PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND DECOMMISSIONING OF PHOTOVOLTAIC AND NATURAL GAS ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 United States Code §§ 4321-4370h, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508, and Marine Corps Order P5090.2A, Change 3, Chapter 12, dated 26 August 2013, Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual, a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning of Photovoltaic and Natural Gas Energy Generation Facilities at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The proposed action would improve facilities at the previously approved photovoltaic systems that will be constructed south of Stuart Mesa, improvements include battery storage systems upgrades, a power line, and a new or upgraded San Diego Gas and Electric Stuart Mesa Substation. In addition, the proposed action will include the construction, operation and demolition of an up to 49.9-megawatt gas power plant that will connect to existing facilities in the 24 Area. The two energy generating facilities would increase energy resiliency and security requirements at MCB Camp Pendleton. Based on the SEA analysis, the preferred alternative will have negligible direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the environment and will comply with all regulatory requirements; no significant impacts will occur.

An online copy of the Final SEA and FONSI can be found at: <u>https://www.pendleton.marines.mil/Staff-Agencies/Environmental-Security/Document-Library/Environmental-Planning-Documents/</u> Questions or comments on the SEA should be submitted to:

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