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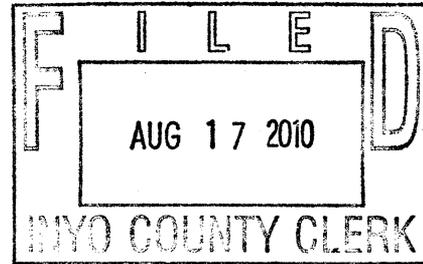
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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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 Independence, CA 93526

From: (Public Agency) Inyo County Planning Department
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Project Title: Renewable Energy Ordinance
Project Location - Specific: County-wide
Project Location - City: County-wide
Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance on August 17, 2010 to add Title 21 of the Inyo County Code to encourage and regulate development of renewable energy within Inyo County, to amend Title 2, Section 2.40.070 of the Inyo County Code and to add Section 20.08.120 of Title 20 of the Inyo County Code. Under the Ordinance, before commencing construction of a solar thermal, photovoltaic, or wind energy powerplant or an electric transmission line associated with these types of powerplants, a developer would have to obtain a renewable energy permit from the County. Some projects are exempt from the requirement to obtain a renewable energy permit; under the Ordinance, such facilities are required to obtain a renewable energy impact determination. The Ordinance exempts developers from the requirement of obtaining a renewable energy permit or impact determination if the developer and the County enter a renewable energy development agreement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical (Sec. 21084; 15303);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: The adoption of the Ordinance does not have a significant effect on the environment since it only establishes reasonable regulation of certain projects in a manner that protects the health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens and protects the County's environment, including its public trust resources. As such, the project has no potential to directly impact the environment, and is therefore not subject to CEQA per the "General Rule" [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)].

Lead Agency: Inyo County
Contact Person: Joshua Hart, AICP, Planning Director

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:
 Joshua Hart, AICP, Planning Director

Date: 8-17-10

Date received for filing at OPR:

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