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN ADJACENT ZONING **ADJACENT LOT SIZES ADJACENT USES** Agriculture (AG 40) NORTH: Agricultural, Residential Agriculture (AG 40) 2.4± to 7.5± Acres **EAST:** Rural Residential (RR5) Rural Residential (RR5) 10.7± to 23± Acres Residential, Agricultural SOUTH: Agriculture (AG 40) Agriculture (AG 40) 98± Acres Agricultural WEST: Agriculture (AG 40) Agriculture (AG 40) 15.2± to 37.8± Acres Agricultural

#### **REFERRAL AGENCIES**

**LOCAL** 

☒ Air Quality Management District
 ☒ Archaeological Commission
 ☒ Assessor's Office
 ☒ Building Division (Ukiah)

oxdim Department of Transportation (DOT)

☑ Environmental Health (EH)

oxtimes Sonoma State University

<u>STATE</u>

□ CALFIRE (Land Use)

☐ California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

**TRIBAL** 

☑ Cloverdale Rancheria☑ Potter Valley Tribe

□ Redwood Valley Rancheria

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The site is currently mapped in a Flood Plain Combining District (FP) and Seismic Study Combining District (SS).

The Maacama Fault Zone transects the project site.

The parcel to the south of the project site (APN: 178-170-06) is currently under a NonRenewal Williamson Act Contract.

**STAFF PLANNER:** STEVEN SWITZER **DATE:** 7/11/2023

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DATA**

1. MAC:

NO

2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:

Non-Wildland/Non-Urban

3. FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:

Local Responsibility Area (LRA)

4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:

Grazing Land (G)

**5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:** 

YES

6. COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA:

NO

7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:

Eastern Soil Classifications 177, 188, & 221

8. PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL:

NO

9. WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT:

**10. TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONE:** 

NO

11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:

Riverine

12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE:

YES

13. AIRPORT LAND USE PLANNING AREA:

14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:

15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:

NO

16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:

**17. LANDSLIDE HAZARD:** 

RM-61; General Plan 4-44

NO

**18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:** 

NO

19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER:

20. SPECIFIC PLAN/SPECIAL PLAN AREA:

Ukiah Valley Area Plan (UVAP)

21. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIRED:

YES

22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:

NO

23. HARBOR DISTRICT:

NO



# PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

CASE NO:	
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### **APPLICATION FORM**

#### **APPLICANT:**

Name: RPCA Solar 10, LLC			Phone: 415-480-4217	
Mailing Address: 879 Sanchez Stree	et .			
City:San Francisco	State/Zip:CA		Email: erin@renewprop.com	
PROPERTY OWNER:				
Name:Hooper Ranch, LLC			Phone:	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1133				
City:Elko	State/Zip:NV,	89803	Email:	
AGENT:				
Name:			Phone:	
Mailing Address:				
City:	State/Zip:		Email:	
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMB	ER/S:178-050	-01 / 178-170-01 /	178-170-02	
TYPE OF APPLICATION:				
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I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate.

SAZ

6/2/23

#### SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to relate information concerning your application to the Department of Planning and Building Services and other agencies who will be reviewing your project proposal. Please remember that the clearer picture that you give us of your project and the site, the easier it will be to promptly process your application. Please answer all questions. Those questions which do not pertain to your project please indicate "Not applicable" or "N/A".

#### THE PROJECT

1. Describe your project. Include se	condary improvemen	ts such as wells, septic s	systems, grading,	vegetation remova	l, roads, etc.
See attached project narrative.					
2. Structures/Lot Coverage	NO. C	F UNITS	9	QUARE FOOTAGE	
2. Structures/ Lot coverage	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	TOTAL
☐ Single Family					
☐ Mobile Home					
☐ Duplex					
☐ Multifamily					
☐ Other:					
☐ Other:					
GRAND TOTAL (Equal to gross area	of Parcel):				1
3. If the project is commercial, indus	strial or institutional. o	complete the following:			
Estimated No. of Employees per shif					
Estimated No. of shifts per day: N/A	4				
Type of loading facilities proposed:	N/A				

Will the project be	phased?		
□ YES □	NO If yes, explain your plan	s for phasing:	
	removed on areas other than NO If no, explain:	n the building sites and roads?	?
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	NO If yes, explain:	otentially nazardous materials	s such as toxic substances, flammables, or explosives?
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How much off-stre	et parking will be provided?	Number	Size
No.	of covered spaces:		
	of uncovered spaces:		
	of standard spaces: of accessible spaces:		
	ting no. of spaces:		<del></del>
	posed additional spaces:		
Tota	al:		
Is any road constru	ction or grading planned? If	yes, grading and drainage pla	ins may be required.
$\square$ YES $\square$	NO Also, please describe th	e terrain to be traversed. (e.g.	, steep, moderate slope, flat, etc.)
. For grading or road	I construction, complete the	following:	
Amount of cut		cubic vards	
	lope:		
	slope:		
	export:		
		cubic yalus	
Location of borrow	or disposal site:		

10. Does the promay be required ☐ YES	oject involve sand removal, mining or gravel extraction? If yes, detailed extraction, reclamation and monitoring plans d.  ■ NO
□ 1E3	
11. Will the pro  ■ YES	posed development convert land currently or previously used for agriculture to another use? $\square$ NO
12. Will the dev	elopment provide public or private recreation opportunities?
$\square$ YES	■ NO If yes, explain how:
12 Is the prope	sed development visible from State Highway 1 or other scenic route?
YES	■ NO
14. Is the propo	sed development visible from a park, beach or other recreational area?
☐ YES	■ NO
15. Does the de	velopment involve diking, filling, dredging or placing structures in open coastal water, wetlands, estuaries or lakes?
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Diking:	☐ YES ■ NO
Filling: Dredging:	□ YES □ NO □ YES □ NO
Structures:	☐ Open Coastal Waters ☐ Wetlands ☐ Estuaries ☐ Lakes
If so, what is	the amount of material to be dredged/filled?: $N/A$ cubic yards
	redged material disposal site?: N/A
	my Corps of Engineers permit been applied for? ☐ YES ■ NO
16. Will there b	e any exterior lighting?  ■ NO If yes, describe below and identify the location of all exterior lighting on the plot and building plans.
□ 1L3	= NO IT yes, describe below and identity the location of all exterior lighting on the plot and building plans.
17. Utilities will	be supplied to the site as follows:
Electricity:	■ Utility Company (service exists to parcel)
	☐ Utility Company (requires extension of service to site): feet miles ☐ On Site Generation – Specify:
Gas:	☐ Utility Company/Tank
	☐ On Site Generation – Specify:  ■ None
Telephone:	☐ YES ■ NO

18. What will be the method of sewage disposal?	
☐ Community Sewage System (specify supplier):	
☐ Septic Tank ☐ Other (specify):	
□ Other (specify).	
19. What will be the domestic water source:	
☐ Community Water System (specify supplier):	
□ Well	
$\square$ Spring	
☐ Other (specify):	
20. Are there any associated projects and/or adjacent properties under your ownership?	
☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, explain: (e.g., Assessor's Parcel Number, address, etc.)	
21. List and describe any other related permits and other public approval required for this project, including those required by o	other
County departments, city, regional, State and Federal agencies:	, circi
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23. Are there existing structures on the property? If yes, describe below and identify the use of each structure on the plot plan of	or
tentative map if the proposal is for a subdivision.	
□ YES □ NO	
24. Will any existing structure be demolished or removed? If yes, describe the type of development to be demolished or removed.	od.
including the relocation site, if applicable.	eu,
□ YES □ NO	
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Total Lot Area: acres square feet  28. Briefly describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on existing structures and their is soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Attach any photographs of the site that y be helpful:  29. Briefly describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants, animals and any cultural, historic or scenic aspects.	-
26. What is the gross floor areas of all structures, including covered parking and accessory buildings?  Existing: square feet Proposed: square feet  27. What is the total lot area within property lines?  Total Lot Area: acres _ square feet  28. Briefly describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on existing structures and their soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Attach any photographs of the site that y be helpful:  29. Briefly describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants, animals and any cultural, historic or scenic aspects.	-
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30. Indicate the surrounding land uses:	
Vacant Residential Agriculture Commercial Industrial Public Facility Timberland Other	
North:	
East:	I
East:	I

#### **Renewable Properties, LLC**

879 Sanchez Street San Francisco, CA 94114 www.renewprop.com



June 29, 2023

Steven Switzer
Mendocino County
Planner I, Planning and Building Services Department
860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Steven,

#### RE: Redemeyer Road Solar Project – Use Permit Application – Project Narrative

On behalf of RPCA Solar 10, LLC, we submit this letter as a description of the Redemeyer Road Solar + Battery Energy Storage (BESS) Project ("Project"). Renewable Properties held a Pre-Application Meeting with the County of Mendocino on March 17, 2023 and the project was assigned the following project number: U\_2023-0008. The small-scale utility solar and storage generation project will be located on approximately 20 acres that spans three parcels: a 31.9-acre parcel (APN # 178-050-01-00), a 20-acre parcel (APN # 178-170-01-00), and a 45.61-acre parcel (APN # 178-170-02-00) north of the City of Ukiah in unincorporated Mendocino County. The Project is located off Redemeyer Road in Ukiah, CA and is comprised of undeveloped agricultural land. RPCA Solar 10, LLC, via its affiliate Wildcat Renewables, LLC, has entered into a long-term lease agreement with the property owner, Hooper Ranch, LLC, to facilitate the development and long-term operation of the Project.

The Project will generate up to a total of 4.0 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) (5.6 MW direct current (DC)) of clean, reliable solar energy when complete and will be equipped with a 4 MW energy storage system with a four-hour duration. The BESS will allow on site renewable energy generation to be stored and dispatched to the grid when needed. The Project will interconnect to PG&E's pre-existing electrical distribution system located on site. The power generated from this facility will be sold to PG&E through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

The Project will utilize approximately 10,287 solar modules and 32 string inverters to convert the sun's energy into usable, AC power. Single-axis tracking technology will be utilized to allow the modules to efficiently track the sun throughout the day and maximize the efficiency of solar collection. The modules will be mounted on a steel racking system, which will be anchored into the ground using driven steel piers. The overall height of the array will be no more than 15-feet tall above ground surface.

Locally-sited energy storage systems, like the Project, improve the resiliency of the regional energy grid and increase the utilization of renewable energy resources by storing energy generated by the solar project during the day and discharging during peak demand hours.

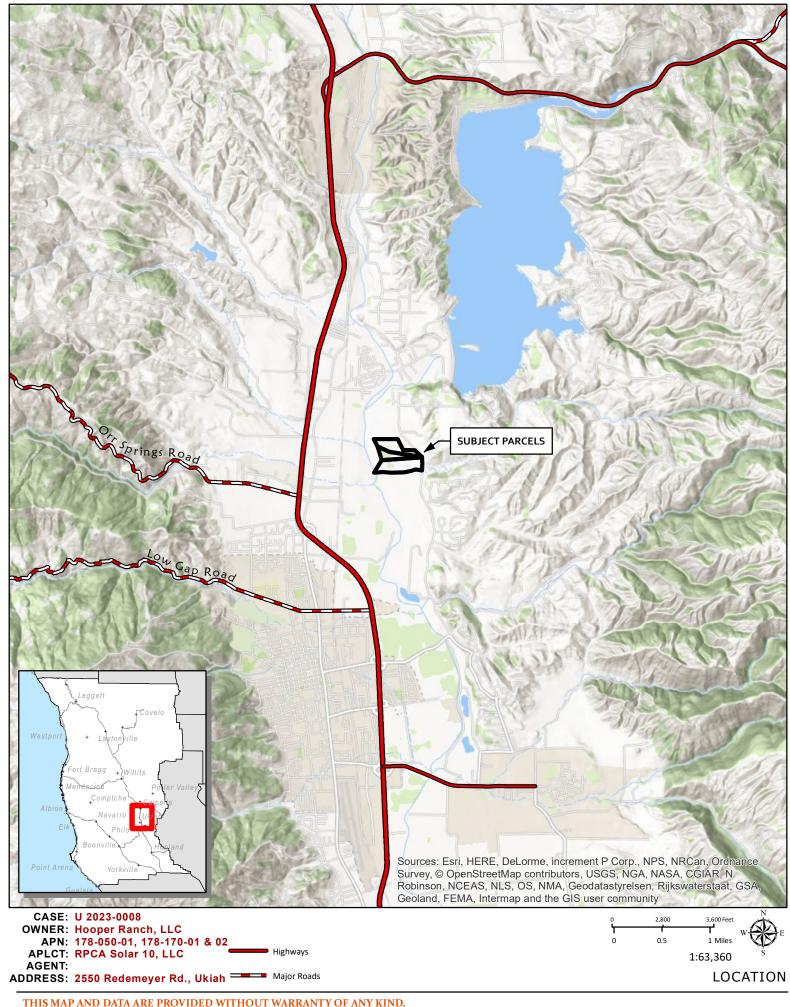


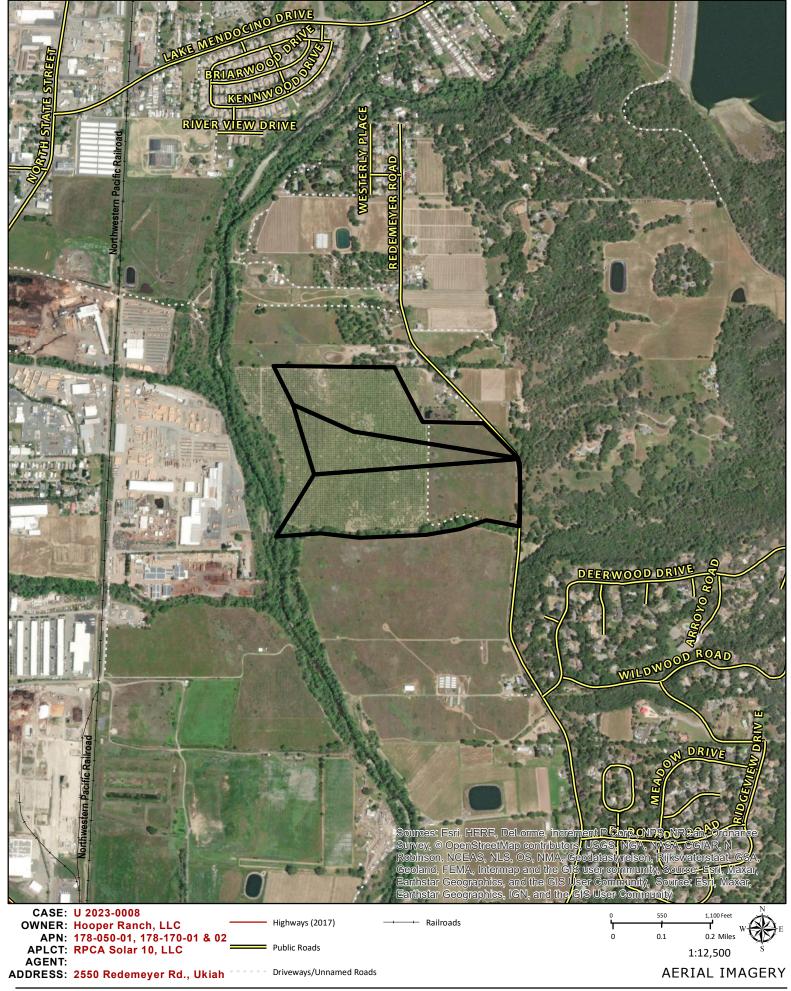
We are excited to work with the County to advance this Project through the local review and approval process. Please let us know if you have any questions about our application. We look forward to your comments and a description of the review process and timeline ahead.

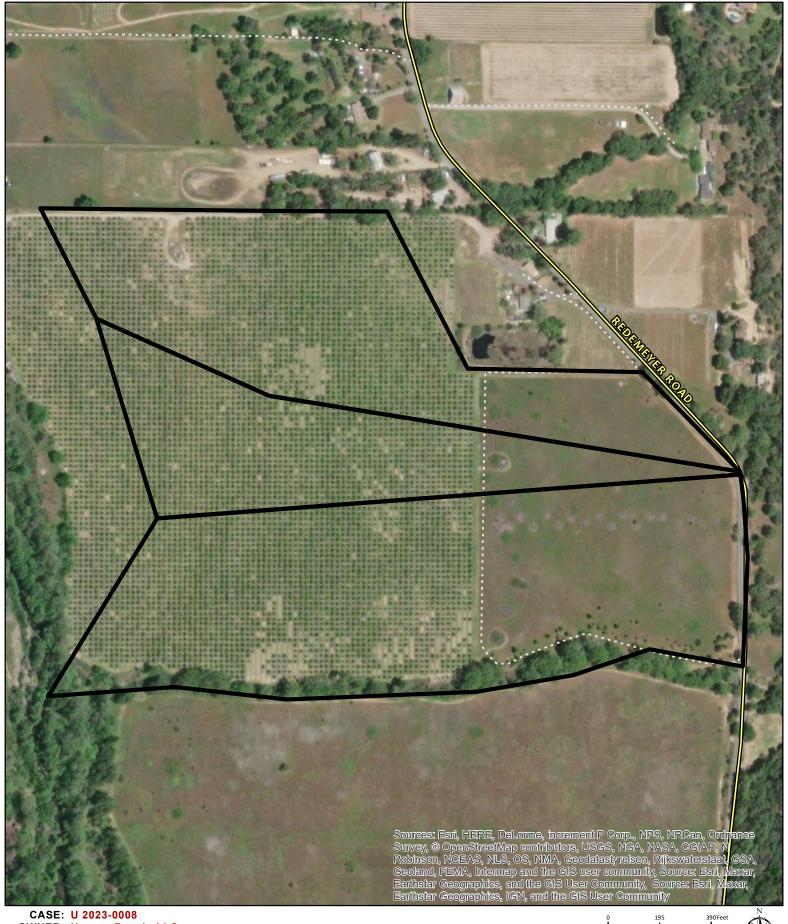
Sincerely,

#### **RENEWABLE PROPERTIES**

Stephanie Loucas Chief Development Officer 415-710-3834





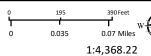


OWNER: Hooper Ranch, LLC

APN: 178-050-01, 178-170-01 & 02 Public Roads APLCT: RPCA Solar 10, LLC

AGENT:

ADDRESS: 2550 Redemeyer Rd., Ukiah Driveways/Unnamed Roads



**AERIAL IMAGERY** 

