



"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

**Comment Tracker for Citizen-Initiated Amendment Request (CAR)
#CAR 2016-002 relating to solar farms**

Advisory Group: Land Use

Comment Number	Group or Individual Comment(s)
1.	Should consider County's Conditional Use process – siting of energy facilities. What is the County framework?
2.	Recommend looking at the utility section of the County Code as a whole.
3.	County has in the past been at fault for not designating resource lands – wind, farm, solar. With respect to services. Shrub-steppe areas more viable.
4.	Strong disagreement to siting in shrub-steppe areas.
5.	Recommendation for siting in the red-zones – viable option for landowners. Potential cost of development.
6.	Solar energy should not be on irrigated farm.
7.	Not wanting to live next door to solar farms – most information online is from the developers, hard to understand impacts.
8.	Preserving rural character – solar farms not rural character
9.	Mitigation of impacts – fencing not a viable option
10.	Designate farmlands, forest, etc.
11.	Strong look at and make sure they are put in the right spot, shrub-steppe is priority habitat in the state. Areas of higher priority based on condition. Thin soil cover in shrub-steppe, large disturbance hard to get native plants to grow after disturbance.
12.	Really difficult to put in new transmission lines.
13.	Areas where wildlife and solar farms can coexist?
14.	Existing comprehensive plan indicates need to establish a study area and recognition for need but hasn't been done.
15.	What happens to water rights? Put in bank or trust, in district transfers of water if they own the water.
16.	Name farm doesn't make it traditional farming.
17.	Moratorium on solar farms? Is the County considering?
18.	Preserve farmlands in GMA
19.	Cannot force people to farm – don't want to limit landowners to one use
20.	Happy medium between private property rights and regulatory framework
21.	Solar is using natural resource
22.	Minimize conflict with regulations
23.	Effect on property values?
24.	Development vs solar farms

Group Recommendation: Move topic forward