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# Memorandum

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**Subject:** PUENTE POWER PROJECT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Revised Committee Scheduling Order issued on October 14, 2016, staff is filing this status report.

## **Project Activities**

In its September 23, 2016 preconference statement, staff identified three documents it would need to receive in order to complete its Final Staff Assessment (FSA): the applicant's design changes pertaining to the removal of the wastewater outfall, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District's (Air District) Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

On September 26, 2016, the applicant filed its document, "Project Enhancement – Outfall Removal and Beach Restoration." On October 13, 2016, CDFW filed its comments on the PSA. And on October 13, 2016, the Air District published its FDOC.

On October 11, 2016, staff issued data requests regarding both the "Project Enhancement – Outfall Removal and Beach Restoration" and the applicant's August 26, 2016 proposed design change, "Refinement to Transmission Interconnection."

Intervenors city of Oxnard and Mr. Robert Sarvey filed data requests on October 14, 2016.

The applicant filed its responses to Mr. Sarvey's data requests on October 31, 2016. Responses to the city of Oxnard's data requests were filed on November 1, 2016. At this writing, staff has not received the responses to its data requests.

## **Project Schedule**

In response to the Committee's comment to include more information on Ormond Beach in the Alternatives section, Cultural Resources staff will conduct a cultural resources records check using the California Historical Resources Information System at California State University, Fullerton on November 7, 2016—the first available appointment—and perform additional field research and analysis during the second and third week of November. Staff's expanded Environmental Justice analysis would also benefit from additional time for preparation, coordination, and review.

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Taking the Thanksgiving holiday into consideration, and the data responses that will be filed this week, staff proposes publishing its FSA on or about December 8, 2016.

Staff continues to recommend holding an FSA workshop to highlight the changes from the PSA to the FSA to assist review by the parties, agencies, and the public. Taking the holiday season into account, we believe it would be practical to schedule the workshop in early January, 2017.