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Hannah Arkin
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Dear Hannah Arkin,

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.4(d) and California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878(a), the California Energy Commission staff is asking for the information specified in the enclosed data requests, which is necessary for a complete staff analysis for the Soda Mountain Solar Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These data requests are in response to the comments received during the scoping period associated with the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report for the Soda Mountain Solar Project.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.4, responses to the data requests shall be submitted within 30 days. If you are unable to provide the information requested or believe that additional time will be needed to provide a response, please send written notice to me within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please email the CEQA project manager, at Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Drew Bohan".

Drew Bohan
Executive Director

Attachment A: Supplemental NOP Data Requests

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AIR QUALITY/PUBLIC HEALTH/GREENHOUSE GASES

As mentioned in the Updated Project Description (TN 264913), the applicant proposes to construct up to five onsite groundwater wells to supply water for construction and operations. Drilling these wells could involve the use of heavy-duty rigs and other equipment, generating additional short-term air emissions and dust beyond those previously modeled.

SDR AQ-1. Please provide an emissions estimate of the criteria pollutants, toxic air containments, and greenhouse gases for the drilling the five onsite wells. Please provide the detailed emissions calculation with assumptions for staff verification.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The applicant has indicated that up to five on-site groundwater well sites would be used to provide water for construction related purposes including, but not limited to, dust suppression. As an alternative, or in addition to the onsite wells, an existing offsite well located at 58502 Death Valley Road in Baker, CA may be used for project water supply.

SDR BIO-1. Staff has the following requests:

- a. Please provide a map showing the locations and land ownership of all proposed well locations.
- b. Please identify all access roads and or travel routes to gain access to these wells.
- c. Please provide the results of water quality testing for any existing wells.
- d. Please provide updated biological resource and jurisdictional waters data for any wells located outside of the existing project development footprint.