

GRANT REQUEST FORM (GRF)

CEC-270 (Revised 02/13)

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

New Agreement REN-13-002 (To be completed by CGL Office)

Division	Agreement Manager:	MS-	Phone
400 Efficiency Renewable Energy Division	Pablo S. Gutierrez	45	916-654-4663

Recipient's Legal Name	Federal ID Number
County of Riverside	95-6000930

Title of Project
Renewable Energy Development Planning

Term and Amount	Start Date	End Date	Amount
	6 / 18 / 2014	3 / 31 / 2016	\$ 699,996

Business Meeting Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> ARFVTP agreements under \$75K delegated to Executive Director.			
Proposed Business Meeting Date	6 / 18 / 2014	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion
Business Meeting Presenter	Pablo S. Gutierrez	Time Needed:	5 minutes
Please select one list serve. Local Government			

Agenda Item Subject and Description
Possible approval of Agreement REN-13-002 with the County of Riverside for a \$699,996 grant to develop a proposed amendment to their General Plan, including proposed revisions to the Multipurpose Open Space Element, Land Use Element, Area Plans, and other areas of the General Plan to facilitate eligible renewable energy resource development. The project will provide a framework of policies and data addressing eligible renewable energy resources countywide with particular focus on the development and expansion of geothermal resources in the Salton Sea and the coordination of solar resources in the far eastern portion of the county. The project will support the state's long-term Renewables Portfolio Standard goals, streamline the permitting process, and ensure protection of ecosystems throughout the county. Contact: Pablo Gutierrez (5 minutes)

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance
1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (skip to question 2) <input type="checkbox"/> No (complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378)): Explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project": Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because _____.
2. If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Agreement IS exempt. (Attach draft NOE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. List PRC and/or CCR CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15262 section number: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. List CCR CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15306 section number: <input type="checkbox"/> Common Sense Exemption. 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3) Explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section: This project falls under the CEQA Guidelines section 15262 feasibility and planning studies exemption because the work to be performed using the grant funds includes planning and feasibility studies for possible future actions which the County has not yet approved and may choose not to approve. In addition, the activities to be funded by the grant fall under the CEQA Guidelines section 15306 class 6 categorical exemption because the activities are basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Agreement IS NOT exempt. (Consult with the legal office to determine next steps.) Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Study <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Overriding Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration

List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)	
Legal Company Name:	Budget
TBD	\$ 150,000
	\$ 0
	\$ 0

List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

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Legal Company Name:
TBD

Budget Information			
Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List No.	Amount
RRTF	2013	501.002	\$699,996
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
R&D Program Area:	Select Program Area	TOTAL:	\$699,996
Explanation for "Other" selection			
Reimbursement Contract #:		Federal Agreement #:	

Recipient's Administrator/ Officer				Recipient's Project Manager			
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Selection Process Used	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive Solicitation	Solicitation #: PON-13-504
<input type="checkbox"/> First Come First Served Solicitation	

The following items should be attached to this GRF	
1. Exhibit A, Scope of Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
2. Exhibit B, Budget Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
3. CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
4. Recipient Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
5. CEQA Documentation	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached

_____ Agreement Manager	_____ Date	_____ Office Manager	_____ Date	_____ Deputy Director	_____ Date
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TECHNICAL TASK LIST

Task #	Task Name
1	Administration
2	Project Management
3	Eligible Renewable Energy Resources Information Development
4	Develop Data and Plans for Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region
5	Revise General Plan
6	CEQA Review
7	Public and Stakeholder Outreach
8	Project Processing, Hearings and Potential Adoption

KEY NAME LIST

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subcontractor(s)	Key Partner(s)
1,2,8	Juan C. Perez		
1,7	Phil Rosentrater		
1	Ed Cooper		
1-8	Cindy A. Thielman-Braun		
1,5,6,8	Tiffany North		
4		Engineering Sub, <i>TBD</i>	
4,7			Salton Sea Authority

GLOSSARY

Specific terms and acronyms used throughout this scope of work are defined as follows:

Term/ Acronym	Definition
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CAO	Commission Agreement Officer
County	County of Riverside
CPR	Critical Project Review
CPS	Concentrated Solar Power
CV-MSHCP	Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
DRECP	Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan
ECVAP	Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan
EDA	Economic Development Agency
Eligible Renewable Energy Resource	Definition at Public Utilities Code Section 399.12(e).
Energy Commission	California Energy Commission
ERERD	Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development
GPA	General Plan Amendment
GIS	Geographical Information System
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IID	Imperial Irrigation District

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Term/ Acronym	Definition
MOSE	Multipurpose Open Space Element
MSHCP	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NREL	National Renewable Energy Laboratory
PV	Photovoltaic
QSA	Quantification Settlement Agreement
RCIT	Riverside County Information Technology
RCLIS	Riverside County Land Information System
RED	Renewable Energy Development
SSA	Salton Sea Authority
TLMA	Transportation and Land Management Agency
WECS	Wind Energy Conversion System

Problem Statement

As California's largest inland body of water, the Salton Sea is one of the greatest and most varied commercially viable renewable energy resources in the nation.¹ According to a study commissioned by the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), the Salton Sea's geothermal resources offer up to 2,000 megawatts of reliable renewable energy, with an additional 1,000 megawatts of solar energy potential.² Not only is the Salton Sea a vast potential resource for solar, algal biofuel, mineral and geothermal resources, it is also home to over 400 species of birds and has a greater diversity of avian species than the Florida Everglades.³ This critical nesting area for the international Pacific Flyway is facing environmental collapse. The General Plan update and associated environmental review proposed under this application will provide a robust framework of policies and data addressing eligible renewable energy resources throughout the County and will help facilitate an aggressive environmental restoration strategy for the Salton Sea.

Riverside County's General Plan's Multipurpose Open Space Element (MOSE) addresses renewable energy resources in general, rudimentary fashion, with topics including: wind energy (policies OS 10.1-10.2), solar energy (policies OS 11.1-11.3), geothermal resources (policies OS 12.1-12.4) and biomass (policy OS 13.1). At present there is no eligible renewable energy resource mapping in the General Plan, nor any implementation plans addressing geothermal resources.⁴

Riverside County (County) has seen a considerable number of eligible renewable energy resource development (ERERD) projects⁵ proposed, approved and constructed within the last

¹ Imperial Irrigation District, *Salton Sea Revenue Potential Study*, 2013.

² *Ibid.*

³ Redlands Institute, *Salton Sea: California's Everglades*, 2002.

⁴ Rafferty, Kevin. Aquaculture in the Imperial Valley - A Geothermal Success Story, *GHC Bulletin*, March 1999.

⁵ Figure 2 on page 4 of the Project Narrative submitted for this grant application lists 25 projects related to ERERD (including related transmission line tie-ins) applied for and/or processed by the County of Riverside in the last seven years. This includes 12 solar generation facilities, of which eight are on private lands (totaling roughly 8,800 acres) and another four are on public lands or a combination of public and private lands (totaling roughly 7,500 acres).

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several years in response to the State of California's move to implement its Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and develop alternative fuel resources. The County of Riverside has extensive experience in the issuance of permits for commercial wind energy generation (via WECS [wind energy conversion system] permits) and commercial solar generation (both photovoltaic [PV] and concentrated solar power [CSP]⁶). But, as noted in the Riverside County General Plan (page OS-25), "Currently there is no active geothermal energy production in the County, though geothermal resources are known to exist in the county." This project is designed, in part, to address barriers to development of those geothermal resources in the Salton Sea region and the coordination of solar resources in the far eastern portion of the county with the state's ongoing Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan development.

Barriers and Impediments to Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development

Noted below, the current impediments, unresolved issues, and knowledge gaps that exist currently will be addressed through the proposed project. This project will develop and propose for adoption amendment(s) to the County's General Plan that will facilitate the permitting of eligible renewable energy resources and their associated electric transmission facilities, and the processing of permits for eligible renewable energy resource development throughout the County. These current impediments, issues and knowledge gaps include, but may not be limited to:

- a) Need to identify various eligible renewable energy resource technologies currently being, or predicted to be, deployed within Riverside County;
- b) Need for mapping of eligible renewable energy resources throughout the County and Salton Sea;
- c) Need for identification and mapping of land borders to improve infrastructure planning;
- d) Need for definitive designation of appropriate transmission corridors;
- e) Need for policy and planning alignment with the proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) to streamline permitting processes for future solar or other eligible renewable energy resources, as well as similar changes to coordinate Salton Sea projects.

Goals of the Agreement

The goal of this Agreement is to perform resource and constraints mapping, propose General Plan revisions, and perform environmental review that will result in increased eligible renewable energy resource development opportunities available within Riverside County. The mapping work will identify areas with potential eligible renewable energy resources and sufficient infrastructure to facilitate their development, in particular the associated electric transmission facilities that are critical to the successful siting of any eligible renewable energy resource development. The opportunities and constraints matrix will provide the framework for additional focused implementation plans, such as that proposed in the Salton Sea region. The dissemination of this data and information online will be helpful for potential eligible renewable

⁶ All CSP facilities currently permitted within Riverside County exceed 50 megawatts and as such fall under California Energy Commission authority. For these CEC projects, Riverside County's processing role is limited to permit review to assess compliance with County codes, ordinances and regulations.

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energy resource development applicants and provide an important resource for public agencies when coordinating overall planning and planning for future infrastructure.

Objectives of the Agreement

The overall objective of this agreement is to create a robust framework of policies and data addressing eligible renewable energy resources throughout the County. To accomplish this overall objective, the project will develop and propose for adoption an amendment to the County General Plan that will facilitate the permitting of eligible renewable energy resources and their associated electric transmission facilities, and the processing of permits for eligible renewable energy resource development throughout the County. Based on current and anticipated patterns of development and the types of eligible renewable energy resources available in various parts of Riverside County, key components in meeting the overall objective will be to provide much-needed General Plan policies regarding eligible renewable energy resources, opportunity and constraint mapping of the Salton Sea area, planning and coordination for the development and expansion of geothermal resources in the Salton Sea region and to coordinate the Riverside County General Plan with DRECP conservation principals for the portions of the County addressed by the DRECP.

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

- Create a general inventory/overview of the eligible renewable energy resource development opportunities throughout Riverside County.
- Identify, through mapping of resources, constraints and infrastructure, those areas potentially suitable for eligible renewable energy resource development. Focus on identifying areas to be targeted for placement under an appropriate General Plan Policy Area pursuant to the General Plan Amendment (GPA) proposed for this work effort. The purpose is to identify areas where review and potential approval of ERERD under the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside may be streamlined and potentially coordinated with other responsible or adjacent agencies.
- Coordinate General Plan update to address and be consistent with the conservation strategies of the DRECP⁷. Since the DRECP is not completed or final, focus will be placed on consistency with the draft DRECP documents mentioned in Footnote 7. Once the DRECP is completed and final, the project will focus on consistency with that plan as required by California Public Resources Section 25619 (b).⁸ For example, review and

⁷ At present the DRECP is not completed or final. As such, the focus of the General Plan efforts discussed in this scope of work are intended to address areas for which draft DRECP documents currently exist. Examples of such documents include: the Description and Comparative Evaluation of Draft DRECP Alternatives (December 2012), the DRECP Draft Preliminary Conservation Strategy (Oct. 2011) prepared by Dudek and ICF for the CEC; and, the "Best Management Practices and Guidance Manual: Desert Renewable Energy Projects" (Dec. 2010) issued by the Renewable Energy Action Team.

⁸ Once the DRECP is completed and final, the Energy Commission must ensure that further activities under this grant are consistent with it. The County and the Energy Commission shall assess what portions of the remaining project will be performed consistent with the DRECP and associated statutory requirements of this grant. The portions of the project that will not be consistent with the DRECP and associated statutory requirements of the grant will no longer be funded. This assessment can be performed using the Monthly Progress Reports, Critical Project Review

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revise the conservation and preservation policies and plans of the Multipurpose Open Space Element.

- Create a framework in the General Plan for eligible renewable energy resource development, including County policies and planning instruments for eligible renewable energy resource development implementation. Specifically, this will entail the development and placement of policies and policy area(s) to facilitate and streamline the permitting of eligible renewable energy resource development within the county. These items will be considered for adoption pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort.⁹
- Develop local maps, policies and plans at the Area Plan¹⁰ level through the proposed GPA for use in implementing eligible renewable energy resource development within the Salton Sea region of Riverside County, with an emphasis on geothermal energy potential, furthering the region's electric transmission plans, and integrating these developments as components of financially and environmentally sustainable dust mitigation and ecosystem restoration efforts.

TASK 1 ADMINISTRATION

Task 1.1 Attend Kick-off Meeting

The goal of this task is to establish the lines of communication and procedures for implementing this Agreement.

The Recipient shall:

- Attend a "Kick-Off" meeting with the Commission Agreement Manager (CAM), the Commission Agreement Officer (CAO), and a representative of the Accounting Office. The Recipient shall bring its Project Manager, Agreement Administrator, Accounting Officer, and others designated by the Commission Agreement Manager to this meeting. The administrative and technical aspects of this Agreement will be discussed at the meeting. Prior to the kick-off meeting, the CAM will provide an agenda to all potential meeting participants.

Meetings, or other means. The Energy Commission and the County can amend this agreement to reflect any needed changes.

⁹ The adoption of a General Plan Amendment is a discretionary act by the Board of Supervisors, and neither County staff nor the current Board of Supervisors can pre-commit or predetermine that the Board of Supervisors will ultimately adopt a General Plan Amendment in the future.

¹⁰ Because the County of Riverside is roughly the size of the State of New Jersey, the Riverside County General Plan includes a number of "Area Plans" to allow issues to be addressed at the appropriately local scale, when necessary. Each Area Plan is designed to address a specific region of the county with maps, policies and plans customized to focus on the area's unique needs. The Area Plans typically provide additional details on an issue beyond what was already addressed in the main body of the General Plan (i.e., its Elements). The GPA developed under this scope of work will include proposed revisions to both the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element and to affected Area Plans (e.g., the Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan, the Palo Verde Valley Area Plan and the Far Eastern Desert plan). Details are explained under the applicable tasks/subtasks below.

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The administrative portion of the meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Discussion of the terms and conditions of the Agreement
- Discussion of Critical Project Review (Task 1.2)
- Permit documentation (Task 1.6)
- Discussion of subcontracts needed to carry out project (Task 1.7)

The technical portion of the meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- The CAMs expectations for accomplishing tasks described in the Scope of Work
- An updated Schedule of Products
- Discussion of Progress Reports (Task 1.4)
- Discussion of Technical Products (Product Guidelines located in Section 5 of the Terms and Conditions)
- Discussion of the Final Report (Task 1.5)

The CAM shall designate the date and location of this meeting.

Recipient Products:

- Updated Schedule of Products
- Updated List of Permits

CAM Product:

- Kick-Off Meeting Agenda

Task 1.2 Critical Project Review (CPR) Meetings

The goal of this task is to determine if the project should continue to receive Energy Commission funding to complete this Agreement and to identify any needed modifications to the tasks, products, schedule or budget.

CPRs provide the opportunity for frank discussions between the Energy Commission and the Recipient. The Commission Agreement Manager may schedule CPRs as necessary, and CPR costs will be borne by the Recipient.

Participants include the CAM and the Recipient and may include the CAO, staff from the Renewable Energy Division, other Energy Commission staff and Management as well as other individuals selected by the CAM to provide support to the Energy Commission.

The CAM shall:

- Determine the location, date, and time of each CPR meeting with the Recipient. These meetings generally take place at the Energy Commission, but they may take place at another location.
- Send the Recipient the agenda and a list of expected participants in advance of each CPR. If applicable, the agenda shall include a discussion on permits.

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- Conduct and make a record of each CPR meeting. One of the outcomes of this meeting will be a schedule for providing the written determination described below.
- Determine whether to continue the project, and if continuing, whether or not modifications are needed to the tasks, schedule, products, and/or budget for the remainder of the Agreement. Modifications to the Agreement may require a formal amendment (please see section 8 of the Terms and Conditions). If the CAM concludes that satisfactory progress is not being made, this conclusion will be referred to the Lead Commissioner for Renewables for his or her concurrence.
- Provide the Recipient with a written determination in accordance with the schedule. The written response may include a requirement for the Recipient to revise one or more product(s) that were included in the CPR.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a CPR Report for each CPR that discusses the progress of the Agreement toward achieving its goals and objectives. This report shall include recommendations and conclusions regarding continued work of the projects. This report shall be submitted along with any other products identified in this scope of work. The Recipient shall submit these documents to the CAM and any other designated reviewers at least 15 working days in advance of each CPR meeting.
- Present the required information at each CPR meeting and participate in a discussion about the Agreement.

CAM Products:

- Agenda and a list of expected participants
- Schedule for written determination
- Written determination

Recipient Product:

- CPR Report(s)

Task 1.3 Final Meeting

The goal of this task is to closeout this Agreement.

The Recipient shall:

- Meet with Energy Commission staff to present the findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The final meeting must be completed during the closeout of this Agreement.

This meeting will be attended by, at a minimum, the Recipient, the CAO, and the CAM. The technical and administrative aspects of Agreement closeout will be discussed at the meeting, which may be two separate meetings at the discretion of the CAM.

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The technical portion of the meeting shall present an assessment of the degree to which project and task goals and objectives were achieved, findings, conclusions, recommended next steps (if any) for the Agreement, and recommendations for improvements. The CAM will determine the appropriate meeting participants.

The administrative portion of the meeting shall be a discussion with the CAM and the CAO about the following Agreement closeout items:

- What to do with any equipment purchased with Energy Commission funds (Options)
- Energy Commission's request for specific "generated" data (not already provided in Agreement products)
- "Surviving" Agreement provisions
- Final invoicing and release of retention
- Prepare a schedule for completing the closeout activities for this Agreement.

Products:

- Written documentation of meeting agreements
- Schedule for completing closeout activities

Task 1.4 Monthly Progress Reports

The goal of this task is to periodically verify that satisfactory and continued progress is made towards achieving the objectives of this Agreement on time and within budget.

The objectives of this task are to summarize activities performed during the reporting period, to identify activities planned for the next reporting period, to identify issues that may affect performance and expenditures, and to form the basis for determining whether invoices are consistent with work performed.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a Monthly Progress Report which summarizes all Agreement activities conducted by the Recipient for the reporting period, including an assessment of the ability to complete the Agreement within the current budget and any anticipated cost overruns. Each progress report is due to the CAM within 10 days of the end of the reporting period. The recommended specifications for each progress report are contained in Section 6 of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- In the first Monthly Progress Report and first invoice, document and verify match expenditures and provide a synopsis of project progress, if match funds have been expended or if work funded with match share has occurred after the notice of proposed award but before execution of the grant agreement. If no match funds have been expended or if no work funded with match share has occurred before execution, then state this in the report. All pre-execution match expenditures must conform to the requirements in the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

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Product:

- Monthly Progress Reports

Task 1.5 Final Report

The goal of the Final Report is to assess the project's success in achieving its goals and objectives, as described in the recipient's Scope of Work, and providing energy-related and other benefits to California.

The objectives of the Final Report are to clearly and completely describe the project's purpose, approach, activities performed, and results; to present a public assessment of the success of the project as measured by the degree to which goals and objectives were achieved; to make insightful observations based on results obtained; to draw conclusions; and to make recommendations for further projects and improvements to the project management processes.

The Final Report shall be a public document.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare an Outline of the Final Report.
- Prepare a Final Report following the approved outline and the latest version of the Final Report guidelines which will be provided by the CAM. The CAM shall provide written comments on the Draft Final Report within fifteen (15) working days of receipt. The Final Report must be completed at least 60 days before the end of the Agreement Term.
- Submit one bound copy of the Final Report with the final invoice.

Products:

- Draft Outline of the Final Report
- Final Outline of the Final Report
- Draft Final Report
- Final Report

Task 1.6 Identify and Obtain Required Permits

The goal of this task is to obtain all permits required for work completed under this Agreement in advance of the date they are needed to keep the Agreement schedule on track.

Permit costs and the expenses associated with obtaining permits are not reimbursable under this Agreement. Although the Energy Commission budget for this task will be zero dollars, the Recipient shall budget match funds for any expected expenditures associated with obtaining permits. Permits must be identified in writing and obtained before the Recipient can make any expenditure for which a permit is required.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a letter documenting the permits required to conduct this Agreement and submit it to the CAM at least 2 working days prior to the kick-off meeting. If there are no permits required at the start of this Agreement, then state such in the

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- A list of the permits that identifies the:
 - Type of permit
 - Name, address and telephone number of the permitting jurisdictions or lead agencies
- The schedule the Recipient will follow in applying for and obtaining these permits.
- Discuss the list of permits and the schedule for obtaining them at the kick-off meeting and develop a timetable for submitting the updated list, schedule and the copies of the permits. The implications to the Agreement if the permits are not obtained in a timely fashion or are denied will also be discussed. If applicable, permits will be included as a line item in the Progress Reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.
- If during the course of the Agreement additional permits become necessary, provide the appropriate information on each permit and an updated schedule to the CAM.
- As permits are obtained, send a copy of each approved permit to the Commission Agreement Manager.
- If during the course of the Agreement permits are not obtained on time or are denied, notify the CAM within 5 working days. Either of these events may trigger an additional CPR.

Products:

- Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required
- A copy of each approved permit (if applicable)
- Updated list of permits as they change during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)
- Updated schedule for acquiring permits as changes occur during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)

Task 1.7 Obtain and Execute Subcontracts

The goal of this task is to ensure quality products and to procure subcontracts required to carry out the tasks under this Agreement consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Recipient's own procurement policies and procedures. It will also provide the Energy Commission an opportunity to review the subcontracts to ensure that the tasks are consistent with this Agreement, that the budgeted expenditures are reasonable and consistent with applicable cost principles.

The Recipient shall:

- Manage and coordinate subcontractor activities.
- Submit a draft of each subcontract required to conduct the work under this Agreement to the CAM for review.
- Submit a final copy of the executed subcontract.
- If Recipient decides to add new subcontractors, it shall notify the CAM.

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Products:

- Draft subcontracts
- Final subcontracts

TECHNICAL TASKS

TASK 2 PROJECT MANAGEMENT

These tasks address the various internal County communication and coordination efforts, including directing the engineering work to be performed for the County by the subconsultant retained for this work effort (i.e., pursuant to Task 4).

Task 2.1 Kickoff Meeting

The goal of this task is to introduce team members to the program, schedule and process and to discuss ways to keep on schedule and ensure smooth lines of communication.

The Recipient shall:

- Hold an initial project team kick off meeting with department staff and key partners, including the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) and its member agencies (Torres Martinez Tribe, Coachella Valley Water District, IID and Imperial County) as well as entities/agencies and consultants already working on evaluating eligible renewable energy resources and related conservation planning within the Salton Sea area (e.g., NREL). Discussion shall include project process and time frames, availability of needed data, identification of needs for government involvement and CEQA consultation, as well as initial identification of stakeholders.

Products:

- Meeting agenda
- Meeting notes

Task 2.2 Team Meetings

The goal of this task is to schedule and hold regular team meetings to keep all team members apprised of the program status, schedule issues and new information.

The Recipient shall:

- Hold monthly meetings with key County staff. Problems, opportunities and time frame issues will be discussed and decisions made. Special attention shall be given to the time schedule to ensure the grant end date is met.

Products:

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- Meeting agenda
- Meeting notes

Task 2.3 Issue RFP for Consultant Services

The goal of this task is to retain a single consultant to perform large components of Tasks 4.1 – 4.3 (see below), including: Data collection and analysis, mapping of eligible renewable energy resource opportunities and constraints, and development of implementation criteria and policies for the Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region. The sub consultant will also participate in relevant coordination with the Salton Sea Authority and, in particular, various technical meetings with local utilities and other agencies (i.e., Tasks 4.4 and 4.5, respectively).

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare an RFP for consultant services, including a detailed scope of work and project description. The RFP will specifically seek consultants that are particularly knowledgeable about eligible renewable energy resource projects and power infrastructure.
- Distribute the RFP to a list of qualified consultants. The RFP and consultant selection process will be conducted in a manner consistent with both the County's procurement procedures and the terms of this agreement.
- Enter into a contract with the selected consultant through approval by the County Board of Supervisors. In addition to the Recipient's standard language, the contract will include any terms required by this agreement.

Products:

- Request for Proposals
- RFP Distribution List
- Consultant Proposals
- Board of Supervisor Resolution approving the consultant contract
- Contract with Selected Consultant

TASK 3 ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT

This task addresses the development of countywide data needed to develop and expand plans for eligible renewable energy resources.

Task 3.1 Collect, Assemble and Map Existing Eligible Renewable Energy Resources Data

The goal of this task is to survey available data and maps on wind, solar energy, and geothermal resources and regional infrastructure, and, if necessary investigate creation of additional required GIS resources.

The Recipient shall:

- Survey available mapping of eligible renewable energy resources related to wind, solar and geothermal, as well as regional transmission infrastructure.
- Develop GIS data related to identified eligible renewable energy resources.

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- Using the above information, create generalized maps identifying countywide eligible renewable energy resources.

Products:

- Maps of generalized countywide eligible renewable energy resources
- GIS layers of existing eligible renewable energy resources data

Task 3.2 Develop Matrix for Eligible Renewable Energy Resources Opportunities and Constraints Criteria

The goal of this task is to develop a matrix outlining the eligible renewable energy resources opportunities and constraints to be considered in assessing an area's eligible renewable energy resource development potential.

The Recipient shall:

- Survey and assemble data on factors determining suitability (opportunities) for eligible renewable energy resource development. Such factors may include, but not be limited to: resource indicators (wind speed, solar gradient, geothermal anomalies, etc.), topography, land ownership and infrastructure availability.
- Survey and assemble data on factors determining constraints to eligible renewable energy resource development. Such factors may include, but not be limited to: sensitive biological resources, lack of available infrastructure, land use conflicts and unsuitable climate. These constraints will be considered when evaluating an area's suitability for eligible renewable energy resource development.

Products:

- Matrix of relevant opportunities and constraints criteria for use in identifying areas suitable for eligible renewable energy resource development.

Task 3.3 Identify Areas Suitable for Additional Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study

The goal of this task is to identify general regions of Riverside County suitable for additional eligible renewable energy resource development study. These study regions will be included in the revisions to the GPA under the scope of work of this project in order to organize and direct future planning efforts for eligible renewable energy resource development implementation. For example, they will identify areas of the county suitable for private applicant proposals to develop eligible renewable energy resources.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare maps identifying regions to be placed under General Plan Policy Areas pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort. Also identify any regions within the county that warrant additional (future) study for the creation of specific eligible renewable energy resource development implementation plans. The regions that warrant additional study will be identified in the revisions to the GPA proposed for this work effort.

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- Make publicly available online the GIS layers used to support the above mapping effort and update the General Plan pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort. (Except where restricted for infrastructure security reasons by the state or utility.)

Products:

- Maps identifying County regions where additional (future) planning for eligible renewable energy resource development is appropriate. These are areas that will be subject to General Plan Policy Areas or other planning instruments proposed pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort. These maps will be incorporated into the General Plan (e.g., in the Multipurpose Open Space Element) pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort, as outlined in Task 5, below.
- GIS layers of publicly-available data used to support the identification of these areas.
- List of General Plan Elements, policies and maps to be revised to enhance the discussion and overall planning for eligible renewable energy resources within the General Plan. This list will be used to direct the work efforts of Task 5 relative to countywide policies, plans and maps in the General Plan (e.g., in the Multipurpose Open Space Element).
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TASK 4 DEVELOP DATA AND PLANS FOR SALTON SEA ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT STUDY REGION

This task focuses on development of data, maps, policies and implementing measures for the Salton Sea region of Riverside County.

Task 4.1 Collect, Assemble and Map Eligible Renewable Energy Resources Opportunities and Constraints Data for Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region

The goal of this task is the development of data needed to create specific maps and plans for eligible renewable energy resource development in the Salton Sea region of Riverside County. This effort will include detailed mapping and opportunities/constraint analysis, performed primarily by a qualified subcontractor, selected pursuant to the County's RFP process and the grant agreement requirements, as described in Task 2.3, above within an area to be identified as the "Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development (ERERD) Study Region." This effort will be performed in close coordination with the Salton Sea Authority (see Task 4.4) to identify areas suitable for geothermal resource development or other opportunities for eligible renewable energy resource development as a potential aid to achieving the various restoration goals identified by the Salton Sea Authority for the region. The results of this task will be incorporated into the Riverside County General Plan via the GPA proposed under this scope of work, if the GPA is ultimately adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

The Recipient shall:

- Develop data and maps identifying critical opportunities and constraints within the Salton Sea Study Region. Such resources may include the following information to be used to

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inform development of the General Plan Amendment, as well as other information relevant to informing the General Plan Amendment:

- Specific resource indicators (solar gradients, geothermal anomalies, etc.)
- Topography/slope/geology
- Land ownership / control
- Access (existing/proposed roadways)
- Infrastructure availability (with emphasis on electric transmission lines and corridors)
- Prime farmland / State Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program data
- Existing and proposed Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs), as well as already conserved lands
- Sensitive biological resources, protected species and designated habitats
- Hydrology, drainage and water availability
- Existing and planned roadway network
- Existing and planned land uses
- Develop GIS layers identifying existing/planned infrastructure related to potential eligible renewable energy resources. Such infrastructure could include roads, power lines and electric substations, as well as water and sewer lines, drainage facilities, and treatment plants. Engineering specifications/data prepared by the engineering sub consultant will be provided as necessary, in relation to the level of required planning and coordination

Products:

- GIS layers and maps identifying opportunities and constraints for eligible renewable energy resource development within the Salton Sea Study Region.
- Mapping report and presentation graphics of same, as needed.
- GIS layers of publicly-available data used to support the identification of these areas.

Task 4.2 Analyze Opportunities and Constraints Data for Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region

The goal of this task is to determine the locations most suitable for eligible renewable energy resource development within the Salton Sea Study Region and the type(s) of renewable energy resources suitable to for the area (focusing on geothermal potential) through analysis of the opportunities and constraints maps and data developed under the prior task (4.1).

The Recipient shall:

- Analyze the opportunities and constraints data for the Salton Sea Study Region developed under Task 4.1 using the matrix approach developed under Task 3.2 to assess the region's eligible renewable energy resource development potential.
- Survey and assemble data on factors determining suitability (opportunities) for eligible renewable energy resource development. Such factors may include the following, as well as other reasonably applicable factors: resource indicators (solar gradient and geothermal anomalies), topography, land ownership and infrastructure availability.
- Survey and assemble data on factors determining constraints to eligible renewable energy resource development, particularly geothermal resources. Such factors may include the following, as well as other reasonably applicable factors: sensitive biological resources, lack of available infrastructure (e.g., water), geology, cultural/tribal resources, land use conflicts and climate.

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Products:

- Matrix of relevant opportunities and constraints criteria for use in identifying areas suitable for eligible renewable energy resource development.

Task 4.3 Develop Implementation Criteria and Policies for Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region

The goal of this task is to develop implementation criteria and policies to enable eligible renewable energy resource development within the Salton Sea Study Region and identify the needed General Plan revisions necessary to accommodate them.

The Recipient shall:

- Determine the types of General Plan instruments most suitable for implementing eligible renewable energy resource development in the Salton Sea Study Region. Examples of the types of instruments to be considered include: General Plan policy areas, land use overlays, land use designations or other reasonably applicable means. The resultant information shall be used to revise the General Plan pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort (under Task 5).
- Policies and plans developed for implementation will emphasize addressing barriers to eligible renewable energy resource development, which may include the following, as well as any other reasonably applicable barriers: constraints caused by existing General Plan policies (e.g., land use criteria); consistency with General Plan conservation policies and maps; consistency with the Certainty System and Foundation Components integral to the long-term implementation of the General Plan. The resultant information shall be used to revise the General Plan pursuant to the GPA proposed for this work effort (under Task 5).
- This effort will also identify any areas in which the GPA is not the appropriate planning instrument, but where other instruments would be more appropriate, to ensure implementation plans are focused at the appropriate level. (Note: study and/or preparation of any of these other instruments, such as new Board of Supervisors policies, zoning ordinance revisions or entirely new ordinances, are not proposed as part of this Application's Scope of Work, which is solely focused on changes occurring via General Plan Amendment.

Products:

- List of General Plan Elements, policies and maps proposed to be revised to implement eligible renewable energy resource development within the Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region. This list will be used to direct the work efforts of Task 5.

Task 4.4 Outreach and Coordination with Salton Sea Authority

The goal of this task is to closely coordinate General Plan Amendment development with the Salton Sea Authority to identify areas suitable for geothermal resource development or other opportunities to develop eligible renewable energy resource development in a manner that enhances long term restoration – especially facilitation of habitat restoration or mitigation of emis-

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sive soils. A key outcome of this task will be the fostering and strengthening of cooperation and communication amongst the agencies and entities involved in the Salton Sea Authority. By creating an environment in which innovative ideas and plans can be conceived, the groundwork will be in place for successfully tackling the various restoration goals identified by the Salton Sea Authority for the region. The outcome of this coordination will be the development of specific revisions, such as the creation of a Policy Area, addressing the Salton Sea region and eligible renewable energy resources in the General Plan (such information will be incorporated into the General Plan via the GPA proposed for this project pursuant to Task 5).

The Recipient shall:

- Coordinate with the Salton Sea Authority in conducting meetings with the agencies and stakeholders involved in planning for the region.
- Use these meetings to coordinate the development of the various eligible renewable energy resource data identified above and determine the County's role in furthering restoration goals for the region in conjunction with the proposed General Plan Amendment.
- Coordinate with the Salton Sea Authority and its members on cross-jurisdictional planning, data acquisition and sharing, and identification of additional studies or planning needed for the region. The focus shall be on identifying the additional work that can be accomplished under this scope of work and incorporated into the Riverside County General Plan via the GPA proposed for this project

Products:

- Meeting agendas and summary notes, as applicable
- Updates to project website, as applicable

Task 4.5 Technical Coordination and Outreach with Utilities and Other Agencies Serving the Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region

In addition to strengthening cross-jurisdictional planning and coordination (see Task 4.4), the outcome of this task will be the development of technical data for the Salton Sea region prepared collaboratively with the various utilities and other public agencies serving the area. An emphasis will be placed on sharing data and plans to avoid duplication of work efforts.

The Recipient shall:

- Identify the various public utilities and providers serving the Salton Sea area that may need to be consulted and/or coordinated with in the preparation of implementation plans for the Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region. Emphasis will be on the electrical providers and the agencies involved in transmission line / corridor planning.
- In addition to using these meetings to obtain technical data, the County will also make use of the opportunity to coordinate with the various providers in providing long-range planning information (e.g., County buildout projections; land use scenarios; roadway network improvement plans; etc.) to the various agencies, as warranted. Such information, updated through coordination and information exchange with relevant involved agencies (e.g., Imperial County, IID or water districts) will be integrated into the General Plan via the GPA proposed for this work effort.

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- The County shall organize these technical meetings with the Salton Sea Authority in a manner that focuses on achieving a coordinated approach to cross-jurisdictional planning and data acquisition/development that is appropriate for the preparation of the General Plan Amendment proposed for this work effort.

Products:

- Agendas and summary notes, as applicable, from any meetings or workshops held.

TASK 5 REVISE GENERAL PLAN

This task addresses the specific revisions and additions needed to be made to the Riverside County General Plan in order to provide the necessary policy and implementation plans for the development of eligible renewable energy resources throughout the County. The work effort under this task involves the preparation of a General Plan Amendment (GPA) that will address ERERD in general throughout the county, as well as specifically within the Salton Sea ERERD Study Region, and also coordinate revision of the General Plan to be consistent with the DRECP in the far eastern desert portions of the County. The work effort here will involve the specific revisions to the General Plan found to be necessary after completion of the prior tasks above.

Task 5.1 Revise Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan to Implement Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region

The goal of this task will be to develop the maps, data, policies and plans needed within the Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan (ECVAP) in order to implement eligible renewable energy resource development in the Salton Sea region. In addition to the required and optional Elements, the Riverside County General Plan also contains 23 “Area Plans” that provide focused policies and plans implementing the broader Element policies at the more local level. The Salton Sea area, including the portion envisioned as the Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region, is within the ECVAP. Thus, revisions to this Area Plan are necessary to provide the localized maps, policies and plans necessary for future eligible renewable energy resource development around the Salton Sea, as well as establishing the cornerstone for all geothermal policies and plans within the County.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare draft (typically redline/strike-out) ECVAP documents (including text, policies, maps, tables, etc.) for use in the review, consultation and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment necessary to authorize the changes.

Products:

- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of the Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan showing the proposed changes to its text, maps, tables, policies, etc., to add Salton Sea Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Study Region and/or any other implementing policies, plans, and maps, as determined necessary. Include the specific additional policies required for development/ approval of future eligible renewable energy resource development projects (for geothermal projects, in particular) and also include any streamlining of County processing.

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Task 5.2 Revise General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element to Expand the Eligible Renewable Energy Resources Section and Coordinate with DRECP

The goal of this task will be to develop the maps, data, policies and plans needed to establish and expand the general framework addressing eligible renewable energy resources in the existing Multipurpose Open Space Element (MOSE). These MOSE revisions will provide the framework text, maps and policies necessary to establish the County's eligible renewable energy resource development goals and plans, including greatly expanding the policies and plans for geothermal resource utilization (consistent with Task 5.1). The MOSE will also be amended to address, coordinate, and be consistent with the DRECP, for example, as it relates to biological conservation and resource protection.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare draft (typically redline/strike-out) MOSE document (including text, policies, maps, and tables) for use in the review, consultation and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment necessary to authorize the changes.
- These MOSE revisions will be prepared so as to provide the framework text, maps and policies necessary to establish the County's eligible renewable energy resource development goals and plans, including greatly expanding the policies and plans for geothermal resource utilization. Discussion of the DRECP will also be incorporated into the MOSE at the appropriate points (revisions will also coordinate with DRECP-related edits to the Land Use Element, see Task 5.3, below).

Products:

- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of the MOSE showing the proposed changes to its text, maps, tables, policies, etc., to establish the County's eligible renewable energy resource development goals and plans, including greatly expanding the policies and plans for geothermal resource utilization (consistent with Task 5.1). Revisions to MOSE will also include text, policies, maps, etc., as needed to coordinate with the DRECP.

Task 5.3 – Revise the Remainder of the General Plan to Coordinate / Implement Newly Proposed Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Development Policies and Plans

The goal of this task will be to ensure that eligible renewable energy resources are addressed appropriately and consistently throughout the entire General Plan. Towards this end, particular emphasis will be on providing all necessary maps, data, policies and plans needed to establish the appropriate implementing measures for eligible renewable energy resource developments within the Land Use Element. The Land Use Element changes will provide the planning and implementation instruments necessary for encouraging and facilitating future eligible renewable energy resource development throughout the County. Revisions to the Land Use Element will also be developed to address, coordinate, and be consistent with the conservation-related policies of the DRECP¹¹. (Note: This region does not have its own Area Plan; rather, it is

¹¹ The County will address the DRECP for the portion of the county potentially *subject to that plan* and not simply "countywide," which includes the roughly two-thirds of Riverside County already subject to existing MSCHPs.

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addressed as a section of the General Plan's Land Use Element.) Similarly, other Area Plans with territory falling within the DRECP (such as, the Palo Verde Valley and Desert Center Area Plans) will also be edited to address the DRECP.

In addition, a variety of other locations within the General Plan are also expected to require varying degrees of revision to create internal consistency and coherency. In particular, transmission corridor issues are currently addressed in the Circulation Element. As part of this work effort, text, policies, and information within the Circulation Element will be updated to address regional transmission plans and corridors, and more closely coordinate such plans with land use, circulation and other related planning issues.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare draft Land Use Element document (including text, policies, maps, and tables) for use in the review, consultation and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment necessary to authorize the changes.
- Revise the General Plan Land Use Element to address coordination and avoid conflict with applicable DRECP concepts and plans within portions of the County addressed by the DRECP (i.e., the portion of the county generally east of the area covered by the existing Coachella Valley MSHCP). Similar revisions will be made to any Area Plans of the County General Plan that fall within DRECP territory (such as, the Palo Verde Valley and Desert Center Area Plans).
- If found appropriate, add text and policies to the Land Use Element establishing the planning instruments necessary for facilitating eligible renewable energy resource development. Examples of such instruments may include the following, and other reasonably applicable instruments: policy areas, study areas/ regions, land use overlays and land use designations.
- Revise the General Plan Circulation Element (text, policies and maps) to update and expand discussion of regional transmission corridors and plans. These revisions are to provide policies and information needed to more closely coordinate such plans with land use, circulation and other related planning issues. As such, the GPA proposed for this work effort will include Policy Areas or other General Plan-appropriate designations to identify transmission corridors where additional planning and land use constraints may exist in order to protect the viability of such corridors.
- Examine the other General Plan Elements and make any other changes necessary to ensure consistency with the MOSE, Land Use Element and ECVAP. Areas to be examined and edited as needed include the Vision Statement, Air Quality Element (particularly where it addresses greenhouse gas reduction and the associated County Climate Action Plan) and the Administration Element.
- Once all of the General Plan policies proposed under this Application are drafted, revise the appropriate items in General Plan Implementation Program (Appendix K).

Products:

- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of the Land Use Element showing the proposed changes to its text, maps, tables, and policies, to establish the County's eligible renewable energy resource development goals and plans, as well as address DRECP issues.

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- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of the Circulation Element showing the proposed changes to its text, maps, tables, and policies, to address regional transmission planning at the countywide level.
- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of any other portions of the General Plan, including the remaining Area Plans, as needed to ensure implementation and consistency throughout.

Task 5.4 Prepare General Plan Documents for Processing

The goal of this task is to ensure that a complete General Plan document is prepared in the appropriate formats for processing the General Plan Amendment necessary to adopt the changes proposed by this Scope of Work (i.e., products from Tasks 5.1-5.3, in particular). This includes preparation of both the initial (typically redline/strike-out) version used for meetings, workshops, public review, hearings, etc., as well as for all of the processing steps outlined in Task 8, and the final “clean” version of the same that will become the compiled General Plan post-adoption.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare draft (typically redline/strike-out) General Plan documents as needed for review, consultation and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment necessary to authorize the changes.
- Prepare the final (“clean”) version of the General Plan documents that result from the General Plan Amendment adoption process.
- Prepare any/all electronic General Plan documents, including maps, to be used for posting online and for creation of CD-ROMs.

Products:

- Draft (typically redline/strike-out) of the General Plan documents as needed for review, consultation and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment.
- Online posting of draft General Plan documents released for the processing of the GPA.
- Final (“clean”) version of the General Plan documents that result from the General Plan Amendment adoption process.

Online posting of the final (clean) version of the General Plan documents prepared for processing of the final GPA.

TASK 6 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REVIEW

The goal of this task is the preparation of all necessary CEQA documents and analyses applicable to the potential adoption of the proposed General Plan Amendment. At this time, it is assumed that the work to be performed under the grant involves planning and feasibility studies for possible future actions which the County has not yet approved and may choose not to approve. For this reason, though the Agreement is a project under CEQA, work may be statutorily exempt under *State CEQA Guidelines* section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies). In addition, the activities to be funded under the grant fall under the *State CEQA*

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Guidelines section 15306 class 6 categorical exemption because the activities are basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The work to be done under the Agreement is solely for information gathering purposes and as part of a study leading to an action which the County has not yet approved, adopted or funded.

Task 6 and its subtasks are included to address any CEQA analysis and processing requirements that need to be performed prior to presenting the proposed General Plan Amendment for consideration for possible adoption. Specifically, it is possible that an Initial Study and Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration may ultimately be prepared for the General Plan Amendment to be processed and presented for possible adoption. Thus, the subtasks below are included in this proposal out of an abundance of caution and in the spirit of CEQA's mandate to provide "meaningful public disclosure."

Task 6.1 CEQA Initial Study

The goal of this task is the preparation of a CEQA Initial Study analyzing the project's potential for significant environmental effects.

The Recipient shall:

- Perform an Initial Study to determine whether or not the proposed project will result in significant environmental effects. The Initial Study will analyze the project's potential impacts in each of the environmental issue areas listed in Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, which includes requires the Lead Agency to evaluate a project's direct and reasonably foreseeable environmental effects. The contents of the Initial Study shall be as proscribed by CEQA and the *State CEQA Guidelines*.
- Use the Initial Study for the following purposes, pursuant to section 15063(c) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*:
 - To provide information to use as the basis for deciding whether to prepare an EIR or negative declaration;
 - To enable the County to make modification to the project to mitigate adverse impacts before an EIR is prepared, thereby enabling the project to qualify for a negative declaration;
 - To facilitate environmental assessment early in the design of the project;
 - To provide documentation of the factual basis for the finding in a negative declaration that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment;
 - Determine whether a previously prepared EIR could be used with the project (for example, County EIR No. 521 or other EIR).

Products:

- Completed Initial Study

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Task 6.2 Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration

The goal of this task is the preparation of a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, as warranted.

Because preparation of an EIR is not feasible within the scope of this proposed grant effort, *no General Plan changes will be proposed in the GPA being prepared under this scope of work that result in significant, unmitigable adverse impacts to the environment pursuant to CEQA.*

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration outlining how all potentially significant environmental impacts will be avoided, reduced or minimized to less-than-significant levels. As outlined in the *State CEQA Guidelines*, section 15070, a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared when:
 - The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, or;
 - The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur, and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the agency that the project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment.”
- The contents of any Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared shall conform to the requirements of section 15071 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, or other relevant sections.
- In order to avoid triggering an EIR, the Mitigated Negative Declaration will have to include sufficient mitigation to ensure that all environmental impacts are less than significant and may include tiering off prior programmatic EIRs or other applicable CEQA documents. Specifically, this means that *if* any significant, unmitigable impacts are identified, the *project* (the GPA developed under this work effort) shall be redesigned to avoid, reduce or minimize the significant impact to less than significant levels. Because preparation of an EIR is not feasible within the scope of this proposed grant effort, no General Plan changes will be proposed in the GPA being prepared under this scope of work that result in significant, unmitigable adverse impacts to the environment pursuant to CEQA.

Products:

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration

Task 6.3 CEQA Consultations

The goal of this task is to consult with any of the responsible agencies, trustee agencies or other public agencies who, in the opinion of the County, may have an interest in the proposed project.

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The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and conduct any meetings, informal or formal consultations as required by CEQA.
- Prepare and conduct meetings, informal or formal consultations as required by other statutes (e.g., SB 18 Tribal consultations) as applicable.

Products:

- Meeting agendas, scoping notices, agency consultations, etc., as required by CEQA procedures.

Task 6.4 Prepare Final CEQA Documents for Processing

The goal of this task is the preparation of any/all document, studies, reports, notices or other such items required to comply with CEQA for this project.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare any/all notices required by CEQA, which may include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
 - Notice of Exemption;
 - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration; or
 - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration¹²
- Prepare and process all necessary notices, findings, reports, etc., as required by CEQA to comply with the processing requirements of section 15072 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, or other relevant sections.
- Comply with all applicable CEQA requirements for public review of any resultant proposed Negative Declaration, or Mitigated Negative Declaration, if warranted by the findings of the Initial Study.
- Prepare and assemble the applicable CEQA documents (e.g., a proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration) for submittal to the applicable advisory and/or decision-making bodies.
- If a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration is approved, prepare and process the applicable Notice of Determination, as per section 15075 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* or other applicable regulations.

Products:

- Staff Report to the reviewing and decision-making bodies.
- Any applicable resolutions addressing CEQA findings (if determined to be needed).

¹² Specifically, this means that *if* any significant, unmitigable impacts are identified, the *project* (i.e., the GPA developed under this work effort) shall be redesigned to avoid, reduce or minimize the significant impact to less than significant levels. Because preparation of an EIR is not feasible within the scope of this proposed grant effort, no General Plan changes will be proposed in the GPA being prepared under this scope of work that result in significant, unmitigable adverse impacts to the environment pursuant to CEQA.

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- Any CEQA documents needed for use in public hearings/adoption process not already prepared under the prior subtasks. This may include (if found warranted by the Initial Study), but not be limited to, any of the following:
 - Notice of Exemption;
 - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration; or
 - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

TASK 7 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

This task addresses outreach to interested parties and invested stakeholders to develop the project outlined herein (i.e., determination of the scope and preparation of the text proposed in the GPA being prepared for this work effort). The working relationships established under the development of the GPA in this scope of work will be beneficial to future planning efforts for eligible renewable energy resource development in Riverside County (for example, the 2016 General Plan update effort).

Further, this task will ensure that: 1) the process to amend the General Plan is open and transparent; 2) the opinions and views of persons knowledgeable about eligible renewable energy resources are gathered, discussed and considered; and, 3) the opinions and views of persons knowledgeable about and interested in affected natural resources are gathered, discussed and considered.

Task 7.1 Develop and Publish Project Webpage

The goal of this task is to provide pertinent project data, drafts and other related information on-line in a readily accessible format.

The Recipient shall:

- Create and maintain a program web page linked from the Riverside County Planning Department (or other entities, as appropriate) website.
- Use the web page to keep stakeholders updated on program status, announce upcoming meetings, and provide materials in advance of meetings, workshops or other key events.
- Provide updates on the project webpage to keep key stakeholder groups informed throughout the project's process.

Products:

- Periodic email updates to key stakeholder groups with meeting summaries.
- Project webpage to both publicize Riverside County efforts in eligible renewable energy resource development related to this project and make eligible renewable energy resource planning information related to this project more widely available.
- Revisions to project webpage periodically as needed to communicate progress and update content and links throughout the duration of the project.

Task 7.2 Public Agency and Stakeholder Coordination and Other Outreach Meetings

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The goal of this task is to ensure that the County meets and seeks input from various outside entities, including public agencies, stakeholders and others at key points in the development and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment.

The Recipient shall:

- Hold or coordinate attendance at meetings with public agencies, stakeholders and other interested parties at key points in the development and processing of the proposed General Plan Amendment.
- The County shall endeavor to coordinate outreach with the Salton Sea Authority for meetings and outreach associated with the Salton Sea planning effort portion of the proposed GPA.
- Use these meetings to disseminate information regarding the County's eligible renewable energy resource planning efforts related to the proposed General Plan Amendment and seek input from appropriate entities and stakeholders.
- Update the project webpage as needed to provide online notices and coordination of meetings and/or their outcomes, as appropriate.

Products:

- Meeting agendas and summary notes, as applicable.
- Updates to project webpage, as applicable.

TASK 8 – PROJECT PROCESSING, HEARINGS AND ADOPTION

These tasks address the various County steps required for the processing of a General Plan Amendment (GPA).

Task 8.1 General Plan Amendment Initiation Process (GPIP) Processing

The goal of this task is ensure the Riverside County General Plan Amendment Initiation Process (GPIP) procedures are followed in order to present the GPA for potential adoption.

Unique to Riverside County, the processing of an application to amend the General Plan cannot proceed unless so authorized by the County Board of Supervisors. Specifically, as pursuant to County Ordinance No. 348, Article II, Section 2 (Adoption or Amendment of the General Plan): "The initiation of proceedings for the amendment of the General Plan, or any part or element thereof, shall require an order of the Board of Supervisors, adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the entire membership of the Board." "The initiation of proceedings by the Board of Supervisors for the amendment of the General Plan, or any part or element thereof, shall not imply any such amendment will be approved."

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and process all necessary project information and documents necessary to comply with applicable County GPIP procedures. This would include preparation of a

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staff report, exhibits and any presentations required for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting agendas, as applicable.

- Prepare and send out public hearing notices.
- Present the staff report to the review and hearing bodies (e.g., Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors), and answer questions and provide a recommended action.
- As an alternative to presentation at the Board of Supervisors, project staff report and documents may be prepared for inclusion into the Planning Director's Report to the Board instead.
- Agenda items, such as staff report and exhibits, shall, at minimum, be posted on the County Planning Department's website as per County policy and applicable regulations.

Products:

- Public hearing notice(s), as warranted
- Staff report to Planning Commission and presentation materials
- Planning Commission meeting minutes
- Staff report to Board of Supervisors and presentation materials
- Board of Supervisors meeting minutes

Task 8.2 Planning Commission Processing

The goal of this task is to bring the completed proposed General Plan Amendment to the Planning Commission for a public hearing.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and send out public hearing notices.
- Prepare staff report packages describing the proposed General Plan Amendment, CEQA findings and recommendations. Package typically includes:
 - Complete Staff Report;
 - Initial Study;
 - GIS exhibits;
 - Notice of Determination, Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, EIR, or Notice of Exemption;
 - Receipts for payment of any applicable California Fish and Wildlife (CEQA review) fees;
 - Any letters of support, opposition or other comments received.
- All staff report packages must be submitted to the Planning Secretary by the deadlines shown on the year's hearing schedule.
- Prepare presentation materials.
- Present the staff report, environmental analysis and CEQA findings to the Planning Commission, answer questions and provide a recommended action.
- Agenda items, such as staff report and exhibits, shall, at minimum, be posted on the County Planning Department's website as per County policy and applicable regulations.

Products:

- Public hearing notice
- Staff report(s) to Planning Commission and presentation materials

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- Planning Commission meeting minutes

Task 8.3 Board of Supervisors Processing

The goal of this task is to bring the completed draft program to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing and potential final approval.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and send out public hearing notices.
- Prepare staff report packages describing the proposed General Plan Amendment, CEQA findings and recommendations. Package typically includes all of the items prepared for the Planning Commission package, plus:
 - Form 11; (Note: A “Form 11” is a standardized form used by Riverside County departments for forwarding a “Submittal to the Board of Supervisors, County of Riverside, State of California” to the County Clerk of the Board. The Form 11 outlines the proposed agenda item’s subject, recommended Board motion, relevant background and procedural items (e.g., submittal date, funding source, etc.). The form is used by the County Clerk when preparing the official Board agenda.)
 - Addendum staff report (if any changes were made to the project at Planning Commission or after);
 - Any additional comment letters received;
 - Resolution for Board actions (e.g., GPA adoption), as applicable.
- All staff report packages must be submitted to the Planning Secretary by the deadlines shown on the year’s hearing schedule.
- Prepare presentation materials.
- Present the staff report, environmental analysis and CEQA findings to the Board, answer questions and provide a recommended action.
- Agenda items, such as staff report and exhibits, shall, at minimum, be posted on the County Planning Department’s website as per County policy and applicable regulations.

Products:

- Public hearing notice(s)
- Staff report(s) to the Board of Supervisors and presentation materials
- Resolution for potential adoption of the GPA
- Written minutes of the meetings

Task 8.4 Final Documents (Post-Adoption Actions, if Applicable)

This task will be performed if the General Plan amendment is adopted. The goal of this task is to amend the Riverside County General Plan to reflect final Board of Supervisors action and ensure that a complete, updated set of General Plan documents result.

The Recipient shall:

- After the decision of the Board of Supervisors, file any necessary paperwork for public posting with the Clerk of the Board, as applicable (e.g., CEQA Notice of Determination).
- If applicable, transmit same to State Clearinghouse for review as required by law.

Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

- Gather the minutes of the meeting and the resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors and make revisions to the program as approved by the Board.
- Prepare final General Plan documents reflecting final actions taken by the Board of Supervisors.
- Post the final General Plan documents online and create CD-ROMs (if warranted).
- Distribute the final documents to any public agencies, as required by law (for example, to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research).
- Once completed, the full updated General Plan and all its documents will be posted on the County Planning Department's website.

Products:

- Meeting agendas and summary notes, as applicable.
- Revised General Plan document (Elements, Area Plans, appendices, and other applicable documents)

RESOLUTION NO:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION - RE: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the CEC 94 Contract Request Form or CEC 270 Grant Request Form (as applicable).

RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission approves Agreement REN-13-002 with **County of Riverside** for a \$699,996 grant to develop a proposed amendment to their General Plan, including proposed revisions to the Multipurpose Open Space Element, Land Use Element, Area Plans, and other areas of the General Plan to facilitate eligible renewable energy resource development. The project will provide a framework of policies and data addressing eligible renewable energy resources countywide with particular focus on the development and expansion of geothermal resources in the Salton Sea and the coordination of solar resources in the far eastern portion of the county. The project will support the state's long-term Renewables Portfolio Standard goals, streamline the permitting process, and ensure protection of ecosystems throughout the county.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall execute the same on behalf of the Energy Commission.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on June 18, 2014.

AYE: [List of Commissioners]

NAY: [List of Commissioners]

ABSENT: [List of Commissioners]

ABSTAIN: [List of Commissioners]

Harriet Kallemeyn,
Secretariat