

# CITY OF TAFT

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, California, will conduct a public hearing at a special meeting to be held at 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 19, 2020, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Council Chamber, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, California to consider the following:

**Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-23** – A proposal, by Apex Energy Solutions, to develop an up to eight (8) megawatt alternating current (MWAC) crystalline solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility, power conversion system (PCS), and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on 58.25 acres in the northeast portion of the City of Taft, California. The Project site consists of two irregular-shaped parcels. Parcel Number 220-240-26, which is 53.24 acres, is zoned for Industrial uses and would be developed with the MWAC solar PV energy generation system and BESS energy storage system. In addition to the solar PV modules that would be mounted on fixed-tilt ground-mounted racking or single-axis trackers, the site would be developed with battery storage system containers, electrical inverters, associated transformers, power poles, an access road, and perimeter fencing. Parcel Number 220-300-14, which is 5.01 acres, is zoned for General Commercial uses and is an accessory parcel that would be used as a staging and parking area during construction. However, no permanent structures would be developed on this parcel.

The City of Taft has reviewed the above project and has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15070. The Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the City's independent judgment and analysis. The proposed Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures.

All interested parties are invited to appear at this public hearing and present testimony concerning the items listed above. Documents related to these proposed actions are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department at City Hall, located at 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California, 93268.

**Pursuant to the Governors Executive Order N-29-20**, City Hall may still be closed to the public whereas the documents and public hearing may not be available to review and attend in person. All interested parties may review the documents on the City website at <https://www.cityoftaft.org/agendalist.aspx?categoryid=10843> and may view the live broadcast of the public hearing at this link <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofTaft>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Taft Planning and Development Services Department by written correspondence at the address listed above, by phone at (661) 763-1222 Ext. 124 or by email at [mstaples@cityoftaft.org](mailto:mstaples@cityoftaft.org).

**NOTICE GIVEN THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**

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