



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING  
Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

**NRG Ellwood Battery Storage Project  
30 Las Armas Road; APN 079-210-003  
Case No. 15-145-CUP  
Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta will conduct a public hearing on the date set forth below to consider the following:

**15-145-CUP:** A hearing on the request of NRG Energy, Inc., the applicant, to 1) adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration; and 2) approve a Conditional Use Permit (12-145-CUP), pursuant to the Goleta Municipal Code, Chapter 35, Article II, Sections 35-315.4 to install a battery storage system with an approximate capacity of 500 kilowatts (kW) as an accessory use to the existing Ellwood Generating Station (EGS) site located at 30 Las Armas Road in the City of Goleta.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Ellwood Generation Station, 30 Las Armas Road  
APN 079-210-003

**HEARING DATE and TIME:** Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:** NRG Energy, Inc. requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of one modular battery storage system with a capacity of 500 kilowatts (kW). The project would not include any changes to the existing EGS facility or affect operation of the EGS combustion turbines. The project would connect with an existing SCE 16-kilavolt (kV) distribution line, which connects to SCE's Isla Vista Substation to the south. No new above-ground electrical transmission or distribution lines would be required. The required distribution voltage cable would run below-grade through an existing underground conduit and would terminate at the base of an existing SCE distribution pole located immediately adjacent to EGS. Battery storage equipment would be blocked from public view by existing perimeter walls and vegetation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The proposed Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2017031067) (Final MND) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other state and local regulations. The Final MND states that any potential impacts of the proposed project can be mitigated to less than significant. Mitigation measures are proposed in the areas of: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The proposed Final MND identifies and discusses the potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements and residual impacts for identified subject areas. The project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 relating to the locations of hazardous waste sites (the "Cortese List"). However, the State Water Quality Control Board GeoTracker database shows a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) Cleanup Site on the project site. The case was closed when the cleanup activities were completed. Nevertheless, Mitigation Measure Haz-2 – Soils Management Plan, is required as a precautionary measure to address any hazardous conditions in the unlikely event they are encountered during project construction.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The proposed Final MND may be obtained on and after June 16, 2017 at the City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117 and will be posted on the City's web site at [www.cityofgoleta.org](http://www.cityofgoleta.org). A copy of the document will be available at the Goleta Library, 500 N. Fairview Ave. The Planning Commission hearing documents for the project will be available at the Goleta City Hall and on the City's web site at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to present written and/or oral testimony. All letters should be addressed to Planning and Environmental Review, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117 or faxed to (805) 961-7551, Attention: Anne Wells. Letters must be received by the Planning and Environmental Review Department on or before the date of the hearing or can be submitted at the hearing. For further information, please contact, Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager, at 805-961-7500 or [awells@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:awells@cityofgoleta.org).

**Note:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special 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.

**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]).

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