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Good Morning Jonathan,

I hope you had a great holiday weekend and that all is well in Sacramento.

To answer your question, yes, the Kern County BOS adopted a policy to permit 10,000 MW of renewable energy by 2015. We note that these are policy goals and not specific projects subject to CEQA. All specific projects would be subject to the CEQA process on a case by case basis. Kern County is currently at 7,885 MW of permitted wind and solar PV, with 2/3 of this in production and the remainder gearing up for construction. Additionally, we have another ,3200 MW of solar PV currently in the EIR process. Therefore, we expect to meet our goal of having 10,000 MW of renewable energy in production by 2015. These projections do not include the HECA project.

Additionally, the agricultural land policy that you referenced is specifically related to Solar PV; which HECA is not and therefore the policy would not apply. I would also note that the Kern County General Plan EIR includes an override for the cumulative losses of agricultural lands in Kern County.

I hope this helps answer your questions; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any others.

Thank you,  
Jacqui Kitchen

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Jacqui,

Good afternoon. I had a few questions for you that I'd appreciate your help on.

I noticed in 2011 the Planning Department presented a goal to the County BOS that was adopted to commit to permitting 10,000MW of renewable energy by 2015. Was there any additional supporting documentation to that goal? (i.e. siting plans, CEQA documentation, etc,)

Also I had a question about the BOS adopted Pathways for Processing for Solar PV Powerplants. The pathway indicates additional mitigation at 1:5:1 for active farmlands. Was there any additional supporting documentation for this policy as well?

We are reviewing these goals and policies as part of our cumulative analysis for the HECA project as well as considering if the County would apply a similar Pathways for Processing to HECA were the County the permitting authority.

Thank you!

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