Memorandum

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Subject: CPV Sentinel Energy Project (07-AFC-3) STATUS REPORT #5

Per the Hearing Officer’s request, staff is submitting Status Report #5 for the CPV Sentinel Energy Project (CPV Sentinel).

Current Project Status

- On June 12, 2008, staff conducted a workshop in Sacramento to review the groundwater modeling prepared by the applicant. This workshop has been continued to June 20th to allow the applicant to provide additional information requested by Energy Commission staff.

- On June 27, 2008, staff has scheduled an additional groundwater workshop (if needed) in Sacramento to complete discussions on groundwater modeling and any other remaining issues involving the applicant’s Revised Water Supply Plan.

Project Issues

The Energy Commission staff is completing its analysis of the CPV Sentinel applicant’s Revised Water Supply Plan and has hired the consulting firm of HydroFocus to provide a level of technical expertise in groundwater modeling beyond the scope of existing Energy Commission staff. At the workshop held on June 12, 2008, the applicant presented the model developed for the CPV Sentinel project’s proposed groundwater use. The groundwater flow model was developed to evaluate the net effects of project-specific pumping and recharge volume and timing variations of the relative groundwater levels in the Mission Creek subbasin.

The Energy Commission staff and its consultant, HydroFocus, are currently conducting an independent evaluation of the applicant’s model and conclusions on potential groundwater impact. Staff is working with the applicant to fully understand the groundwater model’s construction, assumptions, parameters, and results. The groundwater issue is still being evaluated, and, depending on final information submittals and conclusions, could delay publication of the PSA.
Staff has added a groundwater modeling specialist to the project team (John Fio of HydroFocus) to provide an analysis of the project’s potential impacts to groundwater quality and quantity. At this time, staff anticipates the earliest publication of the PSA would be in mid July 2008, which is a four month slip from the March 12, 2008 PSA publication date identified in the original Committee Schedule. Factors affecting the schedule have been the complexity of the applicant’s original water supply plan, filing of the Revised Water Supply Plan and corresponding staff review, and staff’s high workload of gas-fired and renewable siting projects. The outcome of the pending groundwater workshops and the final submission of groundwater modeling information requested by staff could result in a delay to the publication of the PSA.

Staff is not opposed to a Status Conference if the Committee and applicant believe it would be beneficial.

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PROJECT
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