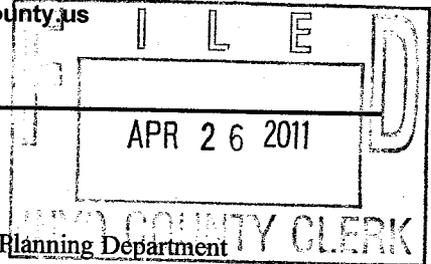




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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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From (Public Agency):

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County Clerk
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Renewable Solar and Wind Energy General Plan Amendment (General Plan Amendment No. 2010-03/Inyo County).

Project Applicant: County of Inyo, California

Project Location: Inyo County California

Project Description: An update to the Inyo County General Plan to address renewable solar and wind energy development. As part of the update, a General Plan Land Use Designation Overlay where renewable energy projects, specifically solar and wind, may be developed, based on site specific studies pursuant to the County's Renewable Energy Ordinance and other applicable State, federal, and local laws. Other updates include the following: identifying appropriate means to develop renewable wind and solar energy resources, provided that social, economic, and environmental impacts are minimized; offsetting costs to the County and lost economic development potential, and mitigation of economic effects; working to protect military readiness, and; considering conversions of lands utilized for agriculture, mining, and recreation.

Project Action: General Plan Amendment No. 2010-03/Inyo County

Project Contact Person: Joshua Hart, Planning Director, 760-878-0263

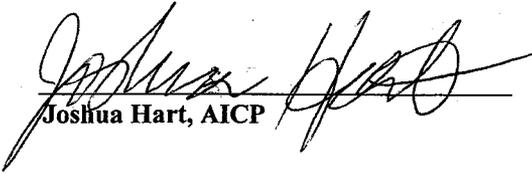
Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

Summary: This is to advise that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the above-described project on April 26, 2011, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 No CEQA documents necessary for this application, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.

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Joshua Hart, AICP

Director, Inyo County Planning Department

Title

April 26, 2011

Date

Date received for filing at OPR:

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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form

Date Submitted: 04-12-2011

Applicant Name: Inyo County Planning Department

Applicant Address: PO Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526

Project Name: General Plan Amendment No. 2010-03, Renewable Solar and Wind Energy, Inyo County

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County

CEQA Document Type: Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration

SCH Number and/or local agency ID number: 2010121050

Project Location: Inyo County

Brief Project Description: Proposal to amend the Inyo County General Plan to include Title 21 to address renewable solar and wind energy development.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, and with the understanding that individual renewable energy projects are not adopted by right under the Amendment, but will require site-specific studies and appropriate permitting and environmental review, the Department of Fish and Game has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees [F&G Code 711.4(c)] the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records; you are required to file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk after your project is approved and at the time of filing of the CEQA lead agency's Notice of Determination (NOD). If you do not file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid No Effect Determination Form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approval By: Debra L. Hawk Date: 04/13/2011

Title: Environmental Science SA

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