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Subject: **STATUS REPORT #8 - SONORAN ENERGY PROJECT (02-AFC-1C) AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE PROJECT DESIGN**

Staff has prepared this Status Report No. 8 pursuant to the Committee's May 9, 2016 Scheduling Order to provide updates on the Sonoran Energy Project (SEP) Amendment proceeding since Status Report No. 7 was filed on May 5, 2016. Staff would also like to thank the Committee for issuing the updated schedule.

As noted in Status Report No. 7, staff is currently awaiting information that the petitioner agreed to provide at the Soil & Water workshop held in Palm Desert on April 21, 2016. This information is necessary for staff to conduct necessary analysis for the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). Specifically, the petitioner offered: (1) to file information about the new water offset proposals; (2) to provide more information about evaporation pond sizing and use; and (3) to share with staff the information SEP gathered that addresses zero liquid discharge feasibility. This information relates to multiple sections of the FSA, including but not limited to: Soil and Water, Waste Management, Biological Resources, Land Use, and Traffic and Transportation (aviation safety).

On May 9, 2016, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) submitted written comments on the FSA. Staff is currently reviewing the comments.