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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
PETITION TO AMEND THE
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT
97-AFC-01C**

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop for the proposed Petition to Amend the High Desert Power Project (HDPP) to discuss the issues, questions, and topics related to water use and water supplies for the project. The public, state and federal agencies, and intervenors are encouraged to attend or participate by teleconference to ask questions of Energy Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, the project owner, and water agencies.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

Starting at 11:00 a.m.
Ending no later than 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF VICTORVILLE
City Hall 14343 Civic Drive,
Victorville, CA 92393-5001

Conference Room D

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Purpose

The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the HDPP project owner's proposed Petition to Amend (Petition) as it affects onsite water use and water supplies for the project. (See attached agenda for topics and issues.) Additionally, the workshop will

have time set aside for members of the public to provide comments and ask questions about the Petition and staff's ongoing environmental review.

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Any comments will be considered by staff.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on April 14, 2016. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop; however, staff may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. For additional information regarding providing comments, see Procedural Requirements for Electronic Filing of Public Comments and Documents with the Energy Commission in Power Plant Facility Proceedings, available at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/dockets/documents/2013-08-29_eCRMS_Standing_Order.pdf

Written comments may be submitted via the Energy Commission's e-Commenting system at:

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Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission also accepts comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 97-AFC-1C and indicate the workshop title in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov, or if you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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Re: High Desert Power Project, Docket No. 97-AFC-1C
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Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Joseph Douglas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-4677 or e-mail joseph.douglas@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices, orders and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/>.

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**ENERGY COMMISSION PUBLIC STAFF WORKSHOP
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT PETITION TO AMEND (97-AFC-1C)**

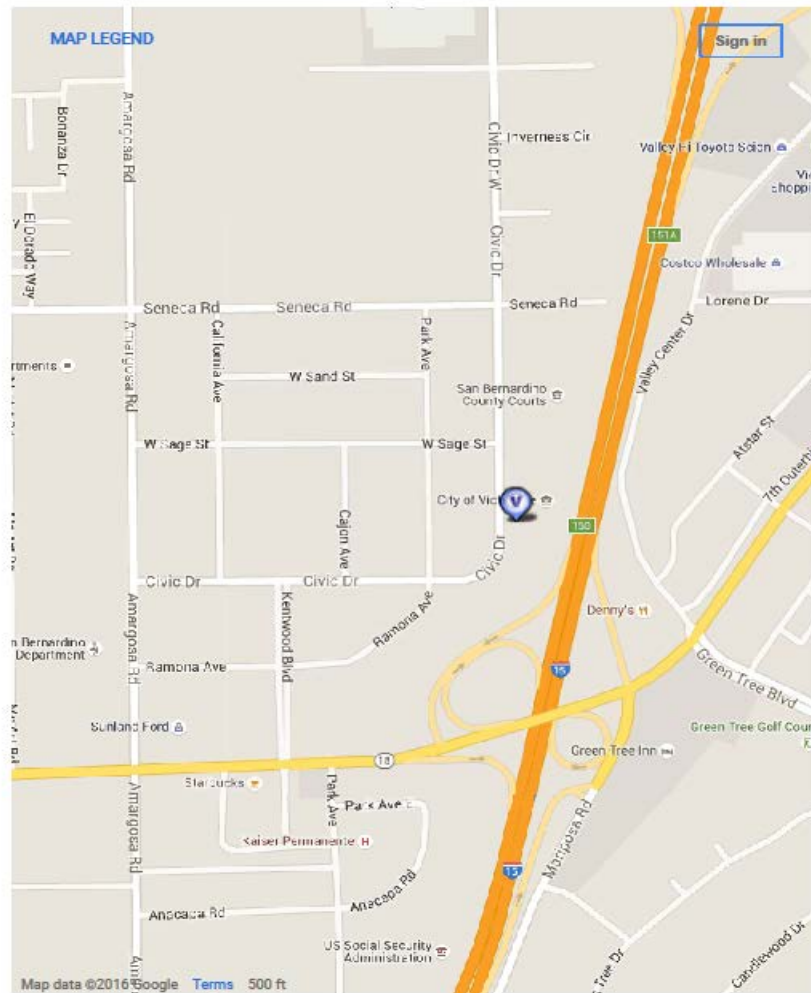
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High Desert Power Project Petition to Amend

Public Workshop on HDPP Water Supplies

April 15, 2016

City of Victorville Offices
Conference Room D

Beginning at 11 am (ending no later than 5 pm)

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AGENDA

- I. **Introduction of parties** – Note: members of the public can participate in each topic area and provide comments on each topic area.
- II. **Purpose of the Workshop:** To discuss the topics outlined in the Committee Order (docketed on March 22, 2016) and additional topics relating to the High Desert Power Project's Petition to Amend.
- III. **Questions for Discussion:**
 1. How does the 2003 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Victor Valley Water Reclamation Agency (VWVRA) affect the analysis of the Petition?
 - a. What agreements can the parties reach on the effect of the 2003 MOU?
 - b. What does the 2008 Victorville 2 (VV2) Energy Commission Decision requiring recycled water use at VV2 mean under the MOU?
 - c. What does the 2009 HDPP Energy Commission Order allowing recycled water use at HDPP mean under the MOU?
 - d. What other sources of water are available to the Mojave River and the MOU?
 - e. What are the roles of CDFW, Mojave Water Agency (MWA), and VWVRA in ensuring no impacts to the Alto Subbasin from recycled water use?
 2. What needs to be done to obtain a current water balance calculation from MWA?
 - a. What is the timing to receive such a calculation?
 - b. Is there a cost?
 - c. Who would bear the cost?
 - d. What are the outcomes and proposed approaches to analysis and mitigation, if needed, for recycled water use?
 3. Is interim relief needed from the 2014 Energy Commission Order limiting HDPP to use no more than 2,000 acre feet of adjudicated groundwater from the Mojave River Basin after September 30, 2016?
 - a. If yes, what are the options available to the Energy Commission for providing interim relief to the Petitioner?
 - b. What level of authority can and should provide such relief in this situation?
 - c. Which conditions of certification, if any, require change to provide the relief?

- d. What length of time is necessary for such interim relief?
 - e. What amount of groundwater use can be written into a condition of certification?
Currently, the proposed loading order says the MWA groundwater is the “4th” project supply, but nothing prevents the project from using up to 3,090 Acre Feet per Year (AFY).
 - f. Regarding issues related to replacing banking by injection with banking by percolation through MWA - how should the Conditions of Certification be modified, ie, the Petitioner’s proposal vs staff counter proposal?
- 4. What has been the historic water demand and usage of the HDPP?
 - a. What future assumptions are appropriate regarding capacity factors for the HDPP, water quality and quantity, and weather, as they relate to the Petition?
- 5. What process and procedure should the Committee use to protect confidential data that may be needed in addressing the Petition, including the staff analysis of the feasibility study?

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