

## AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING

## **AGENDA**

# **Amargosa Community Center**

821 E. Amargosa Farm Road Thursday 1-28-2016 7:00 P.M.

Joe Cohan, Chairman Trevor Dolby, Member John Bosta, Vice Chairman Bob Little, Member Ken Pitarre, Town Clerk

NOTE: Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda. The items may be combined. The items may be removed. The discussion of an item may be delayed. NOTICE: It is anticipated that the items of business before the Town Board on January 28, 2016 will be fully completed on that date. However, should item(s) not be completed, it is possible item(s) could be carried over and be heard before the Town Board beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the next day.

Public Comment during the Town Board Meeting on January 28, 2016 will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during individual action items. The Town Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Town Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Town Board, or if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Town Board meeting.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Town Board Meeting has been posted at the following locations. Amargosa Community Center 821 E. Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley NV, Amargosa Library 829 E. Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020, Amargosa Clinic, 845 E. Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020, American First National Bank, 1600 S. Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020, U.S. Post Office 750 E. Sage Avenue, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020, Amargosa Senior Center, 443 E. Desert Seniors Lane, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020. Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Town Board is available to members of the public at the Amargosa Valley Town Office 821 E. Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, and NV 89020.

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<u>NOTE:</u> All times are approximate except for bid openings, public hearings, and any other items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

Special Note: Any member of the public who is disabled and requires accommodation or assistance at this meeting is requested to notify the Amargosa Valley Town Office in writing or call (775) 372-5459 prior to the meeting.

### AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD

- 1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2 Approval of the Agenda for January 28, 2016
- 3 General Public Comment (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.
- 4. Fire Department Report
- 5. Town Office Report
- A. **For Possible Action** Discussion and Deliberation Fiscal Year 2015 Audit by Dan McArthur CPA
  - B. For Possible Action Discussion and Deliberation Vouchers
- C. For Possible Action Discussion and Deliberation. Set Hourly wage for Park/Community Center and Cemetery Maintenance position at \$15.00 per hour.
- 6. **Discussion and Deliberation.** Presentation by First Solar regarding updates on Sunshine Valley Solar Project.

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A. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Nye County Emergency Management – Pahrump Valley Fire – Beatty Fire Department. Operations and Procedures for Amargosa Valley Fire Department.

- B. For Possible Action Discussion and Deliberation. Pat Minshall.
- Paid Fire Chief position for Amargosa Valley. Formation of Committee to set criteria.
- 8 For Possible Action Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or

Topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas).

- 9. General Business
  - A. For Possible Action Discussion and Deliberation
    Presentation by ABC Recycling regarding Application for Class III
    Landfill at ABC Bill Site on Diaz Road.
    - a. Address outstanding conditions on checklist from Nye County Planning dated August 8
    - b. Status of Trespass case w BLM/US Department of Interior decided 9-23-2015
    - c. Current Status of Property and work being done there
    - d. Copy of Permit for current Green Waste Processing Facility mentioned in Section 1.0 Location Criteria of Landfill Application.
  - B. For Possible Action Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of discussion regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.
  - C. For Possible Action Discussion and Deliberation on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting
  - 10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

11. For possible Action –Adjournment

ITEM# SUBJECT

January 28, 2016

#### AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

#### STATE OF NEVADA

#### **COUNTY OF NYE**

The undersigned, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That he/she is over the age of 21 years; that he/she posted or caused same to be posted, at the places below mentioned, the Agenda for the Amargosa Valley Town Board's Meeting for January 23, 2014, not later than 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2014. The undersigned further deposes and says: That on or before January 20, 2014, he/she delivered or caused to be delivered, the notice of the Agenda to the above meeting to the Amargosa Valley office of the United States Postal Service not later than 9:00 a.m.

Subsci	ribed and sworn bet	fore me	
This	day of January	. 2014.	
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January 13, 2016

# Nye County Emergency Management 1510 Siri Lane, Ste. 1 Pahrump, NV 89060 Phone (775) 751-4279 Fax (775) 751-4280



## Amargosa Valley Town Board,

Please consider this formal notice to the Amargosa Valley Town Board, that as Nye County Emergency Management Director, I insist that immediate steps be made to correct the complete disregard for Industry Standards of fire ground and response safety. Please, review just a small number of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards that are being disregarded by the Amargosa Valley Fire Department.

NFPA 472 - Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Material/Weapons of Mass Destruction

NFPA 1001- Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications

NFPA 1002 – Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications

NFPA - Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications

NFPA 1500 - Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program

NFPA 1521 – Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer

NFPA 1720 – Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations by Volunteer Departments

The willful and wanton disregard of these and other State/Federal Fire Department mandates/standards, place Amargosa Valley Fire Department members, responding mutual aid companies, and local residents, in a clear and present danger. Failure to immediately correct these grievous violations/conditions, will cause me to recommend to Nye County officials that all Nye County owned equipment be removed/disabled from Amargosa Valley.

Please, respond by 5p.m. on 1/31/2016, with a statement that compliance has been reached.

Sincerely,

Vance Payne, Director of Emergency Management

Cc: Pam Webster, Nye County Manager

**Nye County Commissioners** 

## Dear Mr. Cottingim:

The Nye County Commission is ultimately responsible under NRS Chapter 474 for fire protection services in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Professional certification programs for the NFPA professional qualifications standards cited by Chief Payne are available from the State Fire Marshal Division as well as the training to address these national standards.

For the health and safety of both your firefighters and the public in your community, my recommendation is to heed Chief Payne's advice.

s/ Peter Mulvihill

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News Release

## First Solar, California Utility Sign Agreements for 500MW

Power to come from projects in California, Nevada and Arizona

## **Utility becomes First Solar's largest offtaker**

TEMPE, Ariz., January 19, 2016 – First Solar, Inc. (NASDAQ: FSLR) and Southern California Edison (SCE) have announced the signing of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for the offtake of electricity generated by four solar projects totaling 500 megawatts (MW)<sub>AC</sub> of capacity. The deals establish SCE as the largest single off-taker of energy from First Solar projects in the world.

The PPAs are for power generated by four projects in California, Nevada and Arizona, all currently in development by First Solar, with anticipated commissioning by the end of 2019:

- The 150MW<sub>AC</sub> North Rosamond Solar Project, located in Rosamond, Calif., will occupy approximately 1,175 acres of private land, and will produce approximately 488,000 MWh/year.
- 100MW<sub>AC</sub> from the Willow Springs Solar Project, located near the North Rosamond Solar Project in Rosamond, Calif., which will occupy approximately 1,450 acres of private land, and will produce approximately 330,000 MHh/year.
- The 100MW<sub>AC</sub> Sunshine Valley Solar Project will be located in Amargosa, Nev., less than four miles from the California border, on privately owned land. It will produce approximately 302,000 MWh/year.
- The 150MW<sub>AC</sub> Sun Streams Solar Project will be located on approximately 1,500 acres of land in Tonopah, Ariz., and will produce approximately 464,000 MWh/year.

With these agreements, SCE has 2.2 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity under contract from projects developed and/or built by First Solar. SCE's first PPA with a project developed by First Solar was for the 21 MW<sub>AC</sub> Blythe Solar Project in 2009. The utility also has a long-term agreement for 250MW<sub>AC</sub> of capacity of the 550MW<sub>AC</sub> Desert Sunlight Solar Project in Desert Center, Calif., which was commissioned in 2014. SCE has additional contracts in place for other projects currently in construction, including the Desert Stateline project in California and the Silver State South project in Nevada.

"This is an exciting milestone to reach in a valued long-term relationship," said Brian Kunz, First Solar's Vice President of Project Development – US West. "As an early off-taker, SCE was visionary in their inclusion of utility-scale solar in their energy mix. Their commitment to providing rate-payers with clean, affordable renewable energy continues with this set of agreements."

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#### About First Solar, Inc.

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar systems which use its advanced module and system technology. The company's integrated power plant solutions deliver an economically

attractive alternative to fossil-fuel electricity generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life module recycling, First Solar's renewable energy systems protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit <a href="https://www.firstsolar.com">www.firstsolar.com</a>.

#### For First Solar Investors

This release contains forward-looking statements which are made pursuant to safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements, among other things, concerning: our business strategy, including anticipated trends and developments in and management plans for our business and the markets in which we operate; future financial results, operating results, revenues, gross margin, operating expenses, products, projected costs (including estimated future module collection and recycling costs), warranties, solar module efficiency and balance of systems cost reduction roadmaps, restructuring, product reliability, investments in unconsolidated affiliates and capital expenditures; our ability to continue to reduce the cost per watt of our solar modules; our ability to reduce the costs to construct PV solar power systems; research and development programs and our ability to improve the conversion efficiency of our solar modules; sales and marketing initiatives; and competition. These forward-looking statements are often characterized by the use of words such as "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "forecast," "foresee," "likely," "may," "should," "goal," "target," "might," "will," "could," "predict," "continue" and the negative or plural of these words and other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and our projections about future events. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements for any reason. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the matters discussed in Item 1A: "Risk Factors," of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other reports filed with the SEC.

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# Nye County Planning Department

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August 6, 2015

Robert Ford ABC Recycling Industries, LLC 4475 S. Pecos Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Re: Review of Solid Waste Permit Application SW-2015-000002 ABC Recycling Industries, LLC; 1995 Diaz Road, Amargosa Valley, Nye County

Dear Mr. Ford,

The Nye County Planning Department has reviewed your application for a Solid Waste Permit. Nye County Code Chapter 8.24 requires an evaluation of the impact of the proposed landfill on the health, safety and general welfare of the county. This evaluation must be completed before we can submit this application to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval. We will place an agenda item on the August 18<sup>th</sup> BOCC agenda to discuss the application and ask for an additional 6 months to obtain the needed information and time to fully evaluate the application. We have identified the following comments and additional information needs to complete the evaluation:

- 1. There are substantial unpaid property taxes due on Assessor Parcel Number 019-381-26, in excess of \$85,000. We request that the full amount of the delinquent property taxes be paid.
- 2. The subject property does not currently have legal access. Legal access needs to be provided by dedicating the appropriate road right-of-way to Nye County.
- 3. Physical access to the site must be via a fully improved paved asphalt road constructed to Nye County standards. We request that a traffic study be completed and that road improvements be completed to provide acceptable paved road access.
- 4. You have requested approval of a Class III landfill. Per NAC 444.5715 a "Class III site" means a disposal site which accepts only industrial solid waste. It appears that your proposed landfill may not meet the definition of a Class III site. The disposal of any household waste including garbage, putrescible animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, storage, sale, preparation, cooking and serving of food, trash, or sanitary wastes, would require a Class I municipal solid waste permit. It is not clear to us that your proposed landfill qualifies as a Class III site. Please clarify how your proposal meets the requirements for a Class III industrial landfill and the source and composition for any industrial waste streams proposed to be disposed of at this site.
- 5. Please provide an inventory of the waste that has already been disposed of at the site. Additionally, please identify the origin of the existing waste on site, and the locations where proposed future waste will be acquired from.
- 6. Please contact the Amargosa Valley Town Board to schedule a informational presentation and obtain a letter of support for your proposed landfill from the town board. This should include a

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review of how your project is consistent with the Amargosa Area Plan or proposal to amend the plan as needed to support your project.

- 7. Groundwater is shallow and approximately 40 to 50 feet below the proposed base of the landfill. An exemption is required for anything less than 100 feet depth to water table. In addition you propose a design without a liner and also propose liquid waste. Please provide an analysis of any stabilization of liquid waste. We request that you obtain an engineering and hydrological study of the site evaluating the impact of water flowing into, through, and out of the landfill and its impact on and potential contamination of ground water in the area.
- 8. Please provide proof that the previous State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) violations on the subject property have been adequately resolved.
- 9. Drainage study is needed with retention to ensure no off site impacts.
- 10. A bond will be required for closure.

Please complete the above listed items. Your application is deemed incomplete at this time, and we intend to request at the August 18, 2015 Board of County Commissioners (Board) meeting that the Board not set a public hearing for action on your application until these issues have been satisfactorily resolved. Once we receive answers to the above questions / comments we may need to retain outside consultants to assist in our evaluation.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

L. Darrell Lacy

Director of Planning

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