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County seeks more public input on renewable energy

The County wants to hear from you to help Land Use Services develop a renewable energy and conservation element for incorporation into the General Plan.

Land Use Services has created a public participation program called the San Bernardino County Partnership for Renewable Energy and Conservation (SPARC) and began collecting input online and in a series of three community workshops held around the county.

Many of you participated in round one of public workshops and now it is time for round two. This month, the County is hosting a second round of workshops where you can learn more about the County's renewable energy plan and share your thoughts on the draft goals. The goals will guide development of the County's Renewable Energy Element. Find the workshop closest to you:

- Yucca Valley August 21, 6-8 p.m. Community Center, Yucca Room (57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284)
- **Big Bear Lake August 25**, **6-8 p.m.** Big Bear Fire Department #281 (41090 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315)
- Barstow August 26, 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church (1320 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311)
- Hesperia August 28, 6-8 p.m. Hesperia Library (9650 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345)
- San Bernardino August 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Covington Chambers, County Government Center (385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415)

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A third round of public workshops is expected in the fall. Read what others are saying, share your own ideas now at www.SPARCForum.org, and plan to participate at one of the upcoming meetings.

An interactive website, <u>www.SPARCForum.org</u>, provides 24-hour public access to project information and opportunities to engage in all phases of updating the General Plan. SPARC Forum also provides access to people who cannot attend public workshops.

More about SPARC: The San Bernardino County Partnership for Renewable Energy and Conservation (SPARC) will provide a framework for renewable energy development while protecting communities and natural resources. Community input will help shape the drafting of a County General Plan Renewable Energy Element for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Questions? Visit <u>www.SPARCForum.org</u> or contact the County Land Use Services Department at (909) 252-5105.