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## Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination

**Project Title:** Munro Valley Solar, LLC – General Plan Amendment No. 2013-01, Renewable Energy Permit No. 2013-01, Tentative Parcel Map No. 404, Tentative Parcel Map No. 405. (State Clearinghouse No. 2013121062)

**Project Applicant:** Ecos Energy, 222 S 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1600, Minneapolis, MN, 55402

**Project Location:** APN 033-400-02 along the east side of Highway 395, approximately 1,400 feet north of Walker Creek Road; APN 033-060-19, approximately 4,500 feet east of Highway 395, south of Fall Road near Olancho; APN 033-460-08, approximately 3,000 feet east of Highway 395, south of Fall Road near Olancho.

**Project Description:** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo has previously approved the Munro Valley Solar Project. As approved, the project will consist of the construction and operation of a 4.0 megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic generating facility ("Solar Facility") over two separate parcels located south of Olancho, California. Both parcels are located on private land in unincorporated Inyo County. The first parcel is 20.02 acres (APN: 033-400-02) and is located along the east side of Highway 395, approximately 1,400 feet north of Walker Creek Road. The second parcel consists of 160 acres (APN: 033-060-19), however the Solar Facility will only require 10.03 acres of the 160 acre parcel.

On November 12, 2014, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 2014-54, "Certifying And Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact Concerning, and Making Certain Findings with Respect to and Approving, General Plan Amendment #2013-01/Munro Valley Solar, LLC" following a public hearing. Following review, public comment and discussion of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Board enhanced the mitigation measures associated with the project's effects on cultural resources and aesthetics as identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and specified that required archeological studies shall be undertaken prior to issuance of a building permit.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution amending Resolution Number 2014-54 to make it consistent with the Board directions on November 12, 2014 on which Project approval was conditioned: inclusion of the enhanced mitigation measures described above with particularized findings. The Amended Resolution also included a provision adopting the Mitigation Monitoring Program in addition to the Renewable Energy Permit, which also includes provisions for monitoring. The Resolution also directed staff to withdraw the Notice of Determination (NOD) filed with the State Clearinghouse and submit an updated NOD to reflect adoption of the enhanced mitigation measures, and refile the updated NOD with the Inyo County Clerk Recorder. On December 9, 2014, an updated Notice of Determination was filed with the Inyo County Clerk and the appropriate fees were paid.

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On May 5, 2015, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors adopted an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration that addressed the project. The adoption of the Addendum did not modify the previously approved project, the mitigation measures adopted for the project or the conditions of approval of the project.

**Project Action:** Adoption of an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration that addresses the Munro Valley Solar Project. The Addendum addresses new information that became available after the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the approval of the project.

**Project Contact Person:** Elaine Kabala, Associate Planner, 760-878-0265

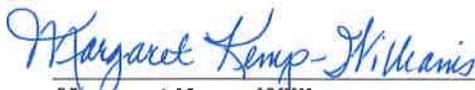
**Lead Agency:** Inyo County Planning Department

**Summary:** This is to advise that, on May 5, 2015, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors adopted an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration that addresses the Munro Valley Solar Project. The adoption of the Addendum did not modify the previously approved project, the mitigation measures adopted for the project or the conditions of approval of the project.

On December 9, 2014, when the Board of Supervisors approved the above-described project, the Board 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 Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



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Director, Inyo County  
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Inyo County Counsel for the Director of the  
Inyo County Planning Department

**Title**

May 6, 2015

**Date**

Date received for filing at OPR:

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