



PLANNING DIRECTOR'S HEARING

Carolyn Syms Luna, Director

6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 19, 2011

AGENDA

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR'S HEARING
Blythe City Council Chambers
235 N. Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

If you wish to speak, please complete a "SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION FORM" and give it to the Planning Director. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested parties to express their concerns. Please do not repeat information already given. If you have no additional information, but wish to be on record, simply give your name and address and state that you agree with the previous speaker(s).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any accommodations are needed, please contact Desiree Bowie at (951) 955-0222 or E-mail at dbowie@rctlma.org. Request should be made at least 48 hours or as soon as possible prior to the scheduled meeting.

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.1 **NONE**

2.0 SCOPING SESSION: 6:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

- 2.1 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 3671 / PUBLIC USE PERMIT NO. 911 / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 528** Northerly of Interstate 10, southerly of McCoy Wash, easterly of McCoy Mountains, westerly of Blythe Airport, approximately 13 miles northwest of the City of Blythe, California. McCoy Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources LLC, has requested a Conditional Use Permit and a Public Use Permit to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 46 Megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant on approximately 477 privately owned acres as part of an overall 750 MW PV solar power plant project located on a total of approximately 5,363 acres (private land and public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)). The overall 750 MW solar power plant project would be developed in two phases, to be called Unit 1 and Unit 2. Unit 1, which includes the 477 acre portion of the solar power plant site subject to the Conditional Use Permit, is expected to have an overall 250 MW capacity. Necessary facilities on the private lands subject to County jurisdiction include solar arrays and inverters, portions of the access road, portions of the double-circuit 230 kV generation tie line, electrical power distribution line, and telecommunications line. A single-axis tracking system or a fixed tilt ground mount will be used for the structures that support the PV panels. The proposed 13.7 mile generation tie line, with a BLM-administered right-of-way width of 100 feet, would require about 200 acres of public and private lands. A portion of the project's generation tie line crosses County owned land approximately nine (9) miles to the south of the solar power plant site which will be subject to a Public Use Permit. The proposed 2 acre switch yard would be located adjacent to and connect into Southern California Edison's proposed Colorado River Substation. Security lighting is proposed at key areas such as entrance and substations to be hooded along with perimeter security fencing. The proposed project would operate year-round. APN's 818-241-020, 818-200-009, 879-080-022, 812-120-001, 812-130-011, 879-090-031, 812-130-013, 812-130-009, 812-130-010, 812-120-008, 812-130-012, 812-120-004, 879-080-021, 812-120-006, 879-090-032, 818-180-018, 818-180-010, 818-160-010, 818-160-003, 812-120-002, 812-120-003, 818-180-017, 818-241-019, 818-180-011, 818-160-011, 879-080-025, 879-080-020, 812-130-006, 812-130-008, 812-130-007, 812-120-007, 818-242-025, 818-210-003, 879-090-001, 818-210-004, and 818-241-021. (Legislative) This scoping session is to allow the Planning Director and the public an opportunity to identify issues that should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report. The scoping session is not a public hearing on the merits of the project, nor will the Planning Director be taking an action on the

project.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS: