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California Energy Commission
Staff Workshop on Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0
Environmental and Land Use Technical Group

Friday, January 22, 2016 – 9:30 AM
California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room, 1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Workshop #3 - Environmental Data, Data Gaps and Data Use

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions (CEC)
Housekeeping Business (CEC)

RETI 2.0 and - Environmental and Land Use Technical Group – Work Updates

Presentations and Group Discussions

1. Renewable Energy Planning and Conservation Management Planning (BLM)
 - a. DRECP/Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)
 - b. Sage Grouse Management Plan

2. Group Discussion
 - a. Summary Discussion of Compiled and Available Statewide Data Sets (CBI)
 - b. Proposed Data and Model Approaches (CBI)
 - c. Proposed Work Group Strategy (CEC)

Guiding Questions:

- What environmental data are relevant to inform renewable energy planning activities in California, and in the West-wide Interconnection?

- For the available and relevant data what are the significant data gaps and what should be done to resolve them, both short-term and long-term?

- What are the key environmental data criteria that should be applied to the available data to evaluate relative environmental impacts of potential renewable energy transmission and/or potential transmission corridors?

- How should key environmental data best be used to inform various renewable energy planning activities in California, and in the West-wide Interconnection?

- What have we learned from recent and on-going renewable energy planning activities (e.g. BLM Solar PEIS, DRECP, SJV Least Conflict Solar) that should be considered or consistently applied to renewable energy planning processes? What could we also apply from the viewpoint of individual stakeholder groups' own planning activities or study efforts that evaluate the relative environmental impacts of potential renewable energy generation, transmission and potential transmission corridors?

3. Public Comment

4. Next Steps and Closing (CEC)