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Memorandum

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Subject: PUENTE POWER PROJECT (P3) STATUS REPORT 1

In accordance with the Scheduling Order issued by the Committee on September 24, 2015, staff is submitting this Status Report 1.

Project Activities

Since issuance of the Scheduling Order, the following project activities have occurred:

- Staff issued Data Request Set 2 on October 14, 2015 for the technical areas of Air Quality, Public Health, Traffic and Transportation, and Waste Management;
- System Facility Design staff conducted a site visit on October 19, 2015 with the applicant to gather additional information regarding onsite traffic circulation and access, and health and safety related infrastructure;
- Land Use staff visited the site vicinity and potential alternative sites that will be analyzed in the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA); and
- Air Quality staff communicated with the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) regarding additional information needed from the applicant and the timing for issuing a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for the project. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is providing technical assistance to the VCAPCD on this project, which has lengthened the review process because of the need to coordinate between two districts.

Staff anticipates the following project activities in the period before the next Status Report scheduled for December 10, 2015:

- Review of Applicant's responses to Data Request Set 2, and issuing any additional Data Requests necessary before the 180-day Discovery period closes on December 8, 2015;
- A site visit by Biological Resources staff to confer with biologists from the California Coastal Commission to assess the presence of any sensitive environmental resource areas or potential wetlands on the project site;

- The applicant will be submitting new emissions data from its equipment vendor, GE. The new emissions data spreadsheets will replace the originally filed spreadsheets and are expected in early November 2015. The new data will be used to update the air quality modeling prepared for the project; and
- Regular communication with the VCAPCD regarding the status and timing of the PDOC.

Other Activities

Staff is in regular communication with the City of Oxnard regarding the project relative to local laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS). The city has indicated their plans to rezone the Mandalay Generating Station property (which includes the P3 site) from Coastal Energy Facility (EC) to Coastal Recreation (RC). The zone change will be considered at public hearings before the Planning Commission in November and City Council in December. Should the proposed rezone move forward, staff will address the changes in the Land Use section of the PSA.

Project Schedule

Staff is aware of the following factors that could affect our ability to publish the PSA by the December 22, 2015 deadline contained in the Committee Scheduling Order:

- Staff is awaiting new emissions data spreadsheets from the applicant's consultant (Sierra Research) which are needed by the VCAPCD to publish the PDOC and may change staff's analysis of impacts in the Air Quality and Public Health sections;
- The VCAPCD told Air Quality staff that the PDOC will not be issued until late January 2016. This would result in a two month extension of the PSA publication date.
- Staff reviewed numerous alternative sites and compiled information on two on-site and two off-site alternatives to further analyze in the PSA. That effort, though time-consuming, was necessary to provide a thorough assessment of alternatives because the AFC omitted analysis of any alternative sites.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF’S PROPOSED AMENDED AFC SCHEDULE

Puente Power Project (15-AFC-01) – as of 10/29/15

ACTIVITY	DATE
Application for Certification (AFC) submitted	4-15-15
Staff Issues Data Requests Set 1	7-17-15
Staff Files Issues Identification Report	8-10-15
Committee Site Visit and Information and Environmental Scoping Meeting	8-27-15
Committee Issues Scheduling Order	9-23-15
Applicant Provides Responses to Data Requests Set 1	8-18-15 to 10-2-15
Staff Issues Data Requests Set 2	10-14-15
Parties File Status Reports	10-29-15
Applicant Submits Updated Emissions Data to CEC and VCAPCD	Estimated early 11-2015
Applicant Provides Responses to Data Requests Set 2	11-14-15
Parties File Status Reports	12-10-15 and 1-15-16
VCAPCD Issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	1-29-16
Parties File Status Reports	2-15-16
Staff Publishes Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)	2-29-16
Parties File Status Reports	3-15-16
VCAPCD Issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	3-29-16
PSA Workshop	3-30-16
Comments on PSA are Due	4-15-16
Staff Publishes Final Staff Assessment	5-15-16
* Prehearing Conference/ Evidentiary Hearing	TBD

 Completed Activity

* The assigned Committee will determine this part of the schedule.