

# CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION



**Siting, Transportation, and  
Environmental Protection Division**

FILE: 11-AFC-2

PROJECT TITLE: Hidden Hills SEGS

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NAME:	Mike Monasmith	DATE:	12/19/11
WITH:	Donna Lamm, Nye County Water District		
SUBJECT:	HHSEGS -- water		

Hi Mike,

I am copying Darrell Lacy, acting director of the Nye County Water District so he is aware of our conversation. I totally agree that this is an extremely complicated issue and there is a great need for more hydrology studies and monitoring wells to fully understand what is going on in this geologically complex area.

Again for clarity, my comments are not the official position of the Nye County Water District, but rather my personal opinion as a citizen who has been engaged in water issues in this area for many years.

Regards,

Donna

On Tue, Dec 20, 2011 at 8:21 AM, Mike Monasmith <[Mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:Mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us)> wrote:

> Hi Donna,  
>  
> Sounds good. If you don't mind, I would like to docket our email exchange  
> in a "Record of Conversation" so the Hidden Hills record will reflect your  
> appropriate position on groundwater, and let folks know that this issue is  
> complicated, under discussion, and part of the larger water conversation  
> occurring on this proceeding. Let me know if that would be okay with you?

> Best,

> Mike

> Mike Monasmith  
> Senior Project Manager  
> California Energy Commission  
> 1516 9th Street, MS 15  
> Sacramento, CA 95814

> >>> Donna Lamm <[donnalamm@amargosaconservancy.com](mailto:donnalamm@amargosaconservancy.com)> 12/19/2011 4:15 PM >>>

> Hello Mike,

> Thank you for your prompt reply to my message. I probably will not be able

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> to write my comments on the NCWD letterhead as the board has not agreed on  
> a formal position. There is divergence on the board as to potential  
> impacts. I just did not want the impression that the NCWD made a statement  
> that the impacts would be negligible.  
>  
> Thank you also for the heads up on the meeting in Tecopa on January 18th.  
> I look forward to seeing you there. The Amargosa Conservancy has  
> commissioned a State of the Basin Report (southern Amargosa watershed)  
> which should be completed by the end of January. Hopefully a  
> representative from The Source Group, the firm writing the report, will be  
> available at that meeting for comments.  
>  
> Regards,  
>  
> Donna  
>  
> On Mon, Dec 19, 2011 at 4:02 PM, Mike Monasmith <  
> [Mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:Mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us)  
> > wrote:  
>  
> > Hi Donna,  
> >  
> > Mr. Zellhauffer did provide his opinion on groundwater and HHSEGS'  
> > impacts accordingly, but they were made during an informal Workshop this past  
> > Friday, 12/16/11. A WebEx recording for that Workshop will be posted on  
> > the website here:  
> > <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/documents/index.html>  
> > w/in the next few days, so you can listen for yourself and let me know  
> > what you think. In the meantime, if you feel it appropriate, please send  
> > us a letter on your District stationery in terms of your thoughts on this  
> > issue, and I will docket it and enter into the record. I have copied our  
> > senior water analyst, Mike Conway, as he is our lead on this issue and is  
> > working diligently to assess the groundwater impacts from this project,  
> > and recommend appropriate mitigation.  
> >  
> > Also, please start planning for a Hidden Hills water Workshop that will be  
> > held at the Tecopa Community Center on January 18th. We will have a  
> > technical discussion beginning at 1pm on the 18th, and will then begin  
> > taking public comment at 6pm (until there is no more comment or 9pm,  
> > which is first).  
> >  
> > Thank you for writing, and please stay in touch (look forward to seeing  
> > you on the 18th in Tecopa).  
> >  
> > Best,  
> > Mike Monasmith  
> > Senior Project Manager  
> > California Energy Commission  
> > 1516 9th Street, MS 15  
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> > > > Donna Lamm <[donnalamm@amargosaconservancy.com](mailto:donnalamm@amargosaconservancy.com)> 12/19/2011 3:04 PM  
> > > >  
> > > To whom it may concern.

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>> It was brought to my attention that an intervener, Jon Zelhauffer of  
>> Tecopa, CA, made a formal comment regarding the Nye County Water District  
>> making a decision that the water use at HHSEG would have little or no  
>> effect on the Pahrump Basin.  
>>  
>> Since I sit on that board and I was present for the HHSEG presentation by  
>> Gary Kazio and Clay Jensen, I can assure you that no decision was made  
>> regarding the impact on the Pahrump basin. There was a comment from one  
>> board member regarding the water use, but no formal vote took place as  
>> this was only a presentation not an action item.  
>>  
>> If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact  
>> me.  
>>  
>> Donna Lamm  
>> Nye County Water District  
>> 775-209-3059

<p><b>CC:</b> Mike Conway, Staff Hydrologist/Geologist</p> <p>Chris Davis, Siting Office Manager</p> <p>Dick Ratliff, Staff Counsel</p>	<p><b>Prepared by:</b> Mike Monasmith, Project Manager</p>
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