

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
and  
**INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**A PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** to consider a proposed project in the vicinity of your property, as described below:

**COMMERCIAL WECS PERMIT NO. 71, REVISED PERMIT NO. 10, and VARIANCE CASE NO. 200001 – Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration – CEQ200004 – Applicant: Alta Mesa Wind Repower, LLC/Jonathan Kirby - Representative: Aspen Environmental Group/Vida Strong – Fifth Supervisorial District – Western Coachella Valley Area Plan – Open Space: Rural (OS-RUR) – Zoning: Wind Energy (W-E) – 640 Acres – Location: The site is located in the unincorporated community of Whitewater Canyon, more specifically northerly of Interstate 10/Tamarack Road, easterly of Haugen-Lehmann Way, and westerly of Whitewater Canyon Road – **REQUEST:** Commercial WECS Permit No. 71, Revised Permit No. 10 proposes to install up to seven (7) new commercial wind turbines up to 499 feet in height with a total project generating capacity of 27 MW. These seven (7) new turbines would replace the 159 turbines currently on the site which are scheduled for decommissioning early 2021 under existing WECS permits, including demolition permits issued by the County. The project also includes associated equipment such as existing on-site substation, temporary construction yard, new meteorological tower, and existing 220 kV transmission line. No work is proposed on existing interconnection line, and the project would use an existing access road from Haugen-Lehmann Way. Variance Case No. 200001 proposes to eliminate the safety setbacks in accordance with Zoning Ordinance No. 348 along the western and northern lot lines from 1.1 times turbine height (549-feet) to 0-feet for wind turbines T-1, T-2A, and T-3A in a rural remote area. APN's 516-020-001 and 516-020-002.**

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.  
DATE OF HEARING: **MARCH 3, 2021**  
PLACE OF HEARING: RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
BOARD CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR  
4080 LEMON STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and at the place of hearing, as listed above. Public access to the meeting location will be allowed but limited to comply with the Executive Order. Information on how to participate in the hearing will be available on the Planning Department website at: <https://planning.rctlma.org/>. For further information regarding this project please contact Project Planner: Jay Olivas at (760) 863-7050 or email at [jolivas@rivco.org](mailto:jolivas@rivco.org), or go to the County Planning Department's Planning Commission agenda web page at <http://planning.rctlma.org/PublicHearings.aspx>.

The Riverside County Planning Department has determined that the above project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a mitigated negative declaration. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed project and the proposed mitigated negative declaration, at the public hearing. The case file for the proposed project and the proposed mitigated negative declaration is available for review via email by contacting the project planner. Please contact the project planner regarding additional viewing methods.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit their comments in writing by mail or email, or by phone between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, you may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. You may participate remotely by registering with the Planning Department. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project. All correspondence received before and during the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

If you challenge 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that, as a result of public hearings and comment, the Planning Commission may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands, within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to:  
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