



**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF  
FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
(Held Electronically and Telephonically)  
Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6 pm**

**Goleta Energy Storage Project  
6864 & 6868 Cortona Drive  
APN 073-140-027**

**City of Goleta Case No. 19-0201-DP, 19-0202-DPAM, 19-0202-CUP, 19-0001-SUB**

**ATTENTION:** Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21, dated June 11, 2021, authorizing local jurisdictions subject to the Brown Act to hold public meetings telephonically and electronically in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting of the Planning Commission for October 11, 2021 will be conducted telephonically and electronically. It will be broadcast live on the City's website and on Cable Goleta Channel 19. The Council Chambers will not be open to the public during the meeting. Planning Commissioners will be participating electronically and telephonically and will not be physically present in the Council Chambers.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Goleta Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on regarding the adequacy of the Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS-MND), a Development Plan, Development Plan Amendment with adjustment to landscaping requirement, Major Conditional Use Permit, and Tentative Parcel Map request for Goleta Energy Storage, LLC to install and operate a battery energy storage facility at 6864 & 6868 Cortona Drive. The date and time of the Planning Commission meeting is:

**LOCATION:** Teleconference Meeting

Given the local, state, and national state of emergency, this meeting will be a teleconferenced meeting (with detailed instructions for participation included on the posted agenda)

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The project site is approximately 5.88 gross acres and is located at 6864 and 6868 Cortona Drive. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 073-140-027. The project site is located in the Inland area of the City, has a Business Park (I-BP) land use designation and is zoned Business Park (BP). Laurel Perez of Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services (SEPPS) on behalf of Goleta Energy Storage, LLC has requested approval of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide the site into two parcels, Conditional Use Permit to allow the battery storage facility on proposed Lot 1, a Development Plan to govern the development of the battery storage site on proposed Lot 1, and a Development Plan Amendment with associated adjustment to the landscaping development standard per Section 17.59.040 of Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code for proposed Lot 2 which is the location of the existing building. The existing Research and Development Building would remain on site and the site was initially developed via an As-Built Development Plan, Case No. 04-35-DP. The project includes:

1. Proposed Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan for the development and operation of a 60-megawatt lithium-ion battery energy facility containing energy storage cabinets (Megapacks) manufactured by Tesla along with supporting equipment such as transformers, inverters and other electrical distribution equipment on proposed Lot 1. Each megapack has pre-installed energy storage components that are contained in a steel cabinet enclosure. The current design includes the installation of up to 62 Megapacks. The project also includes an on-site electrical substation

with a transformer, and the construction of an underground connection (tie line) to the existing SCE Isla Vista substation located west of and adjacent to Storke Road, approximately 300 feet west of the project site. The underground tie line would be constructed using directional drilling beneath the Storke Road right-of-way.

2. Proposed Development Plan Amendment to Case No. 04-35-DP and a proposed Adjustment to a landscaping development standard is associated with the existing development (60,068 square foot research and development building) located on proposed Lot 2.

3. Proposed Tentative Parcel Map to divide the existing 5.88-acre project site parcel into two lots. Proposed Lot 1 would be addressed as 6864 Cortona Drive, be 2.66 gross acres in size, and be used for the Goleta Energy Storage Project. Proposed Lot 2 would be addressed as 6868 Cortona Drive and be 3.22 gross acres in size. The existing 60,068 square foot research and development building located within the boundaries of proposed Lot 2 would be retained.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The Final IS- MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 California Code of Regulations, §§15000, et seq.), and the City’s Environmental Review Guidelines. The City of Goleta is acting as the Lead Agency for this project. The Final MND identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. No significant and unavoidable impacts are identified as resulting from the project. Potentially significant effects on the environment can be mitigated to levels of less than significance in the areas of biological resources and cultural resources.

**CORTESE LIST:** The Project site is listed on the online GeoTracker database of hazardous site records maintained by the California State Water Resources Control Board consistent with Government Code § 65962.5 (the “Cortese list”).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY/STAFF CONTACT:** The hearing documents and all documents referenced therein may be obtained by contacting Supervising Senior Planner Kathy Allen as at (805) 961-7545 or [Kallen@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:Kallen@cityofgoleta.org). For inquiries in Spanish, please contact City staff at (805) 562-5500 or [espanol@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:espanol@cityofgoleta.org).

The Planning Commission staff report will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on the City’s web site at [www.cityofgoleta.org](http://www.cityofgoleta.org). The Final IS-MND will be posted to the City’s website at least 10 calendar days prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**IN LIGHT OF THE CITY’S NEED TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY AND TELEPHONICALLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,** written comments may be submitted as instructed above or via email to: Kim Dominguez, Management Assistant, e-mail: [kdominguez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:kdominguez@cityofgoleta.org) or by electronic means during the Public Hearing (date and time noted above), provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Instructions on how to submit written comments during the hearing will be available on the City’s website: <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>.

**Note:** If you challenge the City’s final action on this Project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised in written or oral testimony and/or evidence provided to the City on or before the date of the public hearing (Government Code Section 65009(b) [2]).

**Note:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Deborah Lopez, City Clerk, at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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