

Memorandum

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Subject: **ORANGE GROVE POWER PLANT PROJECT (07-SPPE-2) STATUS REPORT 1**

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated September 28, 2007, the following is staff's Status Report 1 for the proposed Orange Grove Power Plant Project.

Current Issues and Activities for Resolution

Staff has been working through the discovery and analysis phases of the Small Power Plant Exemption process for the proposed project. The issues for working towards resolution are summarized as follows:

Air Quality:

The supplemental information provided by the applicant for revised modeling files will need to be verified by staff to determine accuracy and to identify any mitigation required by the applicant. Additional information from the applicant is needed to clarify the data responses we received on October 9, 2007, specifically in the areas of equipment emissions, and VOC, NO₂, NO_x and Sox models.

Biological Resources:

The exact placement of the gas pipeline and waterline along State Route 76 needs mapping to determine any potential impacts on biological resources. The federally threatened California coastal gnatcatcher has been identified within .3 miles of the project, and the presence of a threatened species may require surveys per United States Fish and Wildlife Service/California Department of Fish and Game guidelines.

The applicant's plans (e.g., Revegetation with native plants) for mitigating for the loss of native habitat may include Revegetation, landscaping, and erosion control activities.

Cooling Water:

The applicant has informed staff that an alternate source of cooling water is being negotiated and should be in place by mid-November. Applicant was notified of the requirement of an SPPE supplement, if they propose a different source of cooling water.

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Cultural Resources:

Staff is reviewing the results of the applicant's pedestrian survey of the site, and may need some clarification of the survey findings.

Schedule

The schedule could be affected if the applicant is successful in their attempts to negotiate an alternative cooling water source, which would result in a supplement to the project application. A supplement could extend the review process, as staff would need additional time to analyze the information and possibly issue an additional round of data requests. The applicant has indicated negotiations should be final by mid-November.

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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORANGE GROVE POWER
PLANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT
SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION**

Docket No. 07-SPPE -2

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