

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA
RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9)

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Monday, May 3, 2010, Starting at 8:00am

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AGENDA ITEMS

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Introductions** (Staff, Agencies, Applicant, Interveners)
Acknowledgements; Thanks; Jurisdiction; Purpose; Public Advisor and Public Comment
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Joint Environmental Document** (process is now bifurcated; separate comment periods and separate final documents)
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Staff's Overview of Impacts to the Desert Tortoise** (number of DT, and functions and values of the site)
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Applicant's Overview of Impacts to the Desert Tortoise** (number of DT, and functions and values of the site)
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Desert Tortoise – Surveys, Translocation and Offsite Mitigation Lands**
- Survey methodology and results,
 - Relocation; and Translocation Plans (Performance Criteria)
 - Translocation site characteristics: location and landscape, parcel size and connectivity, vegetation communities, presence of DT, enhancement opportunities, fee title acquisition and conservation easements (BLM), DT handling and testing protocols (timing and methods), monitoring, expected mortality rates; control population v. translocated population.
 - Expected impacts after relocation or translocation
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch break** (applicant will provide lunch for all attendees)
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Desert Tortoise** (mitigation measures, ratios, performance criteria and net effects to functions and values)
- Enhancement of public lands managed by the BLM,
 - Enhancement of off-site mitigation lands (5:1 ratio),
 - Head start DT breeding programs,
 - Contributions to in-lieu fee programs,
 - Highway fencing; and highway wildlife crossings,
 - Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan (USFWS), and
 - Regional Raven Management and Monitoring program.
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Action Items** to follow up with and closing comments

Staff reserves the right to change the Agenda. ***If the parties work through the Agenda items before 3pm then we will move into discussing the May 4, 2010 Agenda items that are currently scheduled for 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 4, 2010, Starting at 8:00am

AGENDA ITEMS

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Introductions** (Staff, Agencies, Applicant, Interveners)
Acknowledgements; Thanks; Jurisdiction; Purpose; Public Advisor and Public Comment
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Joint Environmental Document** (process is now bifurcated; separate comment periods and separate final documents)
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Staff’s Overview of Impacts to the Mohave ground squirrel (MGS)** (# of MGS impacted, and functions and values of the site)
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Applicant’s Overview of Impacts to the Mohave ground squirrel** (# of MGS impacted, and functions and values of the site)
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **MGS – Presence, Movement Corridors, Translocation and Offsite Mitigation Lands**
- MGS habitat assessment,
 - Number of MGS assumed to be present,
 - Number of MGS presumed to use the site as a corridor,
 - Effect of the project on MGS movement,
 - Relocation; and Translocation Plans (performance criteria and previously established protocols)
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch break** (applicant will provide lunch for all attendees)
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **MGS - mitigation measures, ratios, performance criteria and net effects to functions and values**
- Enhancement of public lands managed by the BLM,
 - Enhancement of off-site mitigation lands (5:1 ratio),
 - Translocation of resident population,
 - Contributions to in-lieu fee programs,
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Evaporation Ponds** (size, location, netting and monitoring)
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Golden Eagle** (Avian Management Plan and Agreement)
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Streambed Alteration Agreement** (delineation protocols; impacts)
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Translocation Plan(s)** (Burrowing Owl, American Badger, Kit Fox)
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Action Items** to follow up with and closing comments

Staff reserves the right to change the Agenda. ***If the parties finish earlier than scheduled then we will add a discussion regarding staff’s proposed Conditions of Certification, as presented in the Staff Assessment / Draft Environmental Impact Statement.