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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In the Matter of:)
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Ridgecrest Solar)
Power Project)

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-9
Request for Water/Hydrology
Workshop

RE: Additional workshop session to discuss hydrology and water mitigations

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Mr Solorio.

Kerncrest Audubon Society (KAS) hereby requests that an additional workshop session regarding hydrology and water issues be added to the agenda for one of the upcoming workshops ordered by the commission.

The hydrology and water aspects of the proposed project remain an issue of concern for many residents of the Indian Wells Valley. KAS believes that an additional public workshop would help local residents to better understand the meaning and extent of the mitigation now apparently agreed upon, in principal, between staff and applicant. Confusion also appears to exist over channeling and alterations to washes and swales within the project boundaries.

In addition to the public informational benefit of an additional hearing, KAS believes that substantive issues remained unsettled after the last workshop dealing with this issue (workshop of 23 April 2010). During that workshop there appeared to be disagreement between applicant, water district and CEC staff over evaporation rates, turf water usage, average homeowner lawn sizes, and possibly other data elements used to determine the scope and adequacy of mitigation measures.

Kerncrest Audubon would like further discussion with regard to the various possible mitigation measures that appear to remain as options. Additionally, a brief discussion regarding public participation in post certification detailing of agreed upon mitigation(s) would also be of help to KAS.

The workshops that have been held to date, in our view, have been extremely helpful. Those of us working on this for KAS have been impressed with the conduct of the workshops and the conduct of all parties to these workshops.

Staff consideration of this request is genuinely appreciated.



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For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR*
POWER PROJECT

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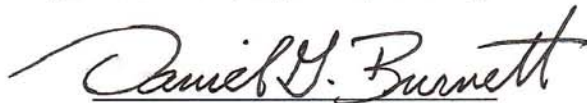
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.



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