

Agenda

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Room
County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards
Independence, California

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Note: Historically the Board does break for lunch, the timing of a lunch break is made at the discretion of the Chairperson and at the Board's convenience.

August 14, 2012

9:00 a.m. INVOCATION by Supervisor Richard Cervantes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENT (Portion of the Agenda when Board takes comment from the public and County staff)

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2. **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS** (Reports limited to two minutes)

CONSENT AGENDA (Approval recommended by the County Administrator)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

3. **Emergency Services** – Request Board continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows.
4. **Information Services** – Request approval of a blanket purchase order for metered postage to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power in the amount of \$78,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget.
5. **Purchasing** – Request Board award Bid No. 2012-08, Printing for 2012-13 FY to the Hanigan Company, Inc., and authorize purchase orders to be approved for various County departments to order printing from this bid for FY 2012-13.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

6. **IC Gold and ESAAA Programs** – Request Board declare Oliver Products Company a sole source provider of food trays and coverings and approve a blanket purchase order to Oliver Products Company for the purchase of food trays and coverings for the home delivered meals program for FY 2012-13, in the amount of \$25,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget.

DEPARTMENTAL (To be considered at the Board's convenience)

7. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – Supervisor Linda Arcularius** – Request Board approve A) the letter to the CHF, which is a Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) developed program, to assign Inyo County's 2012 allocation of CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund for inclusion in their Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) and/or Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program; and B) the Housing Element Certification Form.

8. **SHERIFF** - Request Board find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the position comes from the General Fund as certified by the Sheriff and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position of Correctional Officer, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the most qualified applicant; and C) approve the hiring of one Correctional Officer at Range 64 (\$3,590 – \$4,363), contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget.
9. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Request Board A) approve the specifications for the Shoshone Sheriffs' Trailers HVAC Installation Project; B) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the project; C) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to award the bid and approve and sign a contract for the project if the bids received are within the project budget, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget and the appropriate signatures being obtained; and D) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to sign all other contract documents, including change orders, to the extent permitted pursuant to Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code and other applicable law.
10. **PLANNING** – Request approval of the correspondence regarding the BLM's Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwest States and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
11. **PLANNING** – Request Board prioritize the projects for the CAPP grant funds as recommended by staff.
12. **WATER DEPARTMENT** – Request Board receive an update on the Inyo Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) activities and provide direction concerning the August 22, 2012 Regional Water Management Group meeting for the IRWMP.
13. **CLERK OF THE BOARD** – Request approval of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of July 3, 2012.

TIMED ITEMS (Items will not be considered before scheduled time)

- 11:00 a.m. 14. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Personnel** – Request Board A) conduct a **public hearing** on the qualifications of Mr. Doug Wilson, P.E., to be appointed as the Inyo County Road Commissioner; and B) reappoint Mr. Doug Wilson, P.E., as the Inyo County Interim Director of Public Works, County Road Commissioner, County Surveyor and County Fire Marshall.
- 1:30 p.m. 15. **SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL** – Mr. Steve Frisch, President and CEO of the Sierra Business Council, will present the Council's Eastern Sierra Innovation and Prosperity Report for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE - ACTION

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMENT (Portion of the Agenda when the Board takes comment from the public and County staff)

16. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CLOSED SESSION

17. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriffs Association (DSA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Information Services Director Brandon Shults, and Planning Director Josh Hart.
18. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Elected Officials Assistants Association (EOAA) - Negotiators: Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

19. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
20. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Director of Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
21. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6].** – Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits – Employee Organization: Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA) – Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
22. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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3

- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Kevin D. Carunchio, County Administrator

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Continuation of declaration of local emergency

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: - Request Board continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: - During your August 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting your Board took action to continue the local emergency, which was a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Since the circumstances and conditions relating to this emergency persist, your Board directed that the continuation of the declaration be considered on a week-to-week basis. The recommendation is that the emergency be continued until the permanent diversions are in place. LADWP has notified your Board that the completion of the project is expected for sometime this fall. Therefore, it is recommended that your Board continue the emergency.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

FINANCING: N/A

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____

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- Consent
 Departmental
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FROM: County Administrator – Information Services

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: **August 14, 2012**

SUBJECT: Authorization to issue blanket purchase order for postage

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request your Board A) Authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order in the total amount of \$78,000 to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power from the Information Services Budget 011801, Object Code 5236 (Information Services Postage) contingent on Board approval of FY 2012-13 budget.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

Information Services processes mail daily for various County departments. The cost of postage related to this activity is requested in the Information Services budget annually. Information Services uses Pitney Bowes postages machines, selected through a competitive bid process and approved by your Board in December, 2007, to apply postage to mail. The Pitney Bowes machines are metered and will only allow postage to be applied up to the amount on account with Pitney Bowes. Approximately every two months, Inyo County's postage account with Pitney Bowes is refreshed. The Auditor's Office has requested that annually a blanket purchase order for the amount of estimated postage be created and that the cost of each postage refresh be applied towards the blanket purchase order.

ALTERNATIVES:

Your Board could choose not to approve this request in which case each postage refresh purchase would need to approved through the County purchasing policy process.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Auditor's Office, Purchasing Department

FINANCING:

Funding for postage costs are requested in the FY 2012-13 Information Services 011801 budget, Object Code 5236 (Information Services Postage).

APPROVALS	
COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>8.6.12</u>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>8/6/12</u>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: [Signature] Date: 8/7/12
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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Administration-Purchasing
By Emma Bills, Purchasing Specialist

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Award of Bid No. 2012-08 Printing for 2012-13 FY

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request award of Bid No. 2012-08, Printing for 2012-13 FY to the The Hanigan Company Inc. and authorize purchase orders to be approved for various County Departments to order printing from this bid for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The items on this bid consist of letterhead, forms, envelopes, business cards, etc., that the departments anticipate needing during the coming year.

Bid packets were mailed and the bid was advertised. Following is a recap of the bids: (please note that listed amounts do not include sales tax)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT BID</u>
Community Printing & Publishing	No Bid Received
The Hanigan Company Inc.	\$13,380.00
Alex Printing	No Bid Received

It is recommended that The Hanigan Company Inc. be awarded the contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

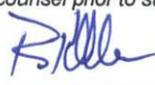
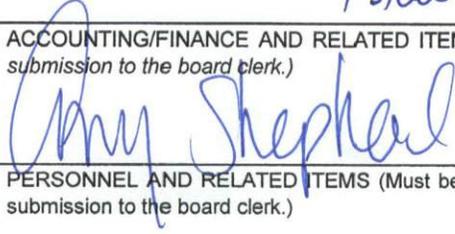
Your Board could choose not to award this bid, or authorize the approval of purchase orders, but this alternative is not recommended. The Purchasing Department through competitive process has obtained the best prices available.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The departments submitted samples of each item to be included in the bid, with a description and quantity they anticipate ordering, to Purchasing for the bidding process.

FINANCING:

Traditionally, County departments have included the cost for printing needs in the appropriations in their budgets.

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AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)  Approved: <u>yes</u> Date <u>8/9/12</u>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.) N/A Approved: _____ Date _____

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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – ESAAA and IC Gold

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval of declaring Oliver Products Company as a Sole Source Vendor and approve a Blanket Purchase Order to Oliver Products Company for the ESAAA and IC Gold Nutrition Programs

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request your Board 1) Declare Oliver Products Company a sole source vendor and 2) Approve a blanket purchase order for Oliver Products Company in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of food trays and coverings for the home delivered meals program for FY 2012/13, contingent upon approval of the FY 2012/13 budget.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The Food Services Staff at the Bishop Senior Center have indicated that special equipment was obtained for each of ESAAA/IC Gold's two food production kitchens (Lone Pine and Bishop) from Oliver Products Company in order to seal the film over the trays provided by said vendor. This equipment was purchased prior to this program coming into Health & Human Services.

If ESAAA/IC Gold were to seek alternate bids for home-delivered meal packaging supplies, we would incur significant costs to replace the equipment currently used. Based on the limited funding in the ESAAA/IC Gold budget, it is recommended that we be allowed to continue using existing equipment and supplies through Oliver Products Company, thereby declaring them as a sole source provider.

This request will allow us to have a \$25,000 Purchase Order to Oliver Products Company for FY 2012/13.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decide not to approve this request which would result in ESAAA/IC Gold not being able to purchase the food trays and seals, and be unable to properly continue the home delivered meals to our participants.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

State and Federal Nutrition dollars and County General Fund. This expense will be budgeted in the ESAAA budget (683000) at 50% and the IC Gold budget (056100) at 50% in the Food & Household Supplies object code (5131).

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to submission to the Board Clerk.)</i> Approved: _____ Date: _____
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the Auditor/Controller prior to submission to the Board Clerk.)</i> Leslie L. Chapman Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Date: 8/3/12
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: N/A	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Personnel Services prior to submission to the Board Clerk.)</i> Approved: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:
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Jean Turner

Date: 8-7-12



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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Supervisor Linda Arcularius

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Letter re: CHF Program -2012 Single Family Allocation

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: - Request Board approve A) the letter to the CHF, which is a Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) developed program, to assign Inyo County's 2012 allocation of CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund for inclusion in their Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) and/or Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program; and B) the Housing Element Certification Form.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: - The County participates in the CHF Program, which was formerly the California Rural Home Mortgage Finance Authority, which is a Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) developed Program to provide rural communities with mortgage financing alternatives. This Program provides qualified buyers the opportunity of financing, not only for the first mortgage, but also for the down payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. In the 2010 the County authorized the allocation for the MRB and the MCC Program. As in 2010, it is a requirement that the County confirm its assignment of the allocation to the CHF program. Therefore, it is requested that our Board approve the letter and the certification form as requested. Additionally as in previous authorizations, approval of this request consents to all CHF 2012 and 2013 Programs.

ALTERNATIVES: Our Board could choose to not send the letter, this alternative is not recommended in that not meeting the requirements of the Program may preclude Inyo County from participating in this mortgage financing opportunity for our residents who are first time home buyers.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

FINANCING: There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Inyo County has participated in this program since its inception.

APPROVALS

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Linda Arcularius

Date: _____



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF INYO

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August 14, 2012

Ms. Misty Armstrong, Program Manager
California Debit Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC)
915 Capitol Mall Room 303
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Inyo County – 2012 Single Family Allocation

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

This letter is to request that CDLAC assign Inyo County's 2012 allocation to CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund (CHF) for inclusion in their Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) and/or Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program. This authorization also consents to all CHF 2012 and 2013 Programs.

If any supplemental allocation is available at the end of the year, the County would like to be notified and considered for a portion of that allocation for MRB and/or MCC Programs.

Inyo County is a Member of CHF. No further action is required for this assignment to occur. Please let us know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Fortney, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

CR:pg
Cc: CHF/Craig Ferguson, Vice President
CHF/Peter Tran, Program Manger

ATTACHMENT K

HOUSING ELEMENT CERTIFICATION FORM FOR APPLICATION FOR AN ALLOCATION OF QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS FOR A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Note: To be completed by each participating jurisdiction.

Certification of the Inyo County (Participating Jurisdiction)

In connection with the following Qualified Private Activity Bond Application:

APPLICANT: CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund (CHF) for a Mortgage Credit Certificate Program.

The undersigned officer of Inyo County (Participating Jurisdiction) hereby certifies as follows:

1. I, The Honorable Marty Fortney (Name), am the County Supervisor (Title) of Inyo County (Participating Jurisdiction); which is a participating jurisdiction of the proposed Single Family Housing Mortgage Credit Certificate program.
2. The proposed Single Family Housing Program is consistent with the adopted housing elements for Inyo County (Participating Jurisdiction) in which the proposed program will operate, pursuant to Section 5267 of the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee Regulations.

Signature of Senior Official

The Honorable Marty Fortney
Print or Type Name

County Supervisor
Title

Date



CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund
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Phone: (855) 740-8422 · Fax: (916) 444-3551 · www.chfloan.org

July 23, 2012

The Honorable Richard Cervantes, County Supervisor
County of Inyo
P O Box N
Independence, CA 93526

Dear Supervisor Cervantes,

Thank you for your continued participation in CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund ("CHF") housing programs. Your participation and support enables the residents of Inyo County to take advantage of the housing programs developed by CHF through the use of Mortgage Revenue Bonds (MRB) and/or Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC).

Each year the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) allocates each county their per capita portion of private activity bonds. In 2010, Inyo County assigned its allocation to CHF in order to participate in the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program (see attached letter). This year, CHF is requesting the assignment of Inyo County's 2012 allocation in order to participate in the upcoming MCC Program. Enclosed is the letter that needs to be placed on county letterhead for this year's allocation as well as a Housing Elements Form (Attachment K) required by CDLAC.

CHF appreciates your continued participation in these programs and your interest in helping to further homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate income Californians. Please feel free to contact myself or Peter Tran at 855-740-8422 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Ferguson', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig Ferguson
Vice President
CHF

CC: Peter Tran, Program Manager, CHF
Supervisor Arcularius, Inyo County



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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Sheriff Bill Lutze
FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012
SUBJECT: Request to fill (1) Correctional Officer position

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request the Board find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Review Policy;

- 1) The availability of funding for the requested position comes from the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff, and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; and
- 2) Where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position and the position could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the most qualified applicant; and
- 3) Approve an open recruitment and hiring for (1) Correctional Officer position (Range 64 \$3590-4363), contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

Due to a pending resignation, we have one (1) Correctional Officer position that will be vacated July 14-20, 2012. The Sheriff's Office has a recently established list of 13 male applicants and a previously established list of 3 female applicants.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny the recruitment of (1) Correctional Officer.

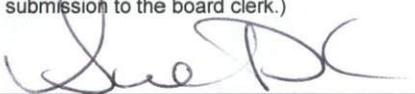
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Personnel

FINANCING:

The Correctional Officer position is currently budgeted in the FY 12/13 Jail General budget 022900.

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i> Approved: _____ Date _____
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>  Approved: <u>Yes</u> Date <u>7/10/12</u>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>  Approved: <u>✓</u> Date <u>7/10/12</u>

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:  Date: 7-11-12
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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Public Works

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Shoshone Sheriffs' Trailers HVAC Installation Project

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

1. Recommend the Board approve the specifications for the Shoshone Sheriffs' Trailers HVAC Installation Project; and
2. Authorize the Interim Public Works Director to advertise and bid the Project; and
3. Authorize the Interim Public Works Director to award the project if the bids are within the project budget and sign all contract documents, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained, and contingent on the Board's adoption of the FY 12-13 budget; and
5. Authorize the Public Works Director to sign all other contract documents, including change orders, to the extent permitted pursuant to Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code and other applicable law.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

Recently, the Sheriff's Office placed new Sheriffs' Officers in the Shoshone area. These employees are housed in County owned mobile trailers, located adjacent to the Shoshone Road Shop on property leased from the Shoshone Operating Company. These building have historically been cooled by evaporative coolers and this type of cooling is not effective when the humidity is greater than approximately 20%. At this point, the buildings become uncomfortable to occupy. The Shoshone area experiences more days with high humidity than does the Owens Valley. The Sheriffs' Department staff housed in this location have often complained about the warm conditions in the County owned trailers. In an effort to provide more comfortable living conditions, the Sheriff has requested that refrigerated air conditioned units be installed in these buildings.

The Public Works Department recommends that your Board approve the specifications for the installation of refrigerated air conditioning and authorize award of the project because there have been continuing issues with employee retention and comfort of employees in the Shoshone area.

Your Board should also be aware that a high priority has been placed on the project for the award and construction of the project due to the warmer than usual summer weather in the Shoshone area. And, therefore we request that your Board authorize the award of the project if the bids are within the engineers estimate and project budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve the plans, specifications, advertisement and award of the project. This is not recommended because the County employees wellbeing may be an issue and funding been budgeted for the work.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Public Works Department for the development of the plans, specifications and bid package, County Counsel for review of the contracts and this agenda item, and Auditor for the payment of all invoices.

FINANCING:

The funds for this project will be provided through the Deferred Maintenance Budget 011501, Object Code 5191, Maintenance of Structures.

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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10

- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
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FROM: Inyo County Planning Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Correspondence Regarding the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwest States

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Chairperson to sign the attached correspondence regarding the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwest States.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: On December 17, 2010, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of Energy published a draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for solar energy development in six southwest states.¹ More than 80,000 comments were received, including comments from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors (refer to Attachment 2). On October 28, 2011, the Agencies published a Supplement to the Draft PEIS. Approximately 131,000 comments were received, including from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors (refer to Attachment 2).

The County's comments focused on the fact that the solar energy zones (SEZ) were not identified for the County, despite the County's planning efforts, and requested direct coordination with BLM staff. Specific requests for clarification were also repeatedly relayed regarding how the criteria utilized to develop areas open to application were developed and/or appropriate. The Supplemental PEIS identified variance lands, some of which are included in the County, as well as means to identify new SEZs periodically in the future (refer to Attachment 5).

A Notice of Availability for the final PEIS was published on July 28, 2012 (refer to Attachment 4). Responses to the County's previous comments are included in Attachment 3. As indicated, the generic responses in general do not address the specific issues raised by the County and delay coordination to some uncertain future date. Therefore, staff believes that the County's input has not been adequately addressed, although the variance lands and procedures to identify new SEZs presented in the Supplemental PEIS indirectly address the County's concerns to a degree. Staff has drafted correspondence regarding these issues for the Board's consideration (Attachment 1).

ALTERNATIVES:

- Direct changes to the correspondence.
- Protest the final PEIS, and direct parallel changes to the correspondence. Protests are due on or about August 27. Due to limited resources, staff recommends against a formal protest.
- Do not send correspondence regarding the final PEIS.

¹ Refer to the Solar PEIS website for more information at <http://solareis.anl.gov/>.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: BLM, Department of Energy, California Energy Commission, other cooperating California agencies

FINANCING: General Planning Department funds are utilized to monitor federal actions affecting the County.

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Attachments:

1. Draft Correspondence
2. Previous Correspondence
3. Responses to County's Comments from Final PEIS
4. Notice of Availability of Final PEIS
5. Graphic Illustrating Variance and Exclusion Lands

August 14, 2012

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Re: Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, please accept our appreciation for your agencies' efforts to plan for renewable energy on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Inyo County. If you didn't know, more than 98 percent of our County is in public ownership, including more than 2,000 square miles of lands administered by the BLM.

Inyo County has consistently expressed its support for appropriate renewable energy development, and the County's BLM lands provide excellent opportunities for solar energy facilities in particular, due to the relatively high elevation and sunny skies here. There are a variety of BLM lands in the County that at a programmatic scale make sense for solar development. We have been a leader in renewable energy planning, and we have coordinated our efforts, information, and experience with your staffs extensively.

We have been participating in your agencies' Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) process over the last several years. Unfortunately, the PEIS does not identify solar energy zones (SEZ) in Inyo County, proposes to exclude many lands that make sense at a programmatic scale for solar development and have been included in our planning, and includes variance lands that frankly mostly do not make sense. We have requested clarification about why so much of the County's BLM lands are proposed to be excluded, and we have not received a definitive response.

As indicated in the attached, we have provided previous input requesting that additional SEZs be considered in Inyo County, that areas proposed for exclusion be reconsidered, and that the BLM coordinate directly with us. While we appreciate that the final PEIS includes variance lands and assurances of consideration of additional SEZs and coordination in the future, we have not received a response to our request for direct coordination. Furthermore, we suspect that if the present proposal for exclusion lands is carried forward, there is little chance that these lands will be reconsidered for SEZs in the future, despite their potential viability for solar energy development. Also, as mentioned previously, most of the variance lands in our County at best seem unlikely for renewable energy development.

In short, we are deeply disappointed by your agencies' responses to our input. While we appreciate the herculean task it has been to produce the PEIS, we feel that as the local government that directly represents the people of Inyo County our requests for coordination and clarification should have been better addressed.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to continuing to work with your staffs to meet our nation's demand for renewable energy. If you have any questions, please contact the County's Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, at (760) 878-0292 or at kcarunchio@inyocounty.us.

Sincerely,

Marty Fortney
Chairman, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attachment

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March 29, 2011

Draft Solar Energy Programmatic EIS
Argonne National Laboratory
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Argonne, IL 60439

RE: Draft Solar PEIS

To Whom It May Concern:

Inyo County has reviewed the Draft Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and is supportive of this effort by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Energy (DOE) to encourage and streamline solar energy development in California and the southwest.

Inyo County is particularly supportive of statements within the PEIS, such as found in Chapter 2, which note that additions to the proposed Solar Energy Study Areas/Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) are likely to be considered at a future date. Since becoming involved in the PEIS process in July of 2009, Inyo County has consistently requested that the County be included as a site for such Solar Energy Study Areas/SEZs.

As noted in our comment letter of July 28, 2009, there are PEIS-proposed Solar Energy Study Areas immediately adjacent to Inyo County across the California state line in Nevada. The County requests that the extensive BLM lands within its own borders – which contain the same excellent solar development potential as the adjacent Nevada BLM lands – be identified and targeted as Solar Energy Study Areas/SEZs in future planning.

Significantly, while BLM's preferred alternative is the Solar Development Program rather than the SEZ Program, the County notes that this action alternative also excludes lands the County has identified as appropriate for renewable energy development (refer to attached). The County's General Plan encourages the sound development of energy resources on federal lands within the County, and maintaining and expanding access to federal lands for those purposes (Policy Gov 10-1). The County notes that, not only are areas identified by the County as highly appropriate for solar energy development not included as SEZs in the PEIS, but some of those areas are specifically excluded from consideration for solar energy development. At this time, the PEIS is not consistent with the County's plans and policies.

Accordingly, Inyo County requests additional and intensified coordination with the BLM to address and resolve the inconsistencies between the PEIS and the Inyo County General Plan and approved policies. In accordance with 43 C.F.R. 1610.3-1(f), Inyo County hereby informs the BLM of the specific inconsistencies between Inyo County plans and policies and the PEIS. The County requests staff-to-staff meetings to address these inconsistencies and, ideally, to resolve them. It is the County's position that the draft PEIS does not adequately identify and address these inconsistencies and the possible resolution of them.

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Thank you for your attention. Please contact the County's Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, at (760) 878-0292 at your earliest convenience to arrange for coordination.

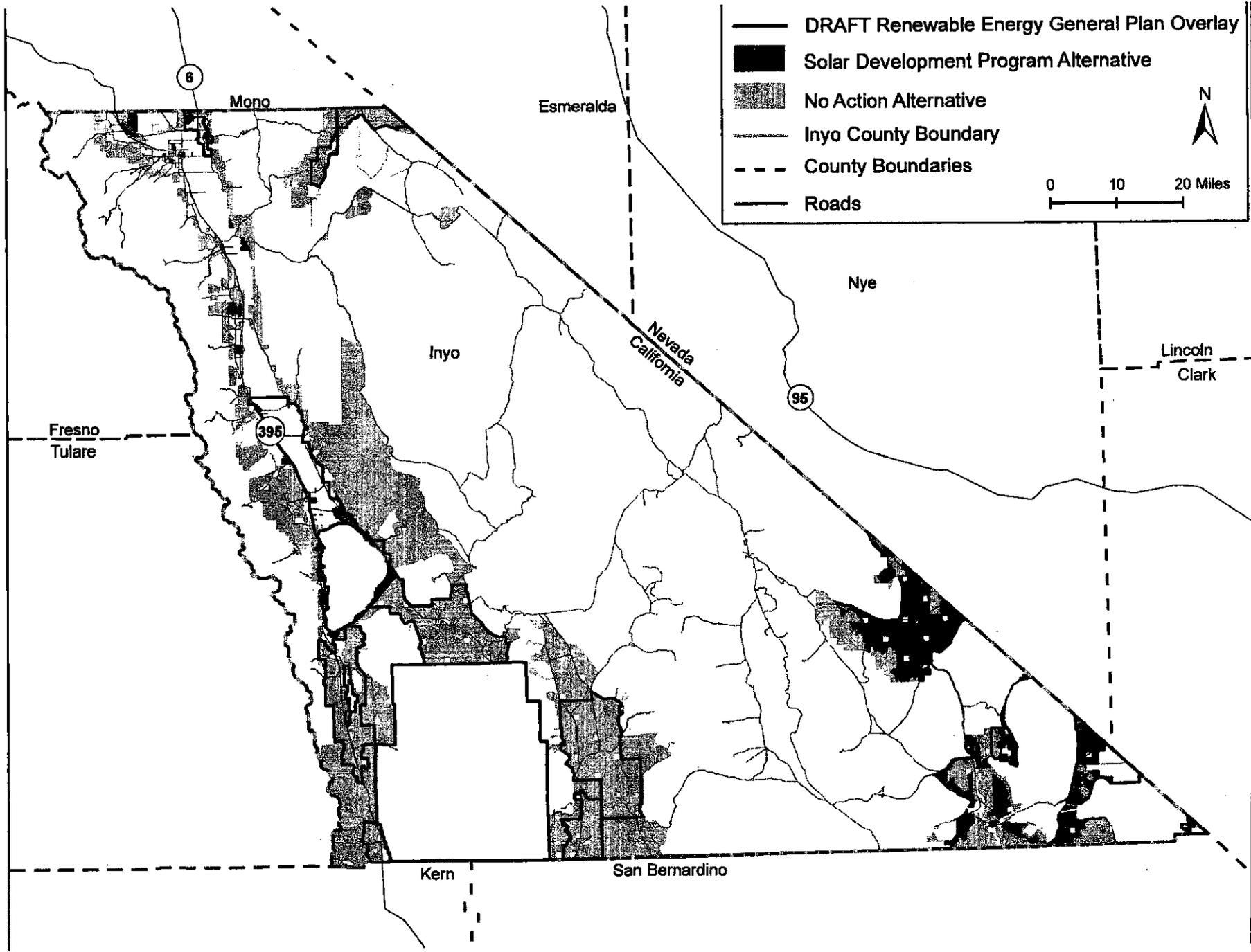
Sincerely,



Susan Cash, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attachment: Map Comparing PEIS alternatives to Inyo County Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment
Overlay

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-  DRAFT Renewable Energy General Plan Overlay
-  Solar Development Program Alternative
-  No Action Alternative
-  Inyo County Boundary
-  County Boundaries
-  Roads

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January 17, 2012

Supplement to the Draft Solar Energy PEIS
Argonne National Laboratory
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Argonne, IL 60439

Re: Comments on Supplement to the Draft PEIS for Solar Energy
Development in Six Southwestern States

Dear Gentlemen/women:

Inyo County has reviewed the Supplement to the Draft PEIS for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States, and would like to take this opportunity to make the following comments on the document. We have previously requested coordination with the BLM to address and resolve inconsistencies with the Inyo County General Plan and approved policies pursuant with 43 CFR 1610.3-1(f) and we have not received a response; we reiterate this request.

Inyo County has commented a number of times on the fact that there are no Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) identified or planned for areas within the County. The County is, therefore, particularly supportive of comments within the Supplement that document provisions for added solar development opportunities. Specifically, the County supports:

- BLM's Efforts to Identify New SEZs: Section 2.2.2.2.5 notes that the "BLM intends to identify new SEZs and/or expand existing SEZs on an as-needed basis. The BLM has already initiated efforts to identify new SEZs in the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Colorado through ongoing state-based efforts..."
- Variance Process for Development Outside SEZs: Section 2.2.2.3.1 details a variance process which would allow utility-scale solar development outside of SEZs or other exclusion areas.

The County is supportive of both of the above-noted efforts, as they provide a way for areas within the County to be included as identified SEZ development zones, or, alternatively, provide a way for solar development to take place within the County, lacking any SEZ-identified zones through the PEIS process.

Also significant and important to the County – and which the County has commented on previously – is the fact that the Supplement notes that "the modified program alternative (BLM Preferred Alternative) emphasizes and incentivizes development within SEZs and proposes a collaborative process to identify additional SEZs" (p. 2-14). Inyo County looks forward to taking an active role with BLM in identifying additional new SEZ areas in the County.

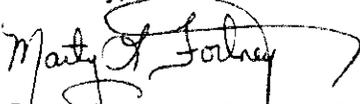
There is one section of the PEIS that is particularly troubling. Large portions of Inyo County are proposed for exclusion from solar development. These areas include lands that surround Pearsonville and Trona, and land within Rose Valley, Panamint Valley and Centennial Flat. Inyo County has identified each of these areas as having excellent potential for solar development. Excluding these areas from such development is directly contrary to specific policies of the County's General Plan, its fundamental planning document.

(Refer to the following Inyo County General Plan references: Goal ED-4, Goal Gov-10, Policy Gov-10.1)¹ County staff has communicated its concerns to the BLM, but BLM staff has been unable to explain why these areas are given Special Recreation Management Area designations, nor has it explained what criteria qualify areas with this designation for exclusion. This is vital information to the County, so that staff can identify ways to achieve consistency between BLM and County plans.

It is the County's position that finalizing the PEIS as currently proposed would be a direct violation of the BLM's duty to coordinate its planning efforts with Inyo County's planning documents, as directed by 43 CFR 1610.3-1 (c),(d) and (e). It is the County's understanding that BLM staff must identify where there are inconsistencies between federal and local plans, ensure that the plans are as consistent as possible, consult with the local government, in this case Inyo County, regarding the inconsistencies and the means to resolve those inconsistencies, and if consistency cannot be achieved, explain in the management plan how the inconsistencies were addressed and why they could not be resolved. Inyo County cannot support a plan that excludes large areas of the County from beneficial development, particularly where the necessity of that exclusion is unexplained.

Inyo County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the PEIS, but expects to engage directly with BLM staff for an explanation as to why these portions of the County are completely excluded from reasonable solar development. Until such coordination occurs, the County believes adoption of the PEIS would be unlawful.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Marty Fortney, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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¹ Refer to http://inyoplanning.org/general_plan/index.htm for the County's General Plan.

1 **3.2.2 Exclusion Areas**
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3 **Summary:** Many comments requested specific categories of the public lands be excluded
4 from solar development. Some of these requested exclusion categories were citizen proposed
5 wilderness areas; areas with high concentrations of archaeological resources or of significance to
6 Native Americans; national parks, wilderness areas, national monuments, national historic trails,
7 and areas near these specially designated areas; connectivity areas for desert tortoise as defined
8 by the USFWS; desert wildlife management areas; golden eagle foraging and nesting habitats;
9 conservation lands in California that were donated to the BLM; areas with highly erodible soils;
10 riparian areas; and areas with the potential for adverse impacts on military operations.
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12 Conversely, some comments stated that the exclusion criteria should be used to guide
13 future solar development, and not as categorical exclusions. Comments stated that ROW
14 avoidance areas specific in BLM land use plans and proposed critical habitat should not be
15 exclusions categories. Some counties stated that there were too many exclusions and requested
16 that more land be made available.
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18 Comments were received on the application of exclusions only to siting of utility-scale
19 solar energy generation facilities and not to any required linear infrastructure (i.e., new roads
20 and transmission lines). Some commentors stated the exclusions should be applied to linear
21 infrastructure. One commentor observed that the application of the 5% slope criteria to
22 transmission lines and roads was not practicable. Some commentors noted the uncertainty
23 introduced because the BLM lacked sufficient data to map all the exclusion categories, and urged
24 the BLM to seek to digitize as much exclusion zone data as possible. There was also a question
25 about why non-development areas within SEZs were not designated as exclusion zones.
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27 **Response:** The BLM initially had 25 exclusion categories in the Draft Solar PEIS. Some
28 of the exclusion categories requested by commentors, such as national monuments and national
29 parks, are excluded from development by law and were never included as lands proposed to be
30 available for solar development. Some additional requested exclusion categories were
31 incorporated as Solar Energy Program exclusions through the Supplement to the Draft Solar
32 PEIS or through the Final Solar PEIS (see Tables 2.2-2 of these documents for the specific
33 exclusions). The BLM has continued to work with the NPS and the USFWS to exclude
34 additional lands of concern.
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36 The identification of exclusion areas allows the BLM to support the highest and best use
37 of public lands by avoiding potential resource conflicts and reserving for other uses public lands
38 that are not well suited for utility-scale solar energy development. Due to the size and scale of
39 utility-scale solar energy development (typically involving a single use of public lands), the
40 BLM is proposing to exclude a broader set of categories than would be identified in a land use
41 plan for other types of ROWs. The exclusions proposed through the Solar PEIS include
42 (1) *explicit* exclusions that will be delineated in the Solar PEIS ROD by a land base that would
43 not change except by future land use plan amendment; and (2) *implicit* exclusions that will be
44 defined in the Solar PEIS ROD by the presence or absence of a specific resource or condition
45 where the land base may change over time (e.g., critical habitat). Implicit exclusions will be
46 based on information in applicable land use plans as amended, Species' Recovery Plans, or

1 similar planning or guidance documents, and verified by site-specific information as necessary.
2 Even with the exclusions that have been applied through the Final Solar PEIS, the total variance
3 land area far exceeds the amount projected to actually be developed under the reasonably
4 foreseeable development scenario (RFDS) (19 million acres [76,890 km²] versus less than
5 300,000 acres [1,214 km²]).
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7 Although the BLM is continuously adding to and updating its spatial (GIS) data for
8 managed lands, it has not been possible to completely map all of the exclusion categories for the
9 variance areas. Exclusion areas that could not be mapped due to lack of data would be identified
10 during pre-application consultations with local BLM staff or site-specific evaluation of
11 individual ROW applications. For the SEZs, extensive work has been done to identify additional
12 areas within them that are not suitable for development (and will be excluded from such
13 development), so that uncertainty about subsequent identification of additional areas unsuitable
14 for development has been considerably reduced. (Note: the term “non-development area” within
15 an SEZ indicates an area that will be excluded from development).
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17 While the Solar PEIS considers the impacts of constructing, operating, and
18 decommissioning the related infrastructure needed to support utility-scale solar energy
19 development, such as roads, transmission lines, and natural gas or water pipelines, the land use
20 plan decisions to be made (e.g., exclusions, SEZs, etc.) will be applicable only to utility-scale
21 solar energy generation facilities. Management decisions for supporting infrastructure would
22 continue to be made in accordance with existing land use plan decisions and current applicable
23 policy and procedures. Siting of supporting infrastructure would be fully analyzed in project-
24 specific environmental reviews in accordance with NEPA. Such reviews would be completed in
25 combination with solar generation facility environmental reviews as appropriate.
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28 **3.2.2.1 Requests To Add Exclusion Areas**

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30 **Summary:** These comments included requests to exclude specific areas from solar
31 development, for example, culturally important sites within the Genesis Project area, the Ivanpah
32 Valley, the Pisgah Valley, House Rock and the Arizona Strip in Arizona, conservation lands in
33 California donated to the BLM, lands within the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument in
34 California, and others.
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36 **Response:** The BLM worked to incorporate some of the specific requested exclusions
37 through the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS and through the Final Solar PEIS (e.g., Pisgah
38 Valley, Ivanpah Valley, and the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument).
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41 **3.2.2.2 Requests To Add Buffer Zones**

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43 **Summary:** Comments were received on the Draft Solar PEIS and Supplement to the
44 Draft Solar PEIS stating that the exclusion of 0.25 mi (0.4 km) from the centerline of National
45 Historic Trails was insufficient. Similarly, comments were received stating that an exclusion
46 corridor for water features should be established; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1 PEIS for the list of cooperators). The comments expressed various concerns relating to the
2 cooperators' input to the BLM's Solar Energy Program. The NPS requested that it have a role in
3 determining the appropriateness of applications in variance areas in proximity to NPs and
4 National Historic Trails. Subsequent to publication of the Supplement, the USFWS and the
5 NPS submitted detailed GIS information to the BLM requesting that specific areas near NPS
6 units and desert tortoise connectivity areas be eliminated from the variance area footprint.
7 Lincoln County in Nevada provided extensive comments on the Draft Solar PEIS with rationale
8 for exclusion of the proposed Delamar Valley and East Mormon Mountain SEZs and for a
9 reduction in size of the Dry Lake Valley North SEZ; Lincoln County also requested that it be
10 involved in the development of regional mitigation plans. The California Energy Commission
11 (CEC) recommended cooperation between the BLM and CEC in order to better site solar
12 projects. Commentors urged the BLM to develop policies to encourage interagency coordination
13 (e.g., MOUs), including specific guidance on coordination with military and civilian aviation and
14 radar concerns. Esmeralda County in Nevada stated that the BLM should have considered some
15 locations in the county for SEZs. The Nevada Department of Wildlife requested more
16 participation in providing information and data relating to wildlife and the desert tortoise
17 variance process requirements.

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19 **Response:** The BLM worked extensively with the cooperating agencies throughout
20 preparation of the Solar PEIS. Pre-publication versions of the main sections of both the Draft
21 and Final Solar PEIS were provided to the cooperators, and their comments were considered in
22 preparation of the published versions. In many cases changes were made to the Solar PEIS in
23 response to concerns expressed by cooperators (e.g., changes made in response to Lincoln
24 County comments). In addition, the BLM worked with the NPS and the USFWS between the
25 release of the Supplement and the Final Solar PEIS to exclude some additional lands in close
26 proximity to NPS units and overlapping priority desert tortoise connectivity habitat.

27 28 29 **3.6.3.2 Local Government Participation**

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31 **Summary:** Many commentors urged that the BLM work with local governments at the
32 beginning of the application process when developing solar energy, because it is greatly affected
33 by decisions made concerning the management and development on federal land. Commentors
34 expressed concern that the PEIS did not include stronger language when referring to
35 coordination with local governments and their regulatory requirements. Inyo County in
36 California requested additional coordination with the BLM to resolve inconsistencies between
37 the PEIS and its General Plan, including potential areas for renewable energy development.
38 Other commentors were also concerned with consistency between BLM and local plans and
39 policies. There were concerns from local governments about potential lost economic
40 opportunities (tourism, mining, grazing, and recreation) and that there is not clear guidance on
41 how local governments can have economic impacts addressed and mitigated. There were also
42 concerns that costs to local government from increased infrastructure and need for public
43 services were not fully addressed. One commentor requested that the BLM allow counties to
44 have a role in designating future SEZs, while another requested that local governments be
45 included in the assessment of energy need. Another commentor recommended that the BLM—
46 not local and state government—fund monitoring programs. One comment recommended that

1 discussions with state and local governments be conducted before SEZs were eliminated from
2 consideration, while another recommended that the new SEZ protocol include a requirement that
3 all petitions for new SEZs have support from the state and county. A comment was received
4 requesting that local governments be required to attend at least one pre-application meeting and
5 that consultation with the state and local government occur during the variance process. A few
6 commentors argued that their comments had not been adequately addressed.

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8 **Response:** The BLM has identified many opportunities for local governments to
9 participate in the Solar Energy Program and has provided opportunities for coordination among
10 local stakeholders. As outlined in its planning criteria, the BLM will coordinate with federal,
11 state, and local agencies and tribal governments in the PEIS and plan amendment process to
12 strive for consistency with existing plans and policies, to the extent practicable. The SEZ
13 Identification Protocol allows new SEZs to be identified and analyzed through state or local land
14 use planning efforts, and the BLM will encourage local land use planning efforts to consider the
15 need for, and identify as appropriate, new SEZs as part of regular land use plan revisions. In
16 addition to the land use planning and NEPA processes, the BLM will utilize local Resource
17 Advisory Councils (RACs) as a venue for sharing information and engaging in a meaningful
18 dialogue with interested stakeholders. The BLM will require prospective applicants in variance
19 areas to schedule and participate in two preliminary meetings with the BLM before filing a ROW
20 application in a variance area; the aim of the second preliminary meeting is to initiate and ensure
21 early coordination with federal (e.g., NPS and USFWS), state, and local government agencies
22 and tribes. Finally, BLM's proposed programmatic design features includes many opportunities
23 for local government involvement and consultation including the following: (1) make early
24 contact with local officials, regulators, and inspectors to explore all applicable regulations and
25 address concerns unique to solar power generation projects; (2) emphasize early identification of,
26 and communication and coordination with, stakeholders, including, but not limited to, federal,
27 state, and local agencies; special interest groups; Native American tribes and organizations;
28 elected officials; and concerned citizens; (3) consult with local agencies regarding potential
29 impacts of development within, adjacent, or close to state or local special use areas such as
30 parks; (4) avoid lands identified as incompatible for renewable energy development by local
31 governments; (5) compare preliminary site grading, drainage, erosion, and sediment control
32 plans with applicable local jurisdiction requirements; (6) consult federal, state, and local "water-
33 wise" guidelines, as applicable, for project development in the arid Southwest; (7) site facilities
34 to maximize local, regional, and statewide economic benefits and utilize coordination with local
35 and state entities such as state and county commissions, planning departments, and so on; and
36 (8) site projects to minimize adverse effects on area housing markets and local infrastructure
37 (e.g., schools and other public services) and to ensure adequate housing vacancy rates and local
38 infrastructure support for workers and their families.

39 40 41 **3.6.3.3 State and Regional Participation**

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43 **Summary:** Many commentors recommended that future solar development in the
44 California desert should be closely coordinated with the DRECP development and
45 implementation. Comments requested that the PEIS incorporate solar energy development and
46 conservation areas identified through other federal and state solar energy planning efforts such as

1 Comments on the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS requested clarification of BLM's
2 treatment of the transfer of ROW grants. A comment stated that the BLM should review ROW
3 grants if ownership of the grant changes to ensure the ability of a project to be successfully
4 completed is not adversely affected.

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6 **Response:** The Final Solar PEIS presents in detail the policies that would be applicable
7 for all solar ROWs, including ROWs in SEZs, and in variance areas (see Sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2.2,
8 and 2.2.2.3, respectively, in this Final Solar PEIS). All solar energy ROW authorizations are
9 issued with terms that provide for the right of renewal. Renewal provides an opportunity to
10 review the terms and conditions of the authorization and provides for the protection of public
11 land resources. Renewal is subject to the ROW holder's compliance with the terms and
12 conditions of the authorization.

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14 The ROW policies also address transfer of ROW grants. In order to approve ROW
15 authorizations, the BLM is required to ensure the assignee has assumed the full responsibilities
16 for compliance with the terms and conditions of the ROW authorization, which may include a
17 review of the economic and technical viability of the assignee.

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19 With respect to collocated ROWs, the BLM has now added the following text regarding
20 incentives for development within SEZs: "In preparing parcels in SEZs for competitive offer, the
21 BLM will seek to make the most efficient use of existing corridors, consider opportunities for
22 co-location, and avoid geographically stranding future projects from key transmission
23 interconnection points." (in Section 2.2.2.2.3 of the Final Solar PEIS).

24
25 Finally, the BLM at this time sees no need to establish a site-testing ROW for solar
26 projects similar to the 3-year site testing authorizations for wind energy projects areas. However,
27 the BLM can issue short-term ROW authorizations for short-term activities. Casual use activities
28 on public lands do not require an authorization.

29 30 31 **3.7.16 Solar PEIS Consistency with Local Plans**

32 **Summary:** Comments on the Draft Solar PEIS included local government units
33 requesting conformity of the Solar PEIS ROW authorization policies with local planning efforts.
34 One commentator requested that BLM exclude lands from development that had been identified by
35 the local government as regional linkages in the Habitat Conservation Plan. Some local
36 governments were concerned that the Draft Solar PEIS and the Supplement to the Draft Solar
37 PEIS had identified exclusion areas that locally were considered to be good locations for solar
38 development. Similar concerns about coordination with local planning policies were received on
39 the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS. Commentors were concerned that a requirement does
40 not exist for BLM to evaluate projects against local plans, development codes, or ordinances.
41 There was also a question about which entity would be responsible for the NEPA analysis for
42 SEZs identified subsequent to the Solar PEIS process and analyzed through state or local land
43 use planning efforts.
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1 **Response:** Requirements for coordination with local agencies are now included under the
2 authorization policies for applications both within SEZs and in variance areas
3 (see Sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2.2, and 2.2.2.3 of the Final Solar PEIS). Furthermore, the protocol for
4 identifying new SEZs includes consideration of relevant local land use plan decisions
5 (see Section A.2.6.3.2 of Appendix A).
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7 The BLM will endeavor to assess the need for new or expanded SEZs a minimum of
8 every 5 years in each of the six states covered by the Solar PEIS. The process for identifying new
9 or expanded SEZs will be open and transparent, with opportunities for substantial involvement of
10 multiple stakeholders including local governments and entities. The BLM will identify new or
11 expanded SEZs at the state or field office level as an individual land use planning effort or as
12 part of an ongoing land use plan revision.
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14 **3.7.17 Withdrawal of SEZ Lands**

15 **Summary:** Comments received on this topic were all on the Draft PEIS. One comment
16 noted that the long-term withdrawal of lands from potential conflicting uses (aka segregation of
17 the lands) to support solar energy development could result in speculative solar development
18 applications prior to the segregation on the lands proposed for segregation. Another commentor
19 noted that FLPMA requires that withdrawals of more than 5,000 acres (20 km²) from mineral
20 entry require a mineral report and review by Congress; this requirement would apply to most of
21 the SEZs. Finally, there was a request to identify specific parcels within SEZs as being suitable
22 for disposal and to include an analysis of the impacts of disposal.
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25 **Response:** As is clarified in the Final Solar PEIS (Section 2.2.2.2.4), only the SEZs are
26 being proposed for long-term withdrawal, which is consistent with the BLM's intent to prioritize
27 solar development within the SEZs. There are currently no plans to dispose of lands within the
28 SEZs; the Final Solar PEIS clarifies that lands within the SEZs are expected to be offered
29 competitively for solar development. The procedures for evaluating pending applications both
30 within and outside of the SEZs ensure that speculative applications will be identified and closed
31 within a reasonable timeframe. The required withdrawal analysis for the proposed SEZs has been
32 included in the Final Solar PEIS (see SEZ sections in Chapters 8 through 13 of the Final Solar
33 PEIS), including mineral potential assessment reports that meet the standards set forth in 43 CFR
34 Part 2300 and *BLM Manual 3060*. The proposed withdrawal will be for a period of 20 years. The
35 Secretary of the Interior's decision regarding the withdrawal will be made based on the analyses
36 provided in the Solar PEIS.
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40 **3.7.18 Solar PEIS Relation to the California Desert Protection Act and Plan**

41 **Summary:** Several comments on both the Draft Solar PEIS and the Supplement to the
42 Draft Solar PEIS stated that the BLM and DOE should revise the Solar PEIS to exclude utility-
43 scale solar energy development on Class L lands within the CDCA. Specifically, the BLM was
44 requested to remove the Vinagre Wash Special Management Area from the variance area and to
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1 The BLM and the USFWS have continued consultation regarding desert tortoise
2 connectivity areas throughout preparation of the Final Solar PEIS. Through this consultation
3 process, an additional 515,000 acres (2,084 km²) of lands that coincide with priority desert
4 tortoise connectivity habitat have been excluded from the variance lands, and the additional
5 data collection and evaluation measures for desert tortoise and priority connectivity habitat
6 that will be required for applications in the remaining variance lands have been outlined
7 (see Section 2.2.2.3.1 on the Variance Process in the Final Solar PEIS). Developers that propose
8 utility-scale solar energy projects in variance areas that overlap priority desert tortoise
9 connectivity habitat identified on USFWS maps will be required to meet with the BLM and
10 USFWS early in the process as part of the previously mentioned preliminary meetings to receive
11 instructions on the appropriate desert tortoise survey protocols and the criteria the BLM and
12 USFWS will use to evaluate results of those surveys. The USFWS will also make additional
13 information regarding the evaluation of impacts on desert tortoise and priority desert tortoise
14 connectivity habitat available on a public Web page.
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17 **3.7.23 Work Identified in SEZ Action Plans**

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19 **Summary:** Comments were received regarding the SEZ action plans presented in the
20 Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS, most in favor of the concept of ongoing characterization of
21 the SEZs. A prevalent concern was the lack of clarity on whether BLM or developers would fund
22 the data collection and on when the data would be obtained.
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24 **Response:** The SEZ action plans in the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS described
25 additional data that could be collected for individual SEZs and proposed data sources and
26 methods for the collection of those data. Additional data collection for SEZs would likely be
27 conducted by the BLM; however, the agency will consider opportunities for partnerships to
28 collect such information. Work is under way by the BLM to collect some of the additional data
29 as specified under these action plans (e.g., additional data collection to support evaluation of
30 cultural, visual, and water resources has begun). The BLM will prioritize the collection of
31 additional data and analysis in those SEZs that are most likely to be developed in the near future.
32 The BLM intends to make additional data for the SEZs that are obtained subsequent to issuance
33 of the Solar PEIS available to interested stakeholders through the Solar PEIS Web site
34 (solareis.anl.gov). Notices of new data availability will be sent to Web site subscribers.
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36 Note that additional data and analysis will help facilitate development in SEZs, but the
37 BLM is not required to identify an area as an SEZ as part of the Solar Energy Program. Some of
38 the data gaps identified in the SEZ action plans will likely need to be addressed by developers.
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41 **3.8 NEW SEZS AND RELATED PROJECTS**

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43 **Summary:** Comments on the Draft Solar PEIS asked for clarification of the process to
44 change proposed SEZs, remove proposed SEZs, or propose additional new SEZs, and requested
45 that the impacts of those changes be evaluated in the PEIS and that exclusion criteria be
46 identified. Comments also requested that landscape assessments be used to identify new SEZs

1 and that degraded and private lands should be prioritized when new SEZs are identified.
2 Comments on the Supplement to the Draft requested clarification of the role of local
3 governments as well as the role of BLM land use plans and land use plan revisions in the SEZ
4 identification process. Commentors also recommended that the identification of additional SEZs
5 should be based on market conditions and the need for power and should rely on results from the
6 California DRECP, the BLM West Chocolate Mountain EIS, and BLM's RDEP in Arizona.

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8 **Response:** In response to comments on the Draft Solar PEIS, a proposed Identification
9 Protocol for New Solar Energy Zones was presented in the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS
10 (Appendix D). The protocol that was further modified in response to comments and is presented
11 in this Final Solar PEIS (Section A.2.6 of Appendix A). The BLM recognizes the need for a
12 process to identify new and/or expanded SEZs as a critical component of the BLM's overall
13 approach to solar energy development. The protocol describes a process to assess the need for
14 additional SEZs at least every 5 years in each of the six states (Section A.2.6.1 of Appendix A).
15 The protocol also addresses the use of landscape-scale information in the identification of new
16 SEZs (Section A.2.6.3.4 of Appendix A). As described in the protocol, the BLM will consider
17 petitions for new zones or scoping comments suggesting new SEZs as part of regular planning
18 efforts. The Final Solar PEIS includes more defined roles for state and local government
19 involvement and consideration of local plans and policies. The protocol emphasizes the
20 consideration of degraded, disturbed, and/or previously disturbed lands as part of all future
21 processes to identify new or expanded SEZs. Although it is the BLM's goal that an assessment
22 of the need for new or expanded SEZs will be take place a minimum of every 5 years,
23 stakeholders can petition to consider new zones at any time.

24 25 26 **3.8.1 Recommendations for Specific New SEZs and SEZ Expansions**

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28 **Summary:** Many commentors recommended that BLM consider areas for new SEZs.
29 Comments included the following recommendations: (1) use Utah Renewable Energy Zone
30 Phase I and II reports that identify solar energy development zones in Utah; (2) consider areas
31 recommended by the CEC and CDFG, including lands adjacent to proposed SEZs; (3) consider
32 lands identified by Pima County in Arizona for the Solar America Communities grant;
33 (4) include an SEZ in the western Mojave Desert and western Riverside County in California;
34 (5) propose solar development along the Central Arizona Canal; and (6) add additional SEZs
35 near the cities of Pueblo and Colorado Springs in Colorado. A few commentors requested that
36 the BLM consider specific proposed project locations as potential SEZs or variance areas. Most
37 of the comments received on the Draft Solar PEIS and Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS
38 argued that the new zones they recommended were suitable for development because of
39 proximity to transmission infrastructure, disturbed land, and population centers. Some
40 commentors suggested that the SEZ Identification Protocol should include the REDP in Arizona,
41 the Chocolate Mountains EIS, and the DRECP in Arizona, without regard to the "need"
42 requirement outlined in the Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS. Comments also recommended
43 that SEZs be identified in the West Mojave and Imperial Valley in California.

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45 **Response:** While the BLM decided not to identify additional SEZs as part of the Solar
46 PEIS, the BLM considers the future identification of additional SEZs an essential element of its

Dated: July 19, 2012.

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Geological and Geophysical Data
Preservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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**Notice of Availability of the Final
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement for Solar Energy
Development in Six Southwestern
States**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior; Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land
Management (BLM) and the Department
of Energy (DOE) (the Agencies) as joint
lead agencies announce the availability
of the Final Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement for
Solar Energy Development in Six
Southwestern States (Final
Programmatic EIS) (BLM/DES 11-49,
DOE/EIS-0403) and associated
Proposed BLM Resource Management
Plan (RMP) Amendments.

DATES: BLM planning regulations state
that any person who meets the
conditions as described in the
regulations may protest the BLM's Final
Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP
Amendments. A person who meets the
conditions and files a protest must file
the protest within 30 days of the date
that the Environmental Protection
Agency publishes its Notice of
Availability (NOA) in the **Federal
Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final
Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP
Amendments have been sent to affected
Federal, state, and local government
agencies and to other stakeholders.
Copies of the Final Programmatic EIS
and Proposed RMP Amendments,
references, and additional information
regarding solar energy development are
available at the project Web site:
<http://solareis.anl.gov>. Electronic copies
of the Final Programmatic EIS and
Proposed RMP Amendments are
available through the BLM Web site at
<http://www.blm.gov>. The Final
Programmatic EIS is also available on
the DOE National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA) Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa>.

All protests must be in writing and
mailed to one of the following
addresses:

Regular Mail

BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda
Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington,
DC 20024-1383.

Overnight Mail

BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda
Williams, 20 M Street SE., Room
2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

Publication of a Final EIS Notice of
Availability does not trigger a formal
public comment period. The Agencies,
however, may choose to review any
comments submitted following the
publication of the Final EIS NOA and
use them to inform the Records of
Decision. Those individuals wishing to
submit comments are asked to do so
through the Solar Programmatic EIS
project Web site (<http://solareis.anl.gov>). Individuals should
note that the Agencies will consider
such comments only to the extent
practicable and will not respond to
comments individually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shannon Stewart, Solar Energy Program
Lead, BLM Washington Office, by email
at shannon_stewart@blm.gov, or by
telephone at 202-912-7219, to request
CDs or printed copies of the Final
Programmatic EIS, or for further
information. Requests for information
related to DOE's proposed action may be
directed to Jane Summerson, DOE Solar
Programmatic EIS Document Manager,
by email at
jane.summerson@ee.doe.gov, or by
telephone at 202-287-6188. For general
information regarding the DOE NEPA
process, contact Carol Borgstrom,
Director, Office of NEPA Policy and
Compliance, GC-54, U.S. Department of
Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue
SW., Washington, DC 20585, by
telephone at 202-586-4600, leave a
message at 1-800-472-2756, or by email
at askNEPA@hq.doe.gov. Persons who
use a telecommunications device for the
deaf (TDD) may call the Federal
Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-
800-877-8339 to contact the above
individual during normal business
hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week, to leave a message
or question with the above individual.
You will receive a reply during normal
business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of
the Final Programmatic EIS and
Proposed RMP Amendments are
available for public inspection at the
following BLM office locations:

- Arizona State Office, One North
Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix,
Arizona 85004.
- Caliente Field Office, U.S. Highway
93 Building #1, Caliente, Nevada 89008.
- California Desert District, 22835
Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno
Valley, California 92553.
- California State Office, 2800 Cottage
Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento,
California 95825.
- Colorado State Office, 2850
Youngfield Street Lakewood, Colorado
80215.
- Cedar City Field Office, 176 East
D.L. Sargent Drive Cedar City, Utah
84721.
- El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th
Street El Centro, California 92243.
- Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610
Sweetwater Avenue Lake Havasu City,
Arizona 86406.
- Las Cruces District Office, 1800
Marquess Street Las Cruces, New
Mexico 88005.
- Lower Sonoran Field Office, 21605
N. 7th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85027.
- Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial
Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502.
- New Mexico State Office, 301
Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508
- Palm Springs—South Coast Field
Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive Palm
Springs, California 92262.
- San Luis Valley Public Lands
Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte
Vista, Colorado 81144.
- Southern Nevada District Office,
4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas,
Nevada 89130.
- Tonopah Field Office, 1553 South
Main Street Tonopah, Nevada 89049.
- Utah State Office, 440 West 200
South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah
84101.

On December 17, 2010 (75 FR 78980),
the Agencies published a Draft
Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy
Development in Six Southwestern
States (Arizona, California, Colorado,
Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah). Public
comments were accepted through May
2, 2011. More than 80,500 comments
were received. The public, as well as
many cooperating agencies, offered
suggestions on how the Agencies could
increase the utility of the document,
strengthen the proposed BLM Solar
Energy Program, and increase certainty
regarding solar energy development on
BLM-administered lands.

On October 28, 2011 (76 FR 66958),
the Agencies published a Supplement to
the Draft Programmatic EIS for Solar
Energy Development in Six
Southwestern States. Public comments
were accepted through January 27, 2012.
More than 131,000 comments were
received. The Agencies considered all

comments received on both the Draft Programmatic EIS and the Supplement to the Draft Programmatic EIS, and the Final Programmatic EIS has been revised to reflect that consideration.

Through the Final Programmatic EIS, the BLM is evaluating actions that will facilitate utility-scale solar energy development on public lands. Multiple federal orders and mandates establish requirements for the Department of the Interior related to renewable energy development. Through the Final Programmatic EIS, the BLM is considering replacing elements of its existing solar energy policies with a comprehensive Solar Energy Program that would allow the permitting of future solar energy development projects on public lands to proceed in a more efficient, standardized, and environmentally responsible manner.

On the basis of the analysis presented in this Final Programmatic EIS, the BLM anticipates making the following land use planning decisions that will establish the foundation for a comprehensive Solar Energy Program.

- Land use plan amendments that identify exclusion areas for utility-scale solar energy development in the six-state study area;
- Land use plan amendments that identify priority areas for solar energy development that are well suited for utility-scale production of solar energy (i.e., solar energy zones (SEZs));
- Land use plan amendments that identify areas potentially available for utility-scale solar energy development outside of SEZs in the six-state study area; and
- Land use plan amendments that establish required design features (i.e., mitigation requirements) for solar energy development on public lands to ensure the most environmentally responsible development and delivery of solar energy.

In the Final Programmatic EIS, the BLM has identified the solar energy development program alternative (referred to as the "program alternative") as its preferred alternative. Under the program alternative, the BLM proposes categories of lands to be excluded from utility-scale solar energy development (approximately 79 million acres) and identifies 17 SEZs (about 285,000 acres) where the BLM proposes to prioritize development of utility-scale solar energy development. The program alternative emphasizes and incentivizes development within SEZs and proposes a collaborative process to identify additional SEZs in the future. The program alternative allows for utility-scale solar development in variance areas outside of SEZs (approximately 19

million acres) in accordance with a proposed variance process. The program alternative also establishes authorization policies and procedures for utility-scale solar energy development and design features applicable to all development on BLM-administered lands.

In the Final Programmatic EIS, DOE revised its proposed guidance in response to comments. For example, it added specific recommendations regarding land use avoidance including rangelands and National Historic and Scenic Trails; greater emphasis on water use minimization and conservation techniques; and coordination with local and state entities such as planning commissions and federal agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. DOE also included additional text describing the breadth and variety of the various DOE programs that could potentially fund solar projects and clarifying how DOE might use the proposed guidance.

In the Final Programmatic EIS, DOE has identified its preferred alternative as the proposed action (action alternative) under which DOE would adopt programmatic environmental guidance, which would be used by DOE to further integrate environmental considerations into its analysis and selection of proposed solar projects.

Other Agency Involvement

Cooperating Federal agencies on the Solar Programmatic EIS include the Department of Defense; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service; Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division. Other cooperating agencies on the Solar PEIS include the Arizona Game and Fish Department; the California Energy Commission and Public Utilities Commission; the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the N-4 Grazing Board, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority; the Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office; Clark, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lincoln, and Nye Counties, Nevada; Saguache County, Colorado; and Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments may be found in the "Dear Reader" Letter" of the Final Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the ADDRESSES section above. Emailed and faxed protests will not be

accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the emailed or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct emails to bhudgets@blm.gov and faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-245-0028.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10; 43 CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5; and 10 CFR 1021.313.

Timothy Spisak,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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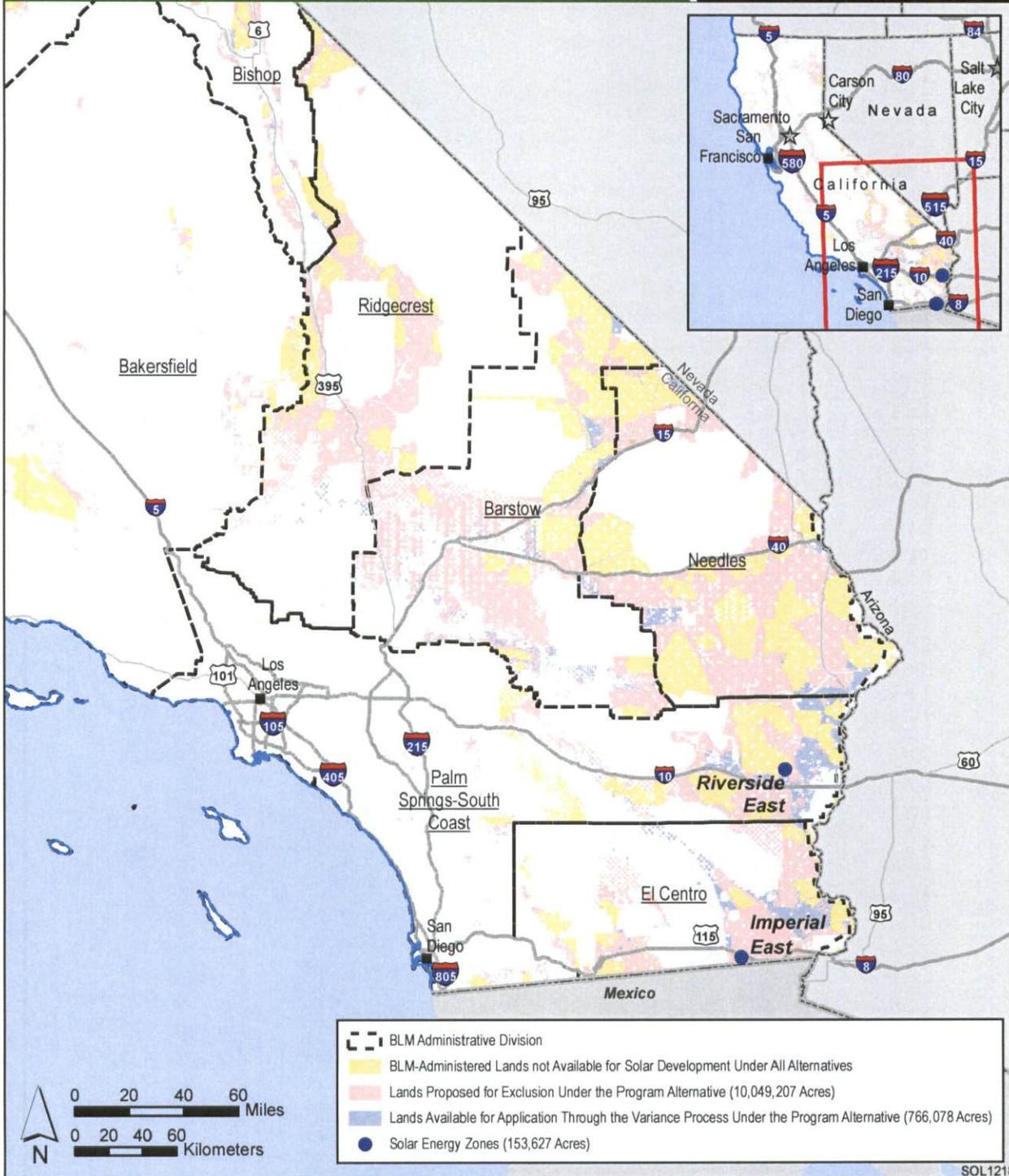
National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 30, 2012. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by August 13, 2012. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

BLM-Administered Lands in California Available for Application for Solar Energy ROW Authorizations under the BLM Alternatives Considered in the Final Solar PEIS
 Map Prepared July 2012



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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:
AGENDA NUMBER

11

- Consent
 Departmental
 Correspondence Action
 Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for
 Closed Session
 Informational

FROM: Inyo County Public Works/Administrator/Planning Departments

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP) Block Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION: Prioritize projects for CAPP block grant funds.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: At its regularly scheduled July 10, 2012 meeting, the Board reviewed a number of potential projects for CAPP block grant funding (see Attachment #1). The Board discussed a variety of projects presented by staff, as well as other potential projects, and directed staff to investigate them further and return with recommendations. Based upon this discussion and further review, staff recommends that the projects identified in the table below be carried forward, using the \$185,500 in CAPP block grant funding allocated to the County. However, if the Board would like to further consider alternate projects beyond those listed in the table, staff have also attached energy descriptions for all County buildings (see Attachment #2).

Project Descriptions	Staff Recommended Projects, with Needed CAPP Funding Totals	Projects Not Recommended, with Needed CAPP Funding Totals
<i>Heaters</i> – Statham Hall (Lone Pine): replace five FAU heaters and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.	\$60,000	
<i>Heaters</i> – Legion Hall (Independence): replace two heaters and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.	\$7,000	
<i>Heaters</i> – Bishop Senior Center (Bishop): replace two FAU heaters and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.		\$50,000
<i>Heaters</i> – Juvenile Facility (Independence): replace four heaters (one of which is a 100% “make up” air unit, responsible for 64% of building heating) and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.		\$100,000
<i>Boiler</i> – Courthouse Annex (Independence): replace the hydronic propane boiler and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.	\$35,000	
<i>Snow Blower</i> – replace two snow blowers and reduce emissions from the existing equipment.		\$1,200,000
<i>Diesel Particulate Filter</i> – Integrated Waste Management (Bishop-Sunland Landfill): for use in the 2003 755 John Deere track loader.	\$30,000	
<i>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</i> – (Bishop, Lone Pine, South County, Death Valley, plus potentially two other locations): install one to six electric vehicle charging		

Project Descriptions	Staff Recommended Projects, with Needed CAPP Funding Totals	Projects Not Recommended, with Needed CAPP Funding Totals
stations at various County facilities to provide a baseline. Staff anticipates working with the City of Bishop to coordinate locating the charging station at Bishop City Hall, if feasible, or other possible locations if not. Locations in the other areas of the County are expected to be at County yard facilities. Electric vehicles could then be purchased through the County's motor pool replacement funds, separate from CAPP block grant funding. Other agencies could also participate, thereby leading to cumulative reductions in vehicular emissions region-wide. The charging stations could also be made available for use to the public at a fee.	\$15,000 (\$15,000 - \$90,000 @ \$15,000 per charging station)	
Solar PV Installation – Courthouse Campus (Independence): provide funds for the County's proposed solar PV installation at the Independence campus to generate clean energy and reduce emissions form energy produced by fossil fuels elsewhere.		\$2,200,000
Courthouse Window Treatments – Courthouse Building (Independence): treat the windows of the historic courthouse to reduce energy consumption and thus the emissions generated for space heating and cooling.	\$19,000	
Window Treatments – Annex Building (Independence): treat windows of the Annex office building to reduce energy consumption and thus the emissions generated for space heating and cooling.	\$16,000	
Total	\$182,000	\$2,550,000

On July 10, the possibility of installing additional cooling systems at the Courthouse in Independence was discussed. Staff believes that the air quality benefits of such a project may be minimal, and therefore, does not recommend that project for CAPP funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

FINANCING: No County financing proposed; financing through CAPP funds.

APPROVALS	
COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>

AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (<i>Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.</i>)
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)



Date: 8/8/12

Attachments:

- 1.) July 10, 2012 Agenda Request Form
- 2.) Energy Efficiency Descriptions for County Facilities

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PACKET

ATTACHMENT #1

(for August 14, 2012 Meeting)



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:
AGENDA NUMBER

- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for XX a.m. Closed Session Informational

FROM: Inyo County Planning Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP) Block Grant Funds

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request the Board of Supervisors: Identify projects for CAPP Block Grant funds.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

In December 2011 the Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP), a program administered and funded through the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP), respectively, notified Inyo County that approximately 5 million dollars in funding was available to fund clean air projects within the Air District, with the stipulation that the projects must be implemented by December 31, 2013.

As a result, Inyo County submitted a formal proposal to CAPP staff in February of this year for funding of a number of County projects, the majority of which were through Public Works (see Attachment #1). In May of this year, CAPP staff notified the County that two projects had been approved for funding: \$450,000 to the Roads Department for two new street sweepers, and \$149,000 to the Integrated Waste Management Program for a new watering truck at both the Lone Pine and the Sunland landfills (projects #21 & 22 on Attachment #2).

In addition to the above funding, in March of this year the County was also notified that it was approved for \$185,460.00 dollars in CAPP Block Grant funds. Such Block Grant funds have been made available to Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties, as well as the town of Mammoth Lakes, and are based on area population (i.e., \$10 per capita). These funds are available immediately for the County's use toward projects, with some stipulations (see Attachment #3) – chief of which are indicating acceptance of the funds by signing the CAPP agreement (i.e., Attachment #3), providing a description and cost estimate for each funded project, using funds only toward projects which “will or could result in real and local air quality improvements,” and using funds by December 31, 2013.

As a result, staff is seeking the Board's direction on which projects to nominate for CAPP Block Grant funding. Staff can suggest a number of possibilities:

- Nominate five Public Works projects which were not picked up for funding in the initial February 2012 CAPP funding proposal: this would include five projects totaling \$102,000.00 (projects #1-5 on Attachment #1).

- Nominate a reduced version of the "Alternative Fueling Stations/Fleet Retrofit" project: the County's initial nomination of this project required funding of close to 2.5 million dollars. However, a feasibility study for the project could be funded for approximately \$50,000.00.
- Nominate a Public Works project not picked up for funding in the initial February 2012 CAPP funding proposal, if the County could supply the remaining project funds: project #11 on Attachment #1 (i.e., snow blowers) would require \$600,000 - \$1,200,000 to fund. For example, if the County nominated the purchase of just one snow blower at a cost of \$600,000.00, and used the entire available CAPP Block Grant funds of \$185,460 towards its purchase, then the County would need to supply matching funds of \$414,540.00 by December 31, 2013 (i.e., \$600,000 - \$185,460 = \$414,540.00).
- Circulate a request for project proposals to all County Departments and/or the public as a way of generating new project ideas that could then be nominated for funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Do NOT approve the requested actions.
- Return to staff with direction .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

FINANCING:

Funds will be provided by GBUAPCD through the CAPP Block Grant program, with additional/matching funding potentially by the County, depending on projects selected.

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)

Date: _____

Attachments:

- 1.) Inyo County CAPP Project Proposal Budget (for Public Works projects)
- 2.) May 15, 2012 letter from Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP)
- 3.) March 9, 2012 letter from Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP)

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ATTACHMENT #1

INYO COUNTY CAPP PROJECT PROPOSAL BUDGET

WORK ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	INPUT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	GRANT REQUESTED	MATCHING FUNDS*	NOTES
PROPOSED HEATING EQUIPMENT									
1	FAU heaters, Statham Hall, Lone Pine	2	EA	135,000 btu	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000			original install 1975
2	FAU heaters, Statham Hall, Lone Pine	1	EA	150,000 btu	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			original install 1975
3	FAU heaters, Statham Hall, Lone Pine	1	EA	215,000 btu	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000			original install 1975
4	FAU Heater, Leglon Hall, Independence	1	EA	200,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			original install 1986
5	Unit Heater, Leglon Hall, Lunch Rm, Upstairs	2	EA	40,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000			original install 1954
6	Hydronic Propane Boiler, Courthouse Annex, Independence	1	EA	1,190,000 btu input	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000			original install 1964
7	TOTAL PROPOSED HVAC UPGRADES					\$ 102,000	\$ 88,700	\$ 15,300	
8									
9	PROPOSED ROAD EQUIPMENT								
10	Street Sweeper	2	EA		\$ 275,000	\$ 550,000			Replaces 1961 & 1971 Year Models
11	Snow Blower	2	EA		\$ 600,000	\$ 1,200,000			Replaces 1954 Year Model
12	TOTAL PROPOSED ROAD EQUIPMENT					\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,487,800	\$ 262,500	
13									
14	TOTAL PROPOSAL					\$ 1,862,000	\$ 1,674,200	\$ 277,800	

* Matching funds are approximately 15% of project costs.

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ATTACHMENT #2

cc: Josh



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Kevin Carunchio, CAO
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INYO COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for the Clean Air Project proposal you submitted for an "Alternative Fueling Stations and Fleet Retrofit" in the amount of \$2,407,000. Because of the large number of requests received, we regret to inform you that your proposal was not selected for CAPP funding recommendations. As you know, there were significantly more requests than money and unfortunately more than half of the submissions cannot be funded.

Specific to your proposal which requested a lion's share of the available funds, the selection panel felt there were too many uncertainties and chose projects that reduced significantly more local air emissions per dollars spent (emphasizing the Owens Valley Planning Area) through established and proven support networks and processes.

Nonetheless, your application is very compelling and your vision is laudable. We strongly recommend a considered feasibility study to help in your quest for funding. Hopefully this process will start you in that direction. You will also remain on the CAPP mailing list - unless you request otherwise - and will be notified if additional funds become available. Thank you very much for your efforts toward moving the region ahead into cleaner, alternative fuel choices.

The selection panel's recommendation to fund 22 projects throughout the Great Basin will be considered for approval by the Air District's Governing Board at their meeting in Bridgeport on May 24 at 10:30 a.m. I am enclosing the list of recommended projects for your information. Please contact me directly if you would like more feedback or have questions regarding specific evaluation points and the selection process, or if you would like to discuss how you might continue your pursuit of funding.

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Phone: 760.914.0388

Sincerely,


Lisa Isaacs, Administrator
Clean Air Projects Program
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Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-0100

Recommended Project Applicant	Applicant OVPA? Type	Project Title	Project's District Location	\$ Award Amount	Cost-sharing %	Air P. Type	Direct / Indirect	Funded Project Brief
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Non-GBUAPCD Agency Member Projects

1	Boulder Creek Resort / Jaque & Art Hickman	YES	local-owned private business	Paving Unpaved Interior Roads	Inyo County	100,000	25	PM10	Both	Paving approximately 50,000 ft2 of unpaved interior dirt roadways for popular, open to the public, year-round visitor services complex; to include some interpretive education. Will result in locally-significant dust control in OVPA and beyond. (Lifespan ~30 years)
2	Hunter Road Neighborhood Association / John Bard	YES	private residential asso.	Hunter Road Dust Mitigation Project	Inyo County	195,000	6	PM10	Direct	Paving approximately 31,6802 ft2 of unpaved, Inyo County-owned road in the OVPA's Alabama Hills. Will result in several tons of OVPA neighborhood dust controlled annually as well as improve road safety considerations. (Lifespan 20 years)
3	Inter-Agency Visitor Center / K.C. Wylie	YES	Public land mgmt. agency partnership (DWP-owned land)	Dust Abatement to Improve Air Quality at the Eastern Sierra IAVC	Inyo County	100,000	2	PM10	Direct	1) Restoring 2 acres of native alkali meadow at IAVC construction site to control dust emissions in OVPA & improve native habitat; 2) 'rock mulch ground cover' in front of IAVC to reduce local dust, improve indoor air quality and complete new center's landscaping. (Lifespan 20 - 40 years)
4	Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce / Kathleen New	YES	Nonprofit Chamber of Commerce (DWP-owned land)	Pavement of Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce Rear Parking Lot	Inyo County	70,000	13	PM10	Direct	Paving ~11,000 ft2 of existing downtown dirt parking lot, including landscaping. Will reduce measurable amounts of Lone Pine & OVPA dust and improve existing parking conditions for downtown residents, employees and visitors. (Lifespan 20 years "with minimum care")
5	Lone Pine Future Farmers of America / Brenda Lacey	YES	Public education partnership (DWP-owned land)	Lone Pine Future Farmers of America School Farm	Inyo	105,000	55	PM10	Both	1) Reveg. 7 acres of native pasture and driveway gravel; 2) capping dirt driveway & parking area @ school farm; 3) Covering bare land around athletic field w/ vineyard, garden, orchard & gravel paths. Projects cumulatively reduces many tons of OVPA dust. (Lifespan est. 20+ years)
6	Lone Pine Film History Museum / Chris Langley	YES	Nonprofit Museum (DWP-owned land)	Parking Lot Paving, Landscaping and Interpretation Improvements	Inyo	155,000	30	PM10	Direct	Paving, striping, bumper-guard installation and landscaping of existing dirt parking area of ~51,000 ft2. Will significantly reduce dust emissions at popular OVPA museum and provide better parking conditions for all visitors to the area. (Lifespan est. 25+ years)
7	Lone Pine Unified School District / Camille Cervantes	YES	Lone Pine School District (DWP-owned land)	Lone Pine Sports Complex Paving Project	Inyo	420,000	9	PM10	Direct	Paving ~65,700 ft2 of unpaved parking area surrounding existing Lone Pine Sports Complex providing youth sports and community activities. Will significantly reduce dust emissions and improve air quality for athletes, spectators and nearby community residents (Lifespan est. ~30 years)
8	Southern Inyo Healthcare District / Lee Baron	YES	Public hospital	Paving and System Replacement	Inyo	500,000	0	PM10	Direct	Paving 58,378 ft2 of unpaved parking area in OVPA at Lone Pine hospital's rear entrance, accessing Emergency Room, Lab, Radiology and physical therapy. Helipad is nearby. Will significantly improve indoor & outdoor hospital air quality, as well as patient health. (Lifespan est. 30 years)
9	Eastern Sierra Transit Authority / Jill Batchelder	Part	JPA - Public Transit	Promotion of Public Transportation in Inyo and Mono Counties	Inyo & Mono counties	47,000	0	X	Indirect	Providing 5 bike racks and 3 automatic chain sets for ESTA's established Commuter Vanpool Program. Increased services and public outreach will increase ridership and lessen 'vehicle miles traveled' and related emissions between Lone Pine and Mammoth. (Lifespan 7 years)

	Recommended Project Applicant	OVPA? Type	Applicant Type	Project Title	Project's District Location	\$ Award Amount	Cost-sharing %	Air P. Type	Direct / Indirect	Funded Project Brief
10	Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action / Darren Malloy	Part	Nonprofit Community Services	Home Heating Emissions Reduction Program	Inyo, Mono & Alpine	1,455,000	7??	PM10	Both	Replacing approximately 450 non-EPA compliant wood-burning stoves with cleaner heating appliances, and home-weatherization services to increase home heating efficiencies. Will result in direct reductions of PM10 emissions from old stoves and improve local air quality (Stove lifespan ~30 years)
11	Centennial Livestock / Mark Lacey	NO	Local-owned Private Ranch	Bridgeport Arena Dust Control Project	Mono County	45,000	19	PM10	Direct	Install new, automated water system (with existing water supply) to control dust emissions at popular Bridgeport rodeo arena. Will improve in-town local air quality and health for all users and spectators of this popular, community venue. (Lifespan est. ~30 years)
12	Bishop Creek Farm / Steve Baldwin & Bruce Wiley	NO	local private business (DWP-owned land)	Clean Farm, Clean Air Initiatives	Inyo County	23,000	28	X	Indirect	1) Purchase & convert old diesel tractor to electric motor-driven; 2) build two wind tunnels to expand growing season; 3) purchase refrigeration system to keep produce fresh. Project will drive electric motor technology, help expand local food production and reduce demand for trucked-in food. (Lifespan est. 20 years)
13	Friends of Eastern Sierra Gardens / Mary McGurke	NO	Nonprofit Public Garden	Bishop Community Garden	Inyo County	25,500	50	PM10+	Both	Covering 1/4 acre bare dirt plot with plants, waterwise irrigation and pathways, effectively reducing existing dust source in downtown Bishop; creating demonstration garden to educate local residents and provide locally-grown food for local use. (Lifespan est. ~20+ years)
14	Yribarren Ranch / Ron Yribarren	NO	Local-owned Private Ranch	Yribarren Ranch Rodeo Arena Dust Mitigation Project	Inyo County	1,400	~50	PM10	Direct	New water pump for use with rodeo arena dust control system. Arena is used by high school rodeo team. Will significantly reduce dust when arena is used, improving air quality for all users, as well as nearby Bishop communities. (Lifespan est. ~15 years)
15	Bishop Paiute Tribe / Toni Richards	NO	Tribe	Reducing Fugitive Dust on the Bishop Paiute Reservation	Inyo County	62,000	17	PM10+	Both	Surfacing ~40,000 ft2 of dirt parking area around Tribal offices & health care facilities, and landscaping area with children from Bishop tribe's educational program. Will significantly reduce local dust and associated impacts on health impaired patients as well as educate local children. (Lifespan est. ~20 years)

Non-Agency Subtotal 3,304,900

Town of Mammoth Lakes projects

16	Town of Mammoth Lakes / Ellen Clark	NO	Town Govt.	Air Quality Management Plan Update	TOML	50,000	20	X	Indirect	Updating the TOML's 1990 Air Quality Management Plan for Air District's approval. (Lifespan est. ~15 years)
17	Town of Mammoth Lakes / Ellen Clark	NO	Town Govt.	PM10 Street Sweeper Purchase	TOML	200,000	20	PM10	Indirect	Purchasing new PM10-compliant street sweeper to decrease local PM10 air pollution caused by road cinders and other emissive dust. Will improve air quality and other related considerations. (Lifespan est. ~20 years)

Mammoth Lakes Subtotal 250,000

Recommended Project Applicant	OVPA?	Applicant Type	Project Title	Project's District Location	\$ Award Amount	Cost-sharing %	Air P. Type	Direct / Indirect	Funded Project Brief
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Alpine County projects

18	Alpine County Community Development Dept / Brian Peters	NO	Alpine County Govt.	New Truck/Snow Blower for Alpine County Road Maintenance	Alpine County	325,000	20	PM10; NOx; CO	Direct	New snowplow truck w/ blower to replace existing old equipment. Will significantly reduce equipment emissions, improve employee comfort and safety and improve county road safety, including emergency response. (Lifespan 30 years)
Alpine County Subtotal					325,000					

Mono County projects

19	Mono County Public Works / Jeff Walters	NO	Mono County Govt.	Mono County Heavy Equipment Fleet Upgrades	Mono County	300,000	4	PM10; CO; NOx; +	Direct	Replacing 1958 snow blowers with smaller and more efficient, trackless snow blowers. Will significantly reduce associated engine emissions, and increase operator comfort, safety and efficiency, as well as road safety. (Lifespan 15 years)
20	Mono County Public Works / Joe Blanchard	NO	Mono County Govt.	Road Shop Exhaust Pollution Removal Systems	Mono County	50,000	14	PM10; NOx; CO	Both	Exhaust removal/filtration equipment for county maintenance facilities. Will capture direct tailpipe emissions and indirectly reduce heating propane by allowing shop doors to remain closed and keep heat in. Will also increase workplace comfort and safety. (Lifespan est. 20+ years)
Mono County Subtotal					350,000					

Inyo County projects

21	Inyo County / Paul Hancock	Part	Inyo County Govt.	Inyo County Road Equip. Emissions Reduction Project	Inyo	450,000	15	PM10; NOx; CO	Direct	Replacing old street sweeping equipment with 2 new vehicles. Will improve air quality with increased, more efficient use in OVPA and beyond. Driver comfort and safety will also improve w/ new equip. In addition to road safety. (Lifespan 30 - 40 years)
22	Inyo County Integrated Waste Mgmt. Program / Jeff Ahlstrom	Part	Inyo County Govt.	Landfill Equipment Upgrades	Inyo	149,000	0? (15?)	PM10; NOx; CO	Direct	Replacing old water trucks with new ones at Bishop Sunland and Lone Pine landfills. Will reduce associated engine emissions, improve driver comfort and safety, and increase truck efficiency for controlling dust. (Lifespan est. 30 years)
Inyo County Subtotal					599,000					

OVPA Subtotal 1,646,000
Partial OVPA Subtotal 1,752,000
GRAND TOTAL \$ 4,628,900
AMT. AVAILABLE 4,830,000
Over/Under 1,100

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ATTACHMENT #3

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March 9, 2012

Mr. Kevin Carunchio
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Dear Mr. Carunchio,

Kevin

Please find enclosed the Clean Air Projects Program 'Block Grant Guidelines and Agreement' for your immediate attention. It is our pleasure to make these funds available to your agency as a member of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District's Governing Board.

As noted in the CAPP Block Grant Agreement, we have been authorized to provide these block grant funds to you as soon as we 1) receive a signed agreement from you or another authorized agency representative, and 2) receive a request for payment for a qualifying project(s), including project description and anticipated costs (see 5th Agreement point).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any point if you have questions or would like to discuss the block grants or the Clean Air Projects Program as a whole.

Email: capp@gbuapcd.org
Telephone: 760-914-0388

Thank you very much for your time and interest.
Sincerely,

Lisa Isaacs

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CAPP Block Grant Guidelines

March, 2012

At its February 6, 2012 meeting, the Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) approved CAPP block grants for payment to the four agencies represented on the Board. As such, ten dollars per person (\$10/capita) is now available to each agency, as determined by 2010 census data:

Inyo County: $18,546 \times \$10 = \$185,460$.

Mono County: $14,202 - \text{TML population} = 5,968 \times \$10 = \$59,680$.

Alpine County: $1,175 \times \$10 = \$11,750$.

Town of Mammoth Lakes: $8,234 \times \$10 = \$82,340$.

To be eligible for payment, a qualified agency representative must agree and adhere to the following guidelines:

- CAPP Block Grant funds are payable one time only and must be spent by December 31, 2013.
- CAPP Block Grant funds must be spent on projects that will or could result in real and local air quality improvement.
- CAPP Block Grant funds may be used to comply with existing air quality regulations and requirements.
- CAPP Block Grant funds may not be used to backfill previous expenditures, including any owed reimbursements.
- Prior to disbursing any CAPP Block Grant funds to a participating agency, the agency must provide CAPP administration with a brief project description, including estimated costs.
- Following the District Air Pollution Control Officer's approval of project description, project funds will be paid to the agency for immediate use as approved.
- If the total balance of an agency's awarded amount is not committed, payments may be made incrementally with remaining amounts payable upon request and approval.

CAPP Block Grant Guidelines - continued

- All project expenditures financed by CAPP Block Grants must be tracked by the participating agency for general reporting purposes. Brief project summaries must be provided to CAPP bi-annually and following the conclusion of the project's full implementation.
- CAPP Administration reserves the right to contact relevant agency staff for more frequent, informal updates and reporting if necessary.
- Participating agencies agree to provide the District with all program cost and expense information as requested by the District.
- Any unspent CAPP Block Grant funds remaining after December 31, 2013 shall be returned to the District to fund competitive air pollution reduction projects.

Please complete, sign and date below and provide original to CAPP Administrator.

Participating District Agency: _____

Agency Representative's Name: _____

Agency Representative's Title: _____

Agency Representative's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Clean Air Projects Program

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ATTACHMENT #2

(for August 14, 2012 meeting)

The facility descriptions below are based on the compiled 2011 energy data with background information obtained from interviews with maintenance and operations staff. The facilities are listed from least to most efficient electrical use. Each description lists the annual cost of energy; cost per square foot; the kilowatt hours per square foot; and, the gallons of propane used per square foot (the buildings are ordered by cost per square foot, highest to lowest).

1 Juvenile Detention Center, Indy \$45,348 \$4.63/sf 20.5 kwh/sf 1.1 gal/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility contains a non-commercial kitchen which is constantly being used. Most appliances may not be energy efficient.
- b) Facility uses 100% outside air which requires significantly more energy compared to a conventional building which uses only 30% outside air.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Kitchen equipment could be replaced by Energy Star equipment.
- b) Balancing codes issues, the system should be re-commissioned and the system should be modified to allow for a mix of return air.

2 County Services Building, S Street, Bishop \$20,106 \$3.64/sf 21.8 kwh/sf No Propane

Issues:

- a) The equipment appears to be improperly sized for the facility and runs continuously.
- b) Although there are economizers, the building is heated and cooled by a heat pump.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Load calculations should accompany a re-commissioning of the major HVAC equipment and systems.
- b) Heat pumps employ electric heating override; which in the Inyo climate results in the over-reliance on low efficiency (high cost) electric heating. A policy could be enacted to move towards high efficiency, propane or natural gas fired heating as the heat pumps are replaced with "gas pack" HVAC equipment.

3 Courthouse and Annex, Independence \$115,041 \$3.45/sf 17.7 kwh/sf 0.6 gal/sf

Recent Updates: The annex building has a new cool roof and has recently had a lighting retrofit. Electricity usage may decrease in the future due to these improvements.

Issues:

- a) The courthouse uses 32 window-mounted air conditioners, running almost 24-hours a day during the hot season, which are not efficient.
- b) There is very little insulation inside the building.
- c) The existing HVAC equipment requires maintenance and upgrades.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Window air conditioners provide the LEAST energy efficient means of cooling. Although expensive, the County should consider more conventional commercial grade package HVAC. In the interim, consider installing programmable thermostats on each of the A/C units.
- b) The building insulation should be upgraded to CalGreen standards.
- c) The County should develop an equipment replacement schedule and plan to ensure that improvements and emergency replacements are accomplished with the most energy efficient equipment (which will also provide SCE incentive support).

4 HHS Grove St., Bishop \$29,527 \$3.41/sf 20.6 kwh/sf No Propane

Issues:

- a) This is a county leased facility and none of the equipment has been replaced in the last 20 years. Most of the equipment is at or near the end of its "design" its expectancy.
- b) The entire facility only uses low efficiency (high cost) electric heating.
- c) The facility is poorly ducted which results in poor air flow distribution.
- d) Insulation is currently only R8

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) The County may want to work with the landlord to ensure that when the equipment is replaced, it is replaced with high efficiency (energy star rated) systems.
- b) Although potentially expensive, in conjunction with 'a' above, as the equipment is replaced, it should be replaced with high efficiency, propane or natural gas fired heating as the heat pumps are replaced with "gas pack" HVAC equipment.
- c) Depending on the amount of complaints, the County may want to work with the landlord to ensure that when the equipment is replaced or re-commissioned, it meets current CalGreen and Energy Star ventilation standards.
- d) The County should consider energy efficiency/cost when choosing buildings to lease.
- e) Insulation should be considered as an improvement project. It should meet CalGreen standards (R-30 and above) if it is not cost prohibitive.

5 Bishop Senior Center, \$17,777 \$3.41/sf 10.7 kwh/sf 10.7 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) Although some equipment upgrades have been done at this site, it still has the least efficient propane use. A daily lunch program is prepared in the building which may contribute to the high propane data.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) SCE may have funding to perform an energy audit of this facility to perform assessment and provide recommendations.

6 Inyo County Jail, Independence \$45,348 \$3.18/sf 20.5 kwh/sf 1.1 gal/sf

Issues:

- a) High electricity use may be due to the use of heavy-duty laundry equipment.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) A laundry system audit should be considered.

7 Administration, Bishop \$14,122 \$2.67/sf 14.7 kwh/sf No Propane

Issues:

- a) This facility has all electric heating supplied by one package unit with resistive central heating.

b) This building also has AC with 3 thermostats.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Electrical heating is the most expensive form of heating. Although expensive, the County could consider an upgrade to propane or natural gas heating.
- b) Consider installing programmable thermostats on each of the A/C units.

8 Administration, Independence \$11,068 \$2.06/sf 10.4 kwh/sf No Propane

Issues:

- a) This facility uses heat pumps to heat and cool the building, which uses electric heating override (electric resistive backup).
- b) There is one AC package central unit.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Heat pumps employ electric heating override, which in the Inyo climate, results in the over-reliance on low efficiency (high cost) electric heating. A policy could be enacted to move towards high efficiency, propane or natural gas fired heating as the heat pumps are replaced with "gas pack" HVAC equipment.
- b) Consider re-commissioning the A/C package (central) unit. Ensure that there is a programmable thermostat that controls the system.

9 Eastern CA Museum, Independence \$10,785 \$1.94/sf 7.5 kwh/sf 0.25 gal/sf

Issues:

- a) The main building was built in 1969 with a new wing added in 2000. It does not have windows.
- b) Due to the use of the building, temperature control is required 24 hours per day.
- c) It has an air conditioning unit that is rated at SEER 10 and 90+ heat split systems.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Because this building has low energy intensity, it is not considered to be a candidate for re-commissioning or energy retrofit(s). However, because it does require 24 hours per day temperature control, the baseline vs. current energy use should be carefully reviewed each year.
- b) Upgrade AC unit to a SEER 13.

10 HHS & Probation, Bishop \$15,413 \$1.81/sf 9.8 kwh/sf 0.06 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility has package units to cool the building.
- b) It also had 5 to 6 heat pumps but only one has been updated in the past 5 years.
- c) This building has individual programmable thermostats.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) SCE may have an incentive program for upgrading the package unit.
- b) Heat pumps employ electric heating override, which in the Inyo climate results in the over-reliance on low efficiency (high cost) electric heating. A policy could be enacted to move towards high efficiency, propane or natural gas fired heating as the heat pumps are replaced with "gas pack" HVAC equipment.

11 Road Shop, Independence \$18,745 \$1.59/sf 6.7 kwh/sf 0.37 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility is made up of a mechanic shop and offices, all of which are refrigerated.
- b) It has split units, suspended heaters, and is swamp cooled.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Because this building has low energy intensity, it is not considered to be a candidate for re-commissioning or energy retrofit(s). However, because it does require 24/7 temperature control, the baseline vs. current energy use should be carefully reviewed each year.

12 Water Department Independence \$10,863 \$1.51/sf 5.2 kwh/sf 0.23 gallons/sf

Current Use:

- a) This facility is currently swamp cooled but the occupants have requested AC. Windows have recently been replaced. Energy usage may decrease in the future due to these improvements.
b) Users are energy conscious and rarely use overhead lights. Users also have task lighting with individual desk lamps.

13 Airport Terminal, Bishop \$7,034 \$1.40/sf 7.2 kwh/sf 0.15 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility has a split system with 80% efficiency on gas, and 8 SEER for cooling.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) SCE may have HVAC incentive programs available to upgrade the split system to higher efficiency units.

14 Big Pine Legion Hall \$5,360 \$1.00/sf 1.7 kwh/sf 0.34 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility is a community center that offers a senior program.
b) It is swamp cooled.
c) There is currently an old heater and propane meter that requires upgrades.
d) Temperature is controlled by a Honeywell Manual Thermostat

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) Because this building has low energy intensity, it is not considered to be a candidate for re-commissioning or energy retrofit(s).
b) When the heater is replaced, an Energy Star rated heater should be considered.
c) A programmable thermostat should be considered.

15 Bishop Library/Offices \$2,840 \$0.58/sf 7.6 kwh/sf 0.3 gallons/sf

Issues:

- a) This facility has two split systems, 8 SEER, 15T Cooling 10T heating, and 80% heating.
b) It was built in the 1950s.
c) The building has very little insulation.
d) There is a programmable system that is not in use.
e) This facility is open only weekends and evenings.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- a) A cool roof is scheduled to be installed at this site, which will help with the insulation and energy efficiency.
b) Because this building has low use, and correspondingly low energy intensity, it may not be cost effective to construct an energy retrofit. However, new HVAC systems have SEER's of 16 (they are twice as efficient), CalGreen requires significant insulation, and a programmable thermostat should be considered.
c)

16 Airport Hangers 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, Bishop \$9,879 \$0.16/sf 0.4 kwh/sf 0.06 gal/sf

Update: The hangers are large warehouses with no occupants. The area is used for storage and has very low energy consumption. It is one of the most efficient facilities in the county.

Potential Energy Measures (policy or project):

- d) Because this building has low energy intensity, it is not considered to be a candidate for re-commissioning or energy retrofit(s).



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COUNTY OF INYO

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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Water Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Integrated Regional Water Management Plan: Regional Water Management August 22 meeting

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Water Department requests your Board receive an update on IRWMP activities and provide direction concerning the August 22, 2012 Regional Water Management Group meeting for the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is meeting August 22 at the June Lake Community Center (draft agenda attached). Decision items under consideration:

Agenda item #4: Approval Process Generic Inyo-Mono RWMG Letter of Support. Proposed Process: When a request for the RWMG letter of support is received by the Program Office, staff will email the pending request to MOU signatories and provide a comment period of at least one week. During the comment period, all IRWMP members will be given the opportunity to notice their concern of the project. If after the comment period, no members provide notice of concern to the Program Office, the Program Office will then be granted the authority to submit the support letter on behalf of the RWMG without a formal decision by the IRWMP group. If any concern is voiced by the membership, formal approval of the support letter will need to be agendized at the next RWMG meeting.

Water Department recommendation: Given that the IRWMP is subject to the Brown Act, it seems inappropriate to adopt a process that places an IRWMP decision making event outside of meetings.

Agenda item #6: Schedule for projects for Inclusion in Round 2 Implementation. Should Round 2 Implementation projects be restricted to the 36 that have already been submitted to the Phase II IRWM Plan, OR, should Round 2 Implementation project solicitation be kept open until September 30, 2012 (with the caveat that any additional projects will not be included in the Phase II analysis but will be included in the Phase II Plan as an addendum).

Water Department recommendation: Keep project solicitation open until September 30.

ALTERNATIVES:

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Numerous Inyo/Mono IRWMP MOU signatories.

FINANCING:

No impact.

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER: N/A	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: N/A	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

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Date: 8/6/2012

**Draft Agenda
Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 22, 2012
June Lake Community Center
90 W. Granite Ave
June Lake, CA**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm*Note irregular meeting time!

**Call-in option:
1-866-862-2138
passcode: 1678718**

***An early RSVP is being requested to allow Program Staff ample time to take care of BBQ logistics and planning.**

Please RSVP by emailing Janet Hatfield (janet@inyomonowater.org) by Monday August 13, 2012 by 5:00 pm and indicate whether you will be *attending in person or via phone*, **AND IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US FOR THE POST-MEETING BBQ/SOCIAL.**

***Notice:** If you will be **calling in to the meeting** and you are an MOU signatory, please send your call-in address to Janet Hatfield (janet@inyomonowater.org) by 9:00 am Sunday, August 19, 2012. You will also need to **post the meeting notice and agenda at your location by that time.**

Call-in locations:

1. Inyo County Water Department
135 South Jackson St.
Independence, CA 93514

2. USFS/BLM Interagency Offices
351 Pacu Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

If you require special accommodations to participate in this meeting in person or by phone, please contact Janet Hatfield (janet@inyomonowater.org ; 760-914-3131) 72 hours prior to the meeting.

RWMG Meeting Process

The public will be offered the opportunity to comment on each agenda item prior to any action on the item by the membership. The public will also be offered the opportunity to address the membership on any matter pertaining to IRWMP business. Agenda items indicated as "Action" require that members undertake activities subsequent to the meeting. Agenda items indicated as "Decision" are items where the membership will make a decision on the item at the meeting. This agenda can also be viewed in the Calendar section of www.inyomonowater.org.

All decisions of the RWMG are made by consensus as defined in Article I of the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group Planning and Implementation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). After a motion is made by a Member, there is opportunity for discussion, and then RWMG Members are asked to vote. Members may approve a decision (thumbs up), vote that they can live with a decision while not completely approving of it (thumbs sideways), or disapprove of a decision which withholds consensus (thumbs down). A Member may also abstain from voting, which will be interpreted as no opposition to the action. If there are no Members voting thumbs down, the decision is passed by consensus. The decision is then recorded in the meeting notes.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions (5 Min)**
2. **Public Comment period (5 Min)**
3. **Round 2 Planning Grant (10 Min)**
 - a. Preliminary Recommendations
 - b. Next Steps
4. **RWMG Letters of Support (10 Min)**
 - a. Approval Process Generic Inyo-Mono RWMG Letter of Support

DECISION ITEM: Approve Program Office endorsement process of Generic Letter of RWMG Support

- *Proposed Process: When a request for the RWMG Letter of Support is received by the Program Office, Staff will email the pending request to MOU signatories and provide a comment period of at least one week. During the comment period, all Members will be given the opportunity to notice their concern of the project. If after the comment period, no Members provide notice of concern to the Program Office, the Program Office will then be granted the authority to submit the support letter on behalf of the RWMG without a formal decision by the Group. If any concern is voiced by the membership, formal approval of the support letter will need to be agendized at the next RWMG meeting.*

5. **Round 1 Planning Grant (20 Min)**
 - a. Plan Review Process Update
 - b. Plan Approval Schedule
 - c. Member of the Month
 - d. 501(c)(3) update
6. **Round 2 Implementation Rounds (60 Min)**
 - a. Projects for Inclusion in Round 2 Implementation

DECISION ITEM: Restrict Round 2 Implementation projects to the 36 that have already been submitted to the Phase II IRWM Plan, OR, Keep Round 2 Implementation project solicitation open until September 30, 2012 (with the caveat that any additional projects will not be included in the Phase II analysis but will be included in the Phase II Plan as an addendum).

- b. Fiscal Agent Solicitation
 - c. Implementation Proposal Writer
 - d. Project Ranking
 - e. Future Schedule
7. **DAC Grant (10 Min) Next Steps**
 - a. Recent activities
8. **Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (10 Min)**
 - a. Progress Report from Central Sierra and Project Proponents
 - b. Next Steps

9. General Updates (10 Min)

- a. SWWG Summit
- b. North Lahontan Regional Forum
- c. ESRI UC

10. Announcements

11. Process Check

12. Review April 25, 2012, RWMG meeting summary

**DECISION ITEM(s): Approve April 25, 2012 RWMG Meeting Summary
Approve July 11, 2012 RWMG Meeting Summary**

13. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting

14. Next Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, October 24, 2012

15. Guest Speaker (60 Min)

- a. Rich Ciauri, June Lake PUD General Manager
June Lake PUD Operations overview



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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
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FROM: CLERK OF THE BOARD
By: Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant Clerk of the Board

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: - Request Board approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of July 3, 2012.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: - The Board is required to keep minutes of its proceedings. Once the Board has approved the minutes as requested, the minutes will be made available to the public via the County's web page at www.inyocounty.us.

ALTERNATIVES: - Staff awaits your Board's changes and/or corrections.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: - n/a

FINANCING: n/a

APPROVALS

BUDGET OFFICER:	BUDGET AMENDMENTS (Must be reviewed and approved by Budget Officer prior to being approved by others, as needed, and submission to the Assistant Clerk of the Board.)
COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the Assistant Clerk of the Board.) Approved: _____ Date _____
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the Assistant Clerk of the Board.) Approved: _____ Date _____
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the Assistant Clerk of the Board.) Approved: _____ Date _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

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Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
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FROM: County Administrator

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Public Hearing, Appointment

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request Board A) Conduct a public hearing on the qualifications of Doug Wilson to be approved as the Inyo County Road Commissioner; B) Reappoint Doug Wilson as the Inyo County Interim Director of Public Works, County Road Commissioner, County Surveyor and County Fire Marshall.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

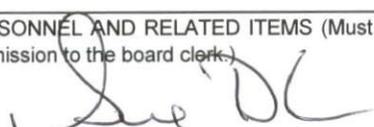
The Streets and Highway Code 2006 requires the County Road Commissioner to be a licensed civil engineer, and that the board hold a public hearing to consider they candidates qualifications for the position. The appropriate notice of the public hearing has been given. If your Board determines in the hearing that Mr. Wilson has the required qualifications, your Board may appoint Mr. Wilson as the Road Commissioner .

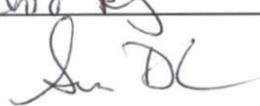
ALTERNATIVES:

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel
 Personnel

FINANCING:

APPROVALS	
COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.) Approved: _____ Date _____
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PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)  Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date 8/8/12

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: Kevin Carunchia Date: 8/8/12
 (Not to be signed until all approvals are received) 

Doug Wilson, P.E.
Principal Project Manager

Education

BSCE Fresno State College

Registration

*California Civil Engineering
Registration Number C
20989 (Includes Land
Surveying)*

Affiliations

*Life Member County
Engineers Association of
California*

*Life Member National
Association of County
Engineers*

*Life Member American
Society of Civil Engineers*

*American Public Works
Association*

45 Years Experience

Mr. Wilson has served as the San Joaquin Area Manager since joining Willdan. In this capacity, he has been the project manager providing quality control for projects throughout the San Joaquin Valley, including staff augmentation for Madera County, Kings County, the City of Visalia, and the City of Porterville. He has served as the Interim Public Works Director Planning Director for Inyo County and Interim Public Works Director for Mariposa County. Through the contract with Madera County, Willdan has provided Interim Road Commissioner services, Fire Marshal services, and building plan check services. Willdan completed the design a major mountain road reconstruction project including a major rock cut and design of a reinforced box culvert. In Kings County, Willdan provided staff augmentation planning services to process a specific plan application for a new community that if approved and full constructed will more than double the population of the county. The project is currently on hold. He has managed the project for the City of Visalia for improvement plan and map checks as well as inspections services. In Porterville, he was the Project Manager for two Rails to Trails projects and has served as the assessment engineer for the formation and annual reports for Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts.

Previously, Doug worked for public agencies for nearly 38 years – more than 31 with Tulare County. Prior to his retirement from Tulare County, he was the Resource Management Agency (RMA) Director responsible for a budget of more than \$100 million and 440 employees. The functions of the RMA included Roads, Solid Waste, Land Use Planning and Permitting, including building permits; Redevelopment; County Surveyor; Flood Control; Facilities and Property Management; Motor Pool; County Service Area operations of water and sewer systems; and County Associations of Governments, Local Agency Formation Commission, Parks, Airports and Transit. Doug had responsibility for major changes in the County's permitting processes for dairies, initiated a major update in the County's General Plan, and obtained funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program for the first major improvements planned for the County road system in nearly 30 years.

Before his appointment as RMA Director, Doug served the County as Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director, Traffic Engineer, and Project Engineer. In those capacities, he served as the Executive Secretary of the Transportation Planning Agency and played a major role in securing funding for a freeway conversion in Visalia, represented the Tulare County Flood Control District in the expansion of two dams owned by the Army Corps of Engineers, designed and implemented the County's transit system, and served as Resident Engineer on road and bridge projects. He also worked for the California Division of Highways in Fresno.

Doug has served as President of the County Engineers Association of California and Western Region Vice President of the National Association of County Engineers and was recognized by the County Engineers Association of California as the California County Engineer of the Year for 1997.

Relevant Project Experience

Inyo County

- As Interim Public Works Director, responsibilities included the administrative duties of the Public Works Department, including budgeting, and staff management.
- As Acting Planning Director, responsibilities included the administrative duties of the Planning Department, including staff management. During this assignment, a conditional use permit for a major geothermal energy facility was processed through the Planning Commission and appeal to the Board of Supervisors. The County was responding as an Affected Unit of Local Government to the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository, and participating in the coordination process with the Inyo National Forest regarding the proposed Travel Management Rule.
- After serving as the Interim Planning director, continued to assist with selected projects, such as the Death Valley plan.

City of Ridgecrest

- As Program Manager, responsibilities included various projects, including street designs, developing a GIS system for the sewer system and updating the pavement management system.

Mariposa County

- As Acting Public Works Director, responsibilities included the administrative duties of the Public Works Department, including budgeting, staff management, and project programming, development and delivery.

Resource Management Agency

- As Director, responsibilities included all functions of the Agency which included all those that were previously part of the Planning, Public Works, Parks Departments, and many of the General Services Department.
- Participated in the development of the organizational structure of the Resource Management Agency and appointed Associate Director upon approval by the Board of Supervisors. Duties included serving as the assistant for the agency: personnel, fiscal, and operational responsibilities for the agency as well as continuing many of the responsibilities of the Public Works Director.
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Tulare County Public Works Director

Responsible for the management of the Public Works Department: 12

different budgetary units consisting of a variety of budgetary types (Road Fund, the General Fund, enterprise funds, special districts, and County Service areas). The combined budget for the department exceeded \$18,000,000. There were more than 220 positions allocated to the department. Included operation and planning of the county landfills, operation of the county transit system, operation of water supply and sewer systems, staffing the flood control district, and staffing the transportation planning function; establishing and maintaining good working relations with agencies such as the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Local Enforcement Agency; overseeing the operations of the refuse collectors licensed to operate within the County and reviewing and recommending rate structures to the Board of Supervisors.

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FROM: COUNTY COUNSEL

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: AUGUST 14, 2012

SUBJECT: ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator, Sue Dishion, Information Services Director, Brandon Shults, and Planning Director Josh Hart.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA) - Negotiators: Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Director Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]. - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

APPROVALS

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>  Approved: _____ Date <u>8-8-12</u>
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