## Appendix A – Biomass Federal/State Policies

The following federal and state policies and resolutions have been developed to support the development of a biomass facility(s) in or near the Carson Range.

- The Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (H.R. 1904) encourages the accelerated adoption of technologies that use biomass and the establishment of small-scale business enterprises that make use of biomass (Title 3, Section 202).
- The Federal Energy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-190) authorized the appropriation of federal subsidies for biomass development for a 10-year period (2006-2016). Specifically, it provides grants not to exceed \$20 per green ton (GT) of biomass to current operators of biomass facilities and grants for developing or researching biomass opportunities.
- The Western Governor's Association adopted a resolution, the Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative, to develop 30,000 megawatts (MW) of clean and diverse energy by 2015 and accepted a set of recommendations to implement that recommendation in June 2006.
- California and Nevada passed renewable portfolio standards requiring energy producers
  and suppliers to include 20 percent and 15 percent, respectively, of renewable energy in
  the mix of available energy provided in those states.
- The Nevada Legislature's Task Force on Renewable Energy approved a resolution encouraging the beneficial use of biomass, which will be forwarded for adoption during the 2007 legislative session.
- In April 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive order reaffirming the 20
  percent target for energy production and directed the Resources Agency and Energy
  Commission to coordinate efforts among state agencies to promote the use of biomass.
- In February 2007, Governor Gibbons signed an executive order supporting development of renewable energy and focusing on streamlining the permitting process.
- The USDA Forest Service recently drafted a woody biomass utilization strategy that
  focuses on providing sustainable supplies of materials, empowering entrepreneurial
  partnerships, using the best science and technology, and effective marketing (USDA
  Forest Service, January 9, 2007).