

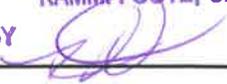


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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk, County of Inyo
 P.O. Box F
 Independence, CA 93526

From (Public Agency): Inyo County Planning Department
 P.O. Drawer L
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: General Plan Amendment 2013-02/Inyo County – Renewable Energy
 (SCH No.2014061039)

Project Applicant: Inyo County

Project Location: County-wide

Project Description: An update to the Inyo County General Plan is proposed to address renewable solar energy development. As part of this update, Solar Energy Development Areas (SEDA) are proposed where renewable energy solar projects may be developed, based on the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) prepared for the General Plan Amendment, and based upon future site specific studies, additional environmental review, and permitting pursuant to the County’s Renewable Energy Ordinance Title 21, and other applicable State, federal, and local laws. Other updates proposed for the General Plan include: capping solar development in each SEDA based on megawatts and corresponding acreages; identifying and defining appropriate scales and sizes of solar facility development; providing that social, cultural, visual, economic, and environmental impacts are minimized; requiring reclamation at the termination of solar facilities; minimizing water consumption; working to protect military readiness; and; discouraging conversions of lands utilized for agriculture, mining, and recreation.

Project Action: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the project:

1. Certified that the Final Program Environmental Impact Report was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), was presented to and considered by the Board and that the FEIR reflects the independent judgment of the Board;
2. Adopted each of the mitigation measures identified in the PEIR;
3. Adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
4. Made Findings Fact as required by CEQA;
5. Adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;
6. Adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and,
7. Approved General Plan Amendment #2013-02/Inyo County – Renewable Energy.

Project Contact

Person: Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner, 760-878-0447, crichards@inyocounty.us
Lead Agency: Inyo County

Summary:

This is to advise that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the above-described project on March 24, 2015, 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.

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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 Environmental Impact Report 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.



Director, Inyo County Planning Dept.

March 26, 2015

Joshua Hart, AICP

Title

Date

Signed for Josh Hart
or

Date received for filing at OPR:



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 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND Wildlife
 407 West Line Street
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EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor
 CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director



CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

Applicant Name and Address:

Inyo County Planning Department

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County

Project Name: Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment

CEQA Document Type: EIR

State Clearing House Number and/or local agency ID number: 2014061039

Project Location: Inyo County—County-wide

Brief Project Description: An update to the Inyo County General Plan is proposed to address renewable solar energy development. As part of this update, Solar Energy Development Areas (SEDA) are proposed where renewable energy solar projects may be developed, based on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report prepared for the General Plan Amendment, and based upon future site specific studies, additional environmental review, and permitting pursuant to the County's Renewable Energy Ordinance Title 21, and other applicable State, federal, and local laws. Other updates proposed for the General Plan include: capping solar development in each SEDA based on megawatts and corresponding acreages allowed per SEDA; identifying and defining appropriate scales and sizes of solar facility development; providing that social, cultural, visual, economic, and environmental impacts are minimized; requiring reclamation at the termination of solar facilities; minimizing water consumption; working to protect military readiness; and; discouraging conversions of lands utilized for agriculture, mining, and recreation.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish and G. Code § 711.4(c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their 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. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at time of filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee 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 FGC Section 711.4(c)(3).

CDFW Approved By: Heidi Calvert *Heidi Calvert* Date: 3/26/15
 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

