

Agenda

County of Inyo NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAC)

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December 17, 2015

- 5:00 P.M.**
- 1. ROLL CALL** – To be taken by Staff.
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Committee on any related subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.
 - 4. MINUTES** – The Committee will review and consider the minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting.
Action Item
 - 5. NRAC MEMBER RECRUITMENT** – Staff will provide an update on recruitment efforts.
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 - 6. OWENS VALLEY SOLAR ENERGY STUDY (OVSES)** - As part of the Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment (REGPA) process the Owens Valley was removed as a Solar Energy Development Area and re-designated the Owens Valley Study Area (OVSA) to be evaluated separately. The County was awarded a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC) to conduct this work. Beginning in June of 2015, county and consultant staff has been working on data collection and public and Tribal outreach to prepare a study of the Owens Valley. Staff will give a presentation on this process and study.
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 - 7. DRECP** - Governor Schwarzenegger ordered the development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) for the Mojave and Colorado deserts to provide
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binding, long-term endangered species permit assurances and facilitate renewable energy project review and approvals. The DRECP planning area includes portions of Inyo County: roughly in the Owens Valley to just north of Independence, the Panamint Valley, Death Valley, and other southeast portions of the County. A Final Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for the DRECP was recently released. Staff will present an overview of these documents and the County's response.

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8. FOREST PLAN UPDATE - The Inyo National Forest is drafting an updated Forest Plan. The County and the Forest Service have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding designating the County as a Cooperating Agency in developing the Plan. Staff will report on recent activities arising out of its responsibilities in regards thereto.

9. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT/COMMENTS

11. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING