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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, to consider the following project:

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

The County adopted a General Plan Amendment (GPA) to address renewable solar and wind energy development on April 26, 2011. As part of the update, a General Plan Land Use Designation Overlay was identified where renewable energy projects, specifically solar and wind, might 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 included 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. Litigation was initiated in Inyo County Superior Court against the County to set aside approval of the GPA; since the County does not have adequate resources to defend itself in the litigation, the County will consider withdrawing the GPA as a condition of resolving the pending litigation.

If you challenge any findings, determinations or decisions made regarding this project in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the hearing.

Written objections and protests may be filed with the Inyo County Board of Supervisors by delivery to the Assistant Clerk of the Board, Administrative Center, 224 North Edwards Street, Independence, CA 93526, or by fax to (760) 878-0382, or by email at inyoplanning@inyocounty.us, so that the protest is received by the Board prior to the conclusion of the hearing. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Planning Department at (760) 878-0263 or inyoplanning@inyocounty.us. Additional information is provided on the Department's website at <http://inyoplanning.org/RenewableNewPage.htm>