

SLUPAC Support of Concept for Renewable Energy Development in Nevada

On behalf of the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) I am writing this letter to express the Council's support of the concept of renewable energy development through the implementation of sound land use planning policies.

At our recent meeting in March, the Council had a robust discussion on the need to better balance future energy development with land use planning. Nevada's population and economy are projected to grow significantly. As a direct result, Nevada will experience higher demand for land to support energy production infrastructure which, in turn, will lead to greater land use conflicts across the state.

Cooperation between Federal, State, Tribal, Local Governments and other stakeholders is critical. Because of the sensitivity of cultural, wildlife, natural habitat, agriculture, water and many other factors, effort must be made to coordinate with the agencies listed above in order to protect and preserve the resources of the State while providing for the future needs of its residents.

SLUPAC appreciates the opportunity to review the concept of renewable energy development and looks forward to continue working to create sound land use planning policies and practices throughout Nevada. If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning SLUPAC, please feel free to contact Scott Carey, State Lands Planner at 775-684-2723.

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