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Subject: **STATUS REPORT #9 - SONORAN ENERGY PROJECT (02-AFC-1C) AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE PROJECT DESIGN**

Staff has prepared this Status Report No. 9 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. 8 was filed on May 13, 2016.

On May 19, 2016, the petitioner filed AltaGas's Response to Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission's February 29, 2016 Preliminary Staff Assessment Comment Letter.

Information that the petitioner agreed to provide at the Soil & Water workshop held in Palm Desert on April 21, 2016, was filed on June 15, 2016. This information is necessary for staff to complete their analysis for the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). Specifically, the information provided pertains to: (1) new water offset proposals; (2) information about evaporation pond sizing and use; and (3) 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).

Staff continues to work on the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). Staff anticipates publishing the FSA by July 27, 2016, per the May 9, 2016 Scheduling Order.