

# SOLAR ROADMAP™

## INYO COUNTY CASE STUDY

### INYO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Inyo County is located on the east side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in East-Central California. Several national parks are located in or near the county including Death Valley NP, Kings Canyon NP, and Sequoia NP.

The population of Inyo County is 18,546 over 10,181 square miles. Inyo County is located in one of the best areas in the United States for solar potential due to its above average solar energy resource. Inyo County yields an average of 1,749 kWh/kW per year, more than 40% greater than the national average of 1,200 kWh/kW per year.

### SOLAR POTENTIAL & BENEFITS

There are approximately 3,100 solar viable homes in Inyo County with a solar potential of over 15 MW of total capacity. Capturing this market would generate over \$29 million of economic activity and 150 job-years.

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## OVERVIEW

Inyo County is committed to contributing positively to the local community by engaging in economic development and environmental efforts. Inyo County has had an expedited permitting process for residential solar systems in place since 2010, and local renewable energy generation is a key component of its general plan. The County joined the Solar Roadmap to further their solar efforts.

## INYO COUNTY SOLAR HIGHLIGHTS

The Solar Roadmap assessment indicated existing areas of strength within the County, and uncovered key actions that would affect the greatest impact on the local solar market. Highlights include:

- Extensive inclusion of land use and economic development policies in its general plan relating to solar energy.
- InyoPlanning.org includes an abundance of resources to help local residents and business owners find out more information about solar energy and financing.
- First jurisdiction to reach 100% of their Solar Roadmap goals! The County's initial starting point was just over 60%. Actions they took to close the gap included updating their permit submittal process and making solar education material more readily available to County residents.



### ABOUT OPTONY

Optony Inc. is a global research and consulting services firm focused on enabling government and commercial organizations to bridge the gap between solar energy goals and real-world results.

