



# Rice Solar Energy Project EIS

## March 2010



## Public Meeting Announcement

Western Area Power Administration (Western) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invite you to attend a scoping meeting to help identify the range or scope of issues related to the proposed Rice Solar Energy Project. The issues identified during the scoping process will be considered and addressed during preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

*Please plan to attend one of the following meetings:*

### **Wednesday, March 31**

Big River Community Services District  
150351 Del Rey Drive  
Big River, CA 92242

### **Thursday, April 1**

University of California Riverside Palm Desert Campus  
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92211

*All meetings will be held between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
with a brief presentation at 5:30 pm.*

The Rice Solar Energy Project involves the proposed construction of a 150-MW solar-powered generating facility in Riverside County approximately 15 miles west of Vidal Junction, California. The facility would be located on approximately 1,500 acres of private land and would include a new 10-mile long transmission line across BLM-managed land to interconnect with Western's electrical transmission system. Western/BLM intend to prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts of their respective proposed Federal actions.

*For more information on how to participate, email Western at [RiceSolar@wapa.gov](mailto:RiceSolar@wapa.gov) or BLM at [CAPSSolarRice@blm.gov](mailto:CAPSSolarRice@blm.gov).*

