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## County Seeks Renewable Energy Projects at Landfills

**SAN BERNARDINO** – San Bernardino County landfills could become home to multiple renewable energy projects under a proposal approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Under the plan, the County will seek proposals from companies that are interested in constructing wind or solar renewable energy facilities on County-owned landfill property. About 9,200 acres of County property is utilized for solid waste purposes.

“Our goal is to tap the full potential of underutilized County landfill property by bringing in companies that have experience building and maintaining renewable energy systems,” said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who led the August 2007 launch of Green County San Bernardino – a multifaceted program aimed at reducing the County’s impacts on the environment.

The County commissioned a study in 2008 that noted a “significant” potential for renewable energy projects on landfill property. The study concluded that solid waste property in Kramer Junction, Barstow, Victorville, and at the Parker Dam had the highest potential for solar projects. The study recommended the West Valley Material Recovery Facility (MRF), the Agua Mansa MRF, and the Heaps Peak Transfer Station as possible locations for small wind-energy projects

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