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FYI and review

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Sirs:

Thank you for the information on the upcoming community meetings concerning the proposed renewable energy ordinance.

I have reviewed the current standard referenced in the email and have a serious concern.

Specifically I do not see the requirement for a full Environmental Impact Report when entire square miles of land are removed from the natural habitat by punching dead zones in the middle of the desert. By doing so we are limiting the viability of an already delicate environment.

In our rush to establish energy independence, we are ruining the very environment we are obligated to preserve. By killing off large sections of fragile habitat, I am sure we are creating a larger long-term problem.

This is already contributing to our dust bowl issue at least, with future impacts unknown because we have not taken the time to study what can happen.

Usually when this happens elsewhere, such as wetlands, forest, alluvial plains, mitigation measures are put in place such as the purchase of offsetting preserved lands, establishing wildlife corridors, etc. I believe there is a general lack of consideration of the desert environment and I see nothing proposed to mitigate the effects.

I urge the planning department to consider the above points. I believe there is a way to responsibly develop alternative energy sources without destroying the very things we are trying to preserve. As with all development, achieving a balance between our short term needs and the long term goals of our country is exactly what the planning department does.

Thank You

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Subject: Now Available - Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance

October 3, 2013

Good afternoon,

Ordinance*

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is currently drafting regulations to guide the development of renewable energy in the unincorporated areas of the County. The intent is to provide baseline standards that support and facilitate the responsible development of small-scale systems and utility-scale facilities in a manner that minimizes potential safety and environmental impacts. The Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance is now available for public review and comment. It is available for download at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/energy>, with a direct link provided [here](#).

**No development is being proposed by the County through this ordinance. It will establish rules for those who wish to develop small-scale systems or utility-scale facilities to produce energy through renewable resources such as solar and wind.*

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Community Meeting

A community meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance. We invite you to review the draft and attend the community meeting scheduled as follows:

Saturday - October 26, 2013

9:00am

Antelope Valley College - Performing Arts Theater

3041 W Avenue K

Lancaster, CA 93536

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Please send your questions and comments regarding the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance via email or postal mail to:

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