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Eric Solorio  
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RE: Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP), Docket No. 09-AFC-9, Responses to Center for Biological Diversity Data Requests Set 1 #1-#2

Dear Mr. Solorio:

As requested, attached please find Ridgecrest Solar I, LLC's responses to Center for Biological Diversity Requests Set 1 #1-#2. This has been docketed in accordance with CEC requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 510-809-4662 (office) or 949-433-4049 (cell).

Sincerely,



Billy Owens  
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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR  
POWER PROJECT***

**Docket No. 09-AFC-9**

**PROOF OF SERVICE  
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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Elizabeth Copley, declare that on June 9, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (Docket No. 09-AFC-9) Responses to Center for Biological Diversity Data Requests. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_ridgecrest\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest).

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

**(Check all that Apply)**

**For service to all other parties:**

- sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;
- by personal delivery;
- by delivering on this date, for mailing with the United States Postal Service with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses **NOT** marked "email preferred."

**AND**

**For filing with the Energy Commission:**

- sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed Respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

**OR**

- depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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<b>RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9) CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY NO. 1 DATA REQUESTS #1 - #2</b>	
<b>Technical Area: Biological Resources (Section 5.3)</b>	<b>Response Date: June 9, 2010</b>

Following are responses to Set 1-Data Requests of Center for Biological Diversity, dated May 17, 2010.

**CBD No. 1 DR-1**

**Data Request:**

The proposed project relies on numerous plans for potential compliance with laws, ordinances, regulations and standards, as referenced in the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please provide full and complete copies of these plans and/or any draft plans:

- Weed Management Plan
- Project Closure Plan, which maybe the same as the Decommissioning and Reclamation plan; if not, please provide both;
- Burrowing Owl Impact Avoidance, Clearance Surveys, Relocation/Translocation Plan, and Long-term Monitoring Plan
- American Badger and Desert Kit Fox Clearance Surveys, Relocation/Translocation Plan, and Long-Term Monitoring Plan
- Mohave Ground Squirrel Translocation Plan
- Raven Monitoring and Management Plan
- Avian and Bat Protection Plan
- Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan
- Habitat Monitoring and Mitigation Plan
- Management Plan for the Compensatory Parcel(s)
- Revegetation Plan

**Response:**

The following plans were provided to the CEC on January 25, 2010 as Project (RSPP) Docket No. 09-AFC-9, Responses for Data Requests Set 1, dated December 22, 2009 and Set 2 dated January 19, 2010:

- Draft Weed Management Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-69)
- Draft Burrowing Owl Relocation/Translocation Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-56)
- Draft American Badger Translocation Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-70)

<b>RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9)</b> <b>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY NO. 1 DATA REQUESTS #1 - #2</b>	
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- Draft Desert Kit Fox Relocation/Translocation Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-77)
- Draft Raven Monitoring & Control Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-55)
- Draft Desert Tortoise Clearance and Relocation/Translocation Plan (Attachment DR-BIO-54)

For a response regarding the Mohave Ground Squirrel Translocation Plan, please see the Applicant's response provided in DR-BIO-59.

A Draft HMP was provided to the CEC on February 23, 2010.

An Avian and Bat Protection Plan, Revegetation Plan, and Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (same as Project Closure Plan) will be provided as specified by the Conditions of Certification of the Revised Staff Assessment/Final EIS.

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**CBD No. 1 DR-2**

**Data Request:**

Project proponent has stated that biological surveys are currently being completed. Please provide all new survey data including but not limited to information on desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel, raptors, other rare species, rare plants and plant communities as a result of the surveys.

**Response:**

Preliminary Spring 2010 Survey Results for Biological Resources will be submitted the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to the CEC. The full survey reports are expected to be available in late June. All reports will be available from the CEC once filed.