



**PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
REPORT OF ACTIONS
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 NONE

2.0 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT INITIATION PROCEEDINGS

2.1 NONE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS – CONTINUED ITEMS:

3.1 NONE

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW ITEMS:

4.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1153 (Entitlement / Policy) – Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration – Applicant: County of Riverside – Supervisorial District: Countywide – Area Plan: Countywide – Zone Area: N/A – Zone: N/A – Location: Countywide, with particular policies and emphasis on the Salton Sea (ECVAP) and Far Eastern Riverside County (FERCO) desert area outside of existing Area Plans. – Project Size: Countywide – **REQUEST:** County-initiated General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 1153 proposes to amend the Riverside County General Plan to expand existing renewable energy policies to facilitate renewable energy development in the county, particularly the far eastern desert and Salton Sea regions. The Land Use Element contains text revisions and new and revised policies to coordinate development of renewable energy in the Far Eastern Riverside County (FERCO) desert area (outside of existing Area Plans) and address both the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Solar Energy Program and the state’s proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). It will also improve public land coordination for a variety of federal lands within the county. Multipurpose Open Space Element revisions will expand the text and policies addressing renewable energy, including “emerging technologies.” Lastly, for the Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan, the GPA will establish the Salton Sea Renewable

Planning Commission Action:
Public Comments: Closed

A vote of 5-0,

**ADOPTED PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01;** and,

The Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors to take the following actions:

**ADOPT a NEGATIVE DECLARATION for
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO.
42867;** and,

**TENTATIVELY APPROVE GENERAL PLAN
AMENDMENT NO. 1153,** as corrected at hearing.

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Energy Policy Area along with greatly expanded text and policies. No changes to Land Use Designations or other land use entitlements are planned for this GPA; this GPA is not associated with any renewable energy development proposals. This work effort is funded by a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC). Project Planner: Cindy A. Thielman-Braun at (951) 955-8632 or email cthielma@rctlma.org.

5.0 WORKSHOP

5.1 NONE

6.0 ORAL COMMUNICATION ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

7.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.0 COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS