

**Community Focus Statement A:** Maintain the rural character of the community.

**Action Statement A.1:** *Aspire to be a model renewable energy community with a principal focus on point-of-use, rooftop solar.*

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**Benchmark:** Informational FAQ packet about small scale solar is created and marketed in the community.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,500–\$3,000



*Solar Panel/shaded parking that is installed in front of the Lucerne Valley Market. Photo source: Cal Poly Pomona*

Clean energy sources like solar can help reduce climate change and provide sustainable energy. The community is not supportive of industrial-scale solar, but supports small scale rooftop solar in appropriate locations. An excellent example is the parking cover solar at the market. It serves a function of a minimizing electrical costs for the market and shades parking for customers. Community members are supportive of small-scale solar development at point of use. Parking lot solar is pending at Pioneer Park, Library, and high school.

The Renewable Energy and Conservation Element (RECE) was adopted on August 8, 2017 with adoption of amendments on February 28, 2019 to prohibit utility-oriented renewable energy projects in Rural Living land use districts and in adopted Community Plan areas including Lucerne Valley. Any exceptions or revisions would require approval by the Board of Supervisors. The RECE is intended to guide renewable energy generation facilities to areas that are less desirable for the development of communities, neighborhoods, commerce, and industry and less environmentally sensitive. Chapter 84.29, Renewable Energy Generation Facilities, of the County of San Bernardino Development Code regulates solar energy generation facilities to protect the character and value of communities and neighborhoods, and protect the natural and scenic values of the landscape.

This Action could be addressed with Action Statement G.1.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold meeting to create committee of interested community members	Champion	Month 1	County of San Bernardino Land Use Services/Planning Division, Renewable Energy and Conservation Element, as adopted <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/RenewableEnergy.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/RenewableEnergy.aspx</a> County of San Bernardino Land Use Services, Development Code, as amended <a href="http://www.sbcounty.gov/Uploads/lus/DevelopmentCode/DCWebsite.pdf">http://www.sbcounty.gov/Uploads/lus/DevelopmentCode/DCWebsite.pdf</a>
2. Review small-scale solar examples. Create FAQs for community members	Lucerne Valley Renewable Energy Committee	Months 2 – 4	
3. Explore available grants or funding mechanisms. Add information to FAQs	Lucerne Valley Renewable Energy Committee	Months 4 – 6	
4. Share FAQs with local groups and on websites and social media or at local events.	Lucerne Valley Renewable Energy Committee	Ongoing	