

Antelope Valley Area Plan Amendment

The Antelope Valley Area Plan is a component of the County General Plan that includes the following policy in relation to utility-scale renewable energy facilities and EOAs:

Policy COS 13.9: Prohibit ground-mounted utility-scale renewable energy production facilities within Significant Ecological Areas and Economic Opportunity Areas.

As a component of the proposed REO Update, the Antelope Valley Area Plan would be amended by modifying Policy COS 13.9 to remove the prohibition of ground-mounted utility-scale renewable energy production facilities within EOAs. This change would align with the purpose of the EOAs to be a site for new development within the Antelope Valley in order to preserve and maintain the rural character of areas outside of the EOAs. The amendment to the policy would include addition of utility-scale energy storage system facilities to uses prohibited in Significant Ecological Areas.

The modification to COS Policy 13.9 would read as follows:

Policy COS 13.9: Prohibit ~~ground-mounted~~ utility-scale renewable energy production and energy storage systems facilities within Significant Ecological Areas ~~and Economic Opportunity Areas~~.