



WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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Tuesday, July 7, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Washoe County Commission Chambers
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS SCHEDULED ON THIS AGENDA

(Complete descriptions provided beginning on the second page.)

- **Special Use Permit Case Number SW15-002 (Turquoise Solar, LLC)**
- **Development Code Amendment Case Number DCA14-009**

Items for Possible Action. All numbered or lettered items on this agenda are hereby designated for possible action as if the words “for possible action” were written next to each item (NRS 241.020), except for items marked with an asterisk (*). Those items marked with an asterisk (*) may be discussed but action will not be taken on them.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing. Discussion may be delayed on any item on this agenda, and items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items and discussed or voted on as a block, removed from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting, moved to or from the consent section. Items designated for a specified time will not be heard before that time, but may be delayed beyond the specified time.

Public Comment. During the “General Public Comment” items listed below, anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda, to include items to be heard on consent. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during public hearing and planning items that are *not* marked with an asterisk (*). Any public comment for hearing and planning items will be heard before action is taken on the item and must be about the specific item being considered by the Commission. In order to speak during any public comment, each speaker must fill out a “Request to Speak” form and/or submit comments for the record to the Recording Secretary. Public comment and presentations for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations, five minutes for a speaker representing a group, and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Commission or by action of the Chair.

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Appeal Procedure. Most decisions rendered by the Planning Commission are appealable to the Board of County Commissioners. If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission and you want to appeal its action, call the Planning staff immediately at 775.328.6100. You will be informed of the appeal procedure, and application fee. Appeals must be in writing and must be delivered to the Planning and Development Division within 10 calendar days from the date that the decision being appealed is reduced to writing, filed with the Secretary to the Planning Commission, and mailed to the original applicant in the proceeding being appealed.

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**6:30 p.m.**

1. **\*Determination of Quorum**
2. **\*Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **\*Ethics Law Announcement**
4. **\*Appeal Procedure**
5. **\*General Public Comment**

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6. **Approval of Agenda**
7. **Approval of [August 5, 2014](#), [January 6, 2015](#) and [June 2, 2015](#) Draft Minutes**
8. **Public Hearings**

- A. **[Special Use Permit Case Number SW15-002 \(Turquoise Solar, LLC\)](#)** – Hearing, discussion, and possible action to provisionally approve a 60MW Solar Energy project. The project includes a 585 acre photovoltaic field, a 60MW sub-station, and a 120Kv transmission line connecting the proposed new sub-station to the NV Energy Pah Rah sub-station. The project also includes up to 7,200 cubic yards of grading. The construction of a new sub-station will require a conformance review with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan for a Project of Regional Significance and will, if provisionally approved by the Washoe County Planning Commission, require subsequent action by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners to sponsor an amendment to the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan to identify the location of the new sub-station and transmission line(s) on the Regional Utility Corridor Map of the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan.

- Applicant: Turquoise Solar, LLC
- Property Owner: Stonefield, Inc.
- Location: 21575 Interstate 80, Reno Technology Park
- Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 084-110-26, 084-110-24, 084-110-27
- Parcel Size: 784.68 acres
- Master Plan Category: Industrial and Rural (I) (R)
- Regulatory Zone: Industrial and General Rural (I) (GR)
- Area Plan: East Truckee Canyon
- Citizen Advisory Board: Truckee Canyon
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 810, Special Use Permit and Article 812, Projects of Regional Significance
- Commission District: 4 – Commissioner Hartung
- Section/Township/Range: Section 21, T20N, R22E, MDM, Washoe County, NV
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- B. [Development Code Amendment Case Number DCA14-009](#)** – Consideration and possible action to recommend to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to amend Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, by changing Article 500 - Signs: Title and Contents; to remove Article 502 - Billboard Regulations and Article 504 - Sign Regulations and to adopt a new Article 505 (Sign Regulations); and to possibly authorize the Chair to sign a resolution effecting these changes. The purpose of the amendments is to combine the regulations relating to billboards and signs into one Article and to rewrite the sign provisions relating to signage in Washoe County.

## 9. Planning Items

- A. [Discussion and possible action to review and confirm the following order of alternates selected to represent the Washoe County Planning Commission \(PC\) on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission \(RPC\) in the event the regularly appointed members are unavailable to serve:](#)** First Alternate, Larry Chesney; Second Alternate, Phillip Horan; Third Alternate, Gregory Prough; and Fourth Alternate to be filled by whomever is appointed to the Washoe County Planning Commission to represent District 2; and further, to direct the Planning Commission Secretary to transmit the list of confirmed alternates to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA).

## 10. Chair and Commission Items

- \*A. Future agenda items
- \*B. Requests for information from staff

## 11. Director's and Legal Counsel's Items

- \*A. Report on previous Planning Commission items
- \*B. Legal information and updates

**12. \*General Public Comment**

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**13. Adjournment**