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Subject: RE: Invitation to participate in Energy Commission Puente Power Project hearings
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:30:52 PM

Dr. Hart:

Thank you for this information.

We've not yet heard from the parties about the availability of their experts and won't hear until July 21 via their Prehearing Statements. In the interim, let's assume that we will begin the coastal flooding discussion as the first item after housekeeping on the morning of July 26. If we have to move the time, it would help if Dr. Li could be ready to participate on either the 26th or 27th.

If you participate via WebEx, we ask that you set yourselves up using handsets or headsets while you are talking to us. Speakerphones, while fine for you listening to us, have not worked well for us listening to remote participants.

Parties—feel free to communicate your coastal flooding experts' availability in advance of your Prehearing Statements.

Paul

From: Juliette Finzi Hart [mailto:jfinzihart@usgs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Kramer, Paul@Energy
Cc: Patrick Barnard; O'Neill, Andrea; Erikson, Li
Subject: Re: Invitation to participate in Energy Commission Puente Power Project hearings

Dear Mr. Kramer,

My apologies again (!) for the slow response. We just held a workshop in Santa Barbara and Ventura on final CoSMoS results and that took up most of our attention over the last week.

We have good news in that Dr. Li Erikson (Modeling Director) and Ms. Andrea O'Neill (CoSMoS Manager) can be available in some combination on July 26 - 28, preferably via webinar. Below are more details about their specific availability so you can schedule the meeting.

Li's availability:

26th - good
27th - good
28th - good

Andy's availability:

26th - morning good, not available in the afternoon
27th - not available
28th - not available

I could also be available to call in the morning of the 26th so it looks like our availability is converging on the morning of the 26th. However, Li and Andy are the modeling experts and their availability is much more important than mine so if it makes more sense for the USGS participation to be on another day, Li will be available. Both are cc'ed in this email so that they can be looped into the planning conversations.

Thank you,
Juliette

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On Jun 26, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Kramer, Paul@Energy
<Paul.Kramer@energy.ca.gov> wrote:

Dr. Hart:

I'm sorry that you cannot make it to our hearings. It is hard to predict the exact questions that your team might help answer. Having someone with at least general knowledge of the model, how it works, how it was developed, and how changes in the inputs and other factors might affect the results could be of value to the parties and the Committee. So please consider whether another member of your team can help us with that.

There is also the option of your calling in to the meeting on the 26th. Would that help?

Paul Kramer

From: Finzi Hart, Juliette [<mailto:jfinzihart@usgs.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Kramer, Paul@Energy
Cc: Patrick Barnard
Subject: Re: Invitation to participate in Energy Commission Puente Power Project hearings

Dear Mr. Kramer,

Thank you for this invitation to speak and my apologies for the delay in replying. Unfortunately, Dr. Patrick Barnard will be on annual leave during this time frame and I am participating in another meeting on the 27th - 28th and traveling to that meeting on the 26th.

If you can give us a bit more information about what you would like to have presented, we can see if someone else from our team could be available on either of those days.

Thanks,
Juliette

On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:14 PM, Kramer, Paul@Energy
<Paul.Kramer@energy.ca.gov> wrote:

Dr. Hart:

I write, at Energy Commission Staff's suggestion, on behalf of the Puente Power Project Committee to confirm USGS's ability to participate in the Committee's upcoming hearings regarding the Puente Power Project's Application for Certification. Those hearings are currently scheduled for July 26 and 27 (and July 28 only if necessary), in Oxnard.

As you are aware, the potential effects of sea level rise and coastal erosion on the proposed power plant are at issue in our proceeding. The CoSMoS model that USGS is updating has been a point of discussion for the parties and the Committee. The presentation you and your colleagues made at the March 28 staff workshop (TN 217282) was described by at least one party as highly informative. The Committee would value a similar presentation, updated as necessary to reflect the results of the new model, during our hearings. No doubt the parties and Committee will also have questions about the model.

The City of Oxnard has indicated an interest in obtaining the modeling inputs for the updated model ([TN 217119](#)). I will leave it to them to reach out to you to request that information.

The Committee's question for now, then, is whether USGS is able to participate in our July hearings? Do you have any scheduling preference between July 26 and July 27?

Please feel free to reply by email; I will share your response with the parties and public.

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