

RESOLUTION #2012-03

TOWN OF PAHRUMP, NEVADA

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF BRIGHT SOURCE ENERGY, HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (HHSEGS) SITE LOCATED IN INYO COUNTY, CA.

WHEREAS, Nye County, in Nevada is geographically the third largest county in the contiguous United States and is noted as of March, 2011 by the EconPost at <http://econpost.com> as the seventh worst county economies in the nation, with an unemployment rate of 15.3%¹ and the Town of Pahrump experiencing 1 in 153 foreclosure actions to housing units²; and

WHEREAS, The Bright Source Energy Project has the potential of creating 1,000 plus jobs during construction and over 100 jobs during the operation of the plant; and

WHEREAS, Construction wages are expected to reach nearly \$160 million, with total employee earnings estimated at nearly \$550 million, with the project generating local tax revenues over its lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Town of Pahrump is the largest population center in the County of Nye and is the closest population center to the HHSEGS; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pahrump and its citizens may benefit substantially by way of employment and sales tax revenue from the development of the HHSEGS; and

WHEREAS, the Pahrump Nuclear Waste and Environmental Advisory Board (PNW&EAB), has reviewed a citizen's request for a Resolution regarding the HHSEGS and has considered the following aspects of the Hidden Hills Solar Thermal Plant development:

- a) Efficient use of land resources via compact plant design,
- b) Potential and long term impacts on air quality are greatly reduced,
- c) Efficiency of water use via tower dry cooling technology,
- d) Potential impacts to Pahrump Valley water resources and those of local communities are properly addressed,
- e) Minimized impact on the land, ie: project will retain the majority of the site terrain's natural landscape and will not be clear graded,
- f) Special consideration regarding the Old Spanish Trail should be properly addressed,
- g) That potential impacts on indigenous, rare, threatened or endangered plant and animal species that live onsite or nearby are properly and fully considered in the public review process,
- h) That the HHSEGS should comply with and obtain all permits from the proper permitting authorities and;
- i) Due and proper respect should be given to Native American concerns in the development and operation of the facility.

¹ Data from U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics last updated: Feb. 29, 2012

² <http://www.realtytrac.com/trendcenter/nv/nye-county-trend.html>

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WHEREAS, the PNW&EAB recognizes that the development of the HHSEGS will likely result in significant public benefit to the Pahrump community, as well as impacts outside the scope of the PNW&EAB, and requests that the Pahrump Town Board review the PNW&EAB's considerations and support the development of the HHSEGS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Pahrump Town Board supports granting approval of the construction and operation of the Bright Source Energy Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System and understands that the public hearing and review process should be sufficient and thorough enough to properly address all concerns brought forth by the Pahrump Nuclear Waste & Environmental Advisory Board and listed herein.

Motion proposed by Town Board Member: Mr. Darby

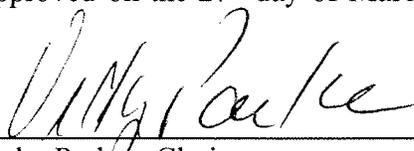
Motion seconded by Town Board Member: Mr. Kulkin

Vote: 4-0 Ayes: Mrs. Parker, Mr. Kulkin, Dr. Waters, Mr. Darby

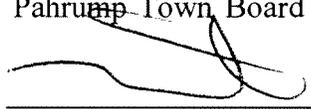
Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Endersby

Approved on the 27th day of March, 2012.



Vicky Parker, Chairman
Pahrump Town Board



Dr. Tom Waters, Clerk
Pahrump Town Board