

Executive Order 2011-03

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

WHEREAS, many intervening events have transpired since the issuance of Executive Order 2010-01 creating the Solar Energy Advisory Task Force, and;

WHEREAS, the interest in converting Arizona's abundant sunshine into renewable solar energy continues to rise, and;

WHEREAS, the sustainability, technology and economics of renewable solar energy continues to play a vitally important role in the present and future of Arizona, and;

WHEREAS, "Business Facilities" a national publication has ranked Arizona as the "solar king," noting we offer "the highest solar power potential in the nation," and;

WHEREAS, in the past several years the Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Program and the Arizona Competiveness Package was passed by the legislature, and signed into law, to attract and promote the growth of solar energy companies and other renewable energy companies, and;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Energy Policy was created to promote energy production, and;

WHEREAS, inadequate information continues to exist to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the incentives, and;

WHEREAS, there continues to be various impediments which have hampered several promising, proposed solar energy projects, and therefore there is a continuing need to correct these deficiencies, and;

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for greater effectiveness and efficiency in public processes and competitive taxation structures to advance development and meet the promise of solar energy in Arizona, 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 amend Executive Order 2010-01 which authorized and created 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.

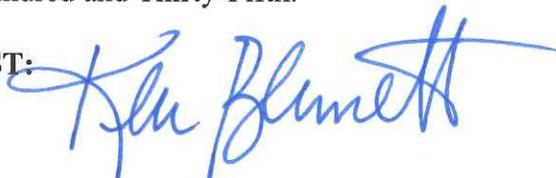
2. The Task Force is charged with the following:
 - a) Evaluate incentives provided to solar energy producers and manufacturers and recommend their continuation, elimination, improvement and/or expansion.
 - b) Identify impediments which have halted or discouraged solar energy projects and have limited the implementation of distributive solar and recommend improvements regarding the same.
 - c) Evaluate and propose reforms to public agency processes and tax structures that may advance development of solar energy.
 - d) Advise the Governor on any solar energy matters deemed worthy by the Task Force.
3. The Task Force shall be comprised of not more than 21 members, including those members already appointed, and shall be Co-Chaired by the Director, Office of Energy Policy, and a member selected by the Governor who represents the business community.
4. The Governor's Office of Energy Policy shall provide administrative support.
5. The Task Force members shall meet at the joint call of the Co-Chairmen, shall vote in person and not by proxy, and may not send a designee for voting purposes.
6. The Co-Chairmen 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 annually December 31, 2011, December 31, 2012 and a final written report of all findings and recommendations by December 31, 2013.
8. The Task Force and this Executive Order shall expire December 31, 2013.

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 Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this the 23rd day of June in the year Two Thousand and Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

