

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE PROPOSED



SILURIAN SOLAR FACILITY

<u>Project Description</u>: A 200 megawatt solar facility consisting of multiple arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels, 44 miles of service roads, a project substation, an operation & maintenance facilities including an aerial generation transmission line.

<u>Project Location</u>: Approximately 10 miles north of Baker, San Bernardino County, California along State Highway 127. The project would impact 7,219 acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

<u>Public Meeting Location and Times:</u> On Thursday, March 27, 2014, the BLM will conduct a public meeting to solicit comments from public agencies and the general public about their concerns and interests on the proposed Silurian Valley solar project. Representatives from Aurora Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., will be present for general questions. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2710 Lenwood Road, Barstow, California from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. If you have questions about this public meeting, please contact Joan Patrovsky, BLM Realty Specialist at (760) 252-6032.

Notice of Public Meeting: To comply with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the BLM Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and regulations found under 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part §2800, a public meeting is being held to provide the public and other interested parties an opportunity to participate in the variance process determination. Comment forms will be made available during the meeting.

The proposed federal lands for the project are under the jurisdiction of the BLM. BLM would like to know your views and concerns which are germane to this proposal. The BLM and in early coordination with other Federal, State and local government agencies will reply on your comments when considering its determination whether or not to process the application. Comments should be submitted within 30 days following the meeting by email or U.S. Mail. Send your comments to: Katrina Symons, BLM Barstow Field Manager, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311 or by email at Silurian_Valley_Solar@blm.gov.

In accordance with the BLM Solar PEIS, ROD the California State Director will make a variance determination as to if the application is deemed appropriate for processing.

Should the application be accepted and forwarded for processing, BLM will develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This would include public scoping meetings and in-depth environmental analyses to address the following but not limited to; visual resources, air quality, recreation, biological and cultural resources.