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DATE: January 14, 2026

TO: Parties of Record and SEPA Interested Agencies

FROM: Yakima County Public Services Department: Planning Division

SUBJ: Final SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the proposed Solar Power Production Facilities text amendments to YCC Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code (file nos.: LRN2023-00001/SEP2023-00003)

Enclosed is the Final DNS for the proposed addition to the Yakima County Code (YCC) Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code to address Solar Power Production Facilities. This is a non-project amendment. As the lead agency, Yakima County has determined that the proposed amendment will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA and will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required for this proposal.

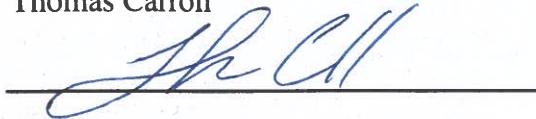
Development regulation text amendments are legislative actions and their related SEPA determinations are subject to appeal in accordance with YCC 16B.09.060. The proposed documents are available for review in our office or online at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2572/Text-Amendments>. For information relating to this proposal, please contact Aaron Cohen, Yakima County Planning Division, at (509) 574-2300.

Encl: Final DNS

FINAL
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

1. **Description of Proposal:** Yakima County Public Services Planning Division is proposing text amendments to YCC Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code to add new regulatory language to establish standards for utility and community based solar facilities in the unincorporated areas of Yakima County. The amendments will amend 19.18.070 Definitions, YCC 19.14-1 Allowable Land Use Table, YCC 20.01.070 Fee Schedule and establish a new section (.435) to YCC Chapter 19.18.
2. **File Numbers:** LRN2023-00001/SEP2023-00003
3. **Applicant:** Yakima County Public Services – Planning Division
4. **Location:** Countywide
5. **Lead Agency:** Yakima County Planning Division
6. **Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the proposed development regulations, including those standards outlined in YCC Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code and the current comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. This decision was made after a careful review of the completed environmental checklist, non-project action supplements, comments, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information (including all environmental documentation) is available to the public on request and can be examined online at <https://wa-yakimacounty.civicplus.com/2572/Text-Amendments>. Environmental documents include the SEPA checklist, this threshold determination, and submittal materials.
7. **Agency that prepared documents being adopted:** Yakima County Planning Division
8. **Comment and Appeal Information:** This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). There is no further comment on it. There will be no administrative appeal on the final SEPA determination. For information appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this proposal, please contact Aaron Cohen with Yakima County Public Services: Planning Division at (509) 574-2300 or 1-800-572-7354 ext. 2300.

9. **SEPA Responsible Official:** Thomas Carroll



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