

Exhibit 4:
Exhibit L: Adopted Amendments to the REGPA

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SUMMARY OF BOARD OF SUPERVISOR-ADOPTED
AMENDMENTS TO THE REGPA
PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 24, 2015

The following amendments and specific recommendations are as presented and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at the Public Hearing on March 24, 2015.

GENERAL AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Define the term “water sustainable” for the REGPA and PEIR, and address water sustainability in the REGPA following MM BIO-25 (see new Water Resources Policies below).
- Work to avoid cultural and visual resources impacts along the Old Spanish Trail on a project by project basis. Establish a buffer from the Old Spanish Trail Highway to protect the trail visually (see new Visual Resources Policies below). Protect visual resources in general.
- Allow solar PV only and encourage on disturbed lands.
- Accept the Solar PV Only Alternative throughout the County.

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove all reference to solar thermal technologies from the General Plan Amendment language.
- Accept switch from “Distributed Generation” to “Commercial Scale” Renewable Energy Solar Facility (20 MW or less).
- Do not accept the commercial scale 20 MW cap recommended by the Planning Commission.
- Establish a 36-acre cap for community scale (in lieu of 6 MW cap).
- Add new Government Policy 2.3 regarding public involvement.
- Add new Government Policy 2.4 requiring potential solar energy developers to notify local residents and/or landowners through direct mailing or other means to inform concerned citizens of potential/pending solar energy development applications.
- Add Land Use Policy 1.20 regarding new transmission in the County.
- Add Land Use Policy 1.21 limiting solar development to PV technologies.
- Remove Land Use Implementation Measure #3 (change already made in PEIR).
- Amend Land Use Implementation Measure #4 (change already made in PEIR).
- Remove Land Use Implementation Measure #6 (change already made in PEIR).
- Add new Cultural Resources Policy 1.6 regarding protecting the Old Spanish Trail in the Charleston View SEDA.

- Add new mineral and energy resource definition of “sustainable water use.”
- Amend Mineral and Energy Resources Policy 2.3 and Table 3-1 to reflect the removed Chicago Valley SEDA. Reduce the overall MW cap for the Eastern Solar Energy Group to reflect the removed SEDA.
- Add new Mineral and Energy Resources Policy 2.10 requiring mowing of terrestrial vegetation in lieu of scraping/grubbing of vegetation and topsoil within proposed solar energy development project footprints. Access roads and infrastructure footprints are excluded from this requirement.
- Add new Mineral Resources Implementation Measure #13 regarding reducing the number of facilities by maximizing MW at each facility.
- Add new Water Resources Policy 3.6 regarding sustainable water practices in the Laws and Sandy Valley SEDAs.
- Add new Water Resources Policy 3.7 regarding retiring water rights as compensatory mitigation in the Charleston View SEDA.
- Amend Visual Resources Policy 1.8 to include “orientation” as a method of reducing or avoiding visual impacts.
- Add new Visual Resources Policy 1.10 regarding setbacks on the Old Spanish Trail.

AMENDMENTS TO SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

SEDAs Comprising the Western Solar Energy Group

Laws SEDA

- Adjust southern SEDA boundary to establish a quarter mile setback from Line Street/Poleta Road.
- Adjust the SEDA boundary to establish a quarter mile setback from the residential units in the northeast portion of the SEDA, off of Rudolph Road.
- Future solar development in the Laws SEDA must be water sustainable.

Refer to Figure 2-4a (attached) for the revised SEDA boundaries.

Owens Lake SEDA

- Adjust the southern SEDA boundary to exclude the land south of State Route (SR) 190 from the SEDA.
- Encourage development to avoid undisturbed and/or sensitive (cultural/biological) lands within the SEDA.

Refer to Figure 2-4b (attached) for the revised SEDA boundaries.

Rose Valley SEDA

- Adjust SEDA boundary to reflect revisions proposed by the Defenders of Wildlife. The SEDA includes area marked in green, striped area east of SR 395. Eliminate striped area in west and north.

Refer to Figure 2-4c (attached) for the revised SEDA boundaries.

Pearsonville SEDA

- Adjust SEDA boundary to reflect the DRECP map for the area (pull back from the north and from the west).

Refer to Figure 2-4d (attached) for the revised SEDA boundaries.

Owens Valley Study Area

The Owens Valley Study Area will be studied under Phase II of the REGPA. No changes are recommended.

SEDA Comprising the Southern Solar Energy Group

Trona SEDA

- Adjust SEDA boundary to reflect revisions proposed by the Defenders of Wildlife.

Refer to Figure 2-4f (attached) for the revised SEDA boundaries.

SEDAs Comprising the Eastern Solar Energy Group

Chicago Valley SEDA

- Remove SEDA entirely.

Sandy Valley SEDA

- No revisions to the SEDA are recommended.
- Future solar development in the Sandy Valley SEDA must be water sustainable.

Charleston View SEDA

- Adjust SEDA boundary to include only private property.