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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Inyo County CEQA Procedures, and are available for public review for the following application:

Renewable Energy Permit 2022-02/Barker

The Project site is located approximately 3 miles north of the unincorporated community of Trona, California. The property is on private land owned by Robbie Barker, Assessor parcel numbers 038-330-32, 038-330-33 and 038-330-34. The applicant is applying for a Renewable Energy Permit to construct a 3 milliwatt (mW) photovoltaic solar facility using approximately 6,000 fixed tilt or single-axis tracker solar panels. The project site is located on three 5-acre parcels that are highly disturbed with no natural vegetation or structures on the site. The project is also devoid of natural habitat and the parcels have previously been graded.

The 30-day review period for this Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on November 17, 2022 and expires on December 17, 2022. During this period comments may be submitted regarding the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Planning Department at P.O. Drawer "L," Independence, CA 93526, faxed to (760) 878-0382, or emailed to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), County libraries, and the Inyo County Planning Department's website at www.inyoplanning.org.

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