

Telephone Log

On June 19, 2015, Christine Pineda of the NRC held a telephone conversation with Mr. Greg Helseth, the Bureau of Land Management's Southern Nevada District Renewal Energy Project Manager. Ms. Pineda asked Mr. Helseth about the planned solar energy projects in the southern Nevada area. Mr. Helseth indicated that three areas within the region of influence for the supplement may be developed as solar energy facilities. Two of the areas could be developed as small (50-megawatt) photovoltaic energy facilities, and the third area is a larger zone recently designated as a solar energy zone, located in the Amargosa Desert between the Funeral Mountains to the southwest and Yucca Mountain to the northeast. Mr. Helseth indicated that such solar facilities would use very little groundwater – the construction of each facility would require approximately 200 acre-feet for construction and operations would require approximately 5 acre-ft per year.