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County Reschedules Renewable Energy Listening Session

The renewable energy policy initiative (SPARC) listening session originally scheduled for February 19, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. is being rescheduled to **March 5, 2015 from 2-4 p.m.**, due to requests for additional time from community organizations.

Many community organizations are preparing comments for the State of California's Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) which is currently under public review. DRECP comments are due by February 23, 2015.

Unlike the DRECP, the County General Plan Renewable Energy Element is a County government project that would balance desert conservation with renewable energy development within the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County not owned by the state or federal government.

The listening session will focus on plans for the County General Plan renewable energy element and will be held in the Board of Supervisors Covington Chambers in San Bernardino, with opportunities for videoconference testimony from both the High Desert (Hesperia) and Joshua Tree county government centers. The session will begin with an overview of the County's planning progress and priorities from County Planning Director Terri Rahhal, followed by public comments on the Element Framework and Outline.

The listening session will be the third round of public exchange on the County General Plan Renewable Energy Element process. Additional public workshops will follow in the spring.

The March 5th listening session will be conducted at:

- **Covington Chambers**
County Government Center, First Floor
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino

During the meetings, the public can participate via videoconferencing at:

- **Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center**
15900 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia



- **Bob Burke Joshua Tree Government Center**
63665 Twentynine Palms Highway, Joshua Tree