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**Energy Facilities Siting and
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 Division**

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PROJECT TITLE: Abengoa Mojave Solar Project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	Teleconference Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	San Bernardino County Land Use services Dept, Advance Planning: Carrie Hyke, Principal Planner; and Judy Tatman	DATE:	12/03/09
		TIME:	3:15 p.m.
WITH:	Craig Hoffman, CEC Siting Project Manager Amanda Stennick, CEC Environmental Protection Office, CRU Supervisor Negar Vahidi, Senior Land Use Technical Specialist, Aspen Environmental Group Susanne Huerta, Land Use Technical Staff, Aspen Environmental Group		
SUBJECT:	AMS Land Use Issues related to General Plan Amendment, Zoning, CUP reqts.		

COMMENTS: CEC staff (staff) and San Bernardino County (SB Co.) planning staff conducted a conference call to discuss the land use issues raised by in our 11/10/09 letter to SB Co. regarding the AMS. Following are the main points of the discussion:

- SB Co. confirmed that although the General Plan Amendment (GPA) required by the County code for application of the EN Overlay Zone to the AMS would be exempt due the CEC's exclusive authority to license power plants, if the County were the permitting agency the GPA would be required.
- Currently, application of the EN Overlay to projects does require a GPA by the County. As such the County is working to repeal the section of the County Development Code that would require this GPA.
- On 12/17/09, SB Co the County Planning Commission will hear a motion to repeal the GPA requirement for the EN Overlay, and addition of a new GP chapter on Renewable Energy Development and the associated Development Standards. Six weeks later the motion will go to the County Board of Supervisors. SB Co. planning staff is optimistic that both decision making bodies would pass the motion due to the number of renewable projects slated to be built in the County, and the state and federal mandates requiring renewable power development.
- SB Co. is working on preliminary Development Standards for Renewable Energy. However, SB Co. Staff acknowledged that these standards are only focused on Solar PV and make no mention of Solar Thermal power plants.
- Staff requested that SB Co. provide input as to what types of development standards (e.g., for height, lot coverage, landscaping etc.) and conditions they would want to see applied to the AMS. The CEC Siting PM informed SB Co. that they can be reimbursed for their staff time used in preparing the requested input.
- SB Co. indicated that they have not had sufficient time to review the bulk of the AMS project info due to staff workloads. Therefore, they are not yet ready to provide input regarding standards or conditions that they would normally apply as part of a CUP. However, SB Co. indicated that they would provide CEC staff with a copy of the preliminary draft Development Standards for Renewable Projects in the next few days, and that they would convene a meeting of applicable internal County Departments to come up with the list of conditions they would like applied to the project. The conditions would be provided to staff by mid January 2010.

cc: Amanda Stennick, CEC Craig Hoffman, CEC Susanne Huerta, Aspen	Signed:
	Name: Negar Vahidi