

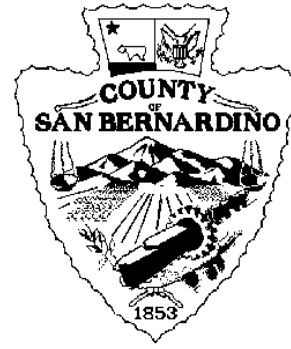
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County Seeks Renewable Energy Projects on Landfill Properties

SAN BERNARDINO – At the request of San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, the Board of Supervisors today agreed to seek development of renewable energy projects on County-owned landfills.

“We have several thousand acres of land owned by our Solid Waste Management Division that are perfect for siting renewable energy projects,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “This will not only help us meet the state’s mandated renewable energy goals, but will create jobs and provide revenue to support the County’s budget.”

The County will seek proposals from energy companies to site wind, solar and other types of projects on land owned by the County’s Solid Waste Management Division, which owns and operates six active landfills and oversees several closed landfills.

“San Bernardino County is going to be a national leader in the development of renewable energy and it will be a key component of our economic future,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “We need to be as creative as possible in encouraging development of this emerging and important industry.”

A study commissioned by the Solid Waste Management Division found that several sites have good to excellent solar and wind potential. It is possible the County will award more than one contract for energy development, given the variety of renewable technologies and the number of sites available. The study found that more than 3,000 acres of land could be suitable at the locations of both active and closed landfills.

The County will accept proposals through January 20, 2010 from qualified companies, which must demonstrate that they have the financial and technical resources to construct and operate the projects, and will be required to obtain all environmental clearances and permits.