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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Completion (NOC) and Availability – DRAFT Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) - General Plan Amendment 2013-02/Inyo County Renewable Energy

The County is proposing to amend its General Plan to include policies for solar energy development within the County. The proposed REGPA involves identifying new and modified General Plan goals, policies, and implementation measures, including provisions for areas that may be appropriate for renewable energy development.

The 45-day comment period for the public to comment on the DRAFT PEIR prepared for General Plan Amendment 2013-02 is scheduled to begin November 5, 2014, and end on December 19, 2014.

Three (3) public meetings for General Plan Amendment 2013-02 have been scheduled for:
December 2, 5:30-7:00 – Bishop City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Line Street, Bishop 93514

December 3, 5:00 – 6:30 – Statham Hall, Lone Pine
138 Jackson Street, Lone Pine 93545

December 4, 5:00-6:30 – Tecopa Community Center
405 Tecopa Hot Springs Road, Tecopa 92389

A (1) Public Hearing is also **tentatively** scheduled for Wednesday December 3, 2014, beginning at 10:00am, during the regular Planning Commission meeting held in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 224 Edwards Street, Independence. The public meetings and hearing will provide the public the opportunity to comment on General Plan Amendment 2013-02.

The analysis contained in the PEIR concluded that the project could result in significant unavoidable impacts to Aesthetics, Biological, and Cultural Resources. Mitigation and monitoring measures have been identified in the PEIR to address impacts to: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Transportation and Circulation and Utilities and Service Systems. For all other environmental areas there will be less than significant impacts.

The DRAFT PEIR and NOC are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department office at 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence or at the Planning Department website:

<http://inyoplanning.org/projects/REGPA.htm>

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You may also view copies of the DRAFT PEIR at County public libraries, located at:
210 Academy Street, Bishop
110 North Main Street, Big Pine
168 North Edwards Street, Independence
Lone Pine, Located at the corner of Washington and Bush Streets
408 Tecopa Hot Springs Road, Tecopa

Although there may be hazardous sites, pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code within Inyo County, none were identified in the project location.

All Comments must be received by the Planning Department by December 19, 2014

For additional information contact the Inyo County Planning Department at 760-878-0263 or email at inyoplanning@inyocounty.us