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Ben Cowan, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Environmental + Natural Resources Practice Group, was quoted in the October 10, 2025 *Law360* article, "[Feds Nix Large-Scale Enviro Review of Nev. Solar Project](#)."

"I could see a strategy where the developers of the individual projects may feel better about their prospects for gaining approval independently rather than as part of such a massive complex," said Troutman Pepper Locke LLP partner Ben Cowan, who works on renewable energy project permitting but is not involved in the Esmeralda 7 projects. "But to be frank, I think the likelihood of this administration greenlighting any solar project on federal lands, particularly one as high profile as these, is pretty slim."

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