

Executive Order 2010-15

Governor's Solar Energy Advisory Task Force (Superseding Executive Order 2010-01)

WHEREAS, Arizona is blessed with the greatest abundance of sunshine in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the interest in converting this sunshine into renewable solar energy has increased dramatically in recent years, and

WHEREAS, the sustainability, technology and economics of renewable solar energy is vitally important to the future of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the states and the federal government have established incentives to develop, advance and lure solar energy production, and

WHEREAS, inadequate information currently exists to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the incentives, and

WHEREAS, there appear to be various impediments which have kept several proposed large scale solar energy projects in Arizona dormant and have limited the implementation of distributive solar on residential and commercial buildings, and therefore there is an immediate need to correct these deficiencies, and

WHEREAS, there may be a need for greater efficiencies in public processes and better taxation structures in order to advance development of solar energy, and

WHEREAS, there is no single entity to research, evaluate and propose changes to Arizona's solar energy programs and policies and to advise the Executive on these matters in order to ensure that Arizona becomes the leading solar energy producer in the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby authorize and create the Governor's Solar Energy Advisory Task Force, and order as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint members of the Solar Energy Advisory Task Force (Task Force) who shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
2. The Task Force is charged with the following: a) evaluating incentives provided to solar energy producers and recommending their continuation, elimination, improvement and/or expansion, b) identifying impediments which have halted solar energy projects and have limited the implementation of distributive solar and recommending improvements regarding the same,

- c) evaluate and propose reforms to public agency processes and tax structures that may advance development of solar energy, and d) advising the Governor on any solar energy matters deemed worthy by the Task Force.
3. The Task Force shall consist of not more than 17 members.
 4. The Arizona Energy Office in the Department of Commerce shall provide administrative support.
 5. The Task Force members shall meet at the call of their Chairman who shall be appointed by the Governor, shall vote in person and not by proxy, and may not send a designee for voting purposes.
 6. The Chairman may form subcommittees and workings groups as required.
 7. The Task Force shall submit its written findings and recommendations about issues requiring legislative enactment to the Governor by September 30, 2010 and a final written report of all findings and recommendations by November 30, 2010.
 8. The Task Force and this Executive Order shall expire December 31, 2010.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona this 26th day of July In the Year Two Thousand and Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

