

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Notice of Staff Workshop for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (11-AFC-2)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop for the proposed Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS). All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate in the workshop, which will be held:

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2012

1:00PM – 9:00PM

(or earlier if discussions end, with a dedicated
Public Comment period between 6:00PM and 7:00PM)

**Tecopa Community Center
400 Tecopa Hot Springs Road
Tecopa, CA 92389**

DOCKET
11-AFC-2
DATE <u>Jan. 06 2012</u>
RECD. <u>Jan. 06 2012</u>

WebEx Call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

(Access code: **927 983 142**)

(Meeting Password: **Meeting@1**)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, intervenors, interested agencies, and the public to discuss several technical disciplines, including but not limited to:

- Biological Resources (between **1:00PM and 1:30PM***)
- Cultural Resources (between **1:30PM and 2:30PM***)
- Alternatives (between **2:30PM and 3:30PM***)
- Soil & Water Resources (between **3:30PM and 9:00PM**)

** tentative time frame subject to change*

BACKGROUND

On August 5, 2011, Hidden Hills Solar Holdings, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS). If approved, HHSEGS would be located on approximately 3,277 acres of privately owned land leased in Inyo County, California, immediately adjacent to the Nevada border. The project site is approximately 8 miles southeast of Pahrump, Nevada, and approximately 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. On October 5, 2011 the Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed "Data Adequate" and commenced the Commission's 12-month facilities review process. The

Energy Commission staff has begun its discovery and analysis of the HHSEGS project, and will use information obtained from the Workshop discussions in the preparation of its Preliminary Staff Assessment of the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As proposed, HHSEGS would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities: the northern solar plant (Solar Plant 1) and the southern solar plant (Solar Plant 2). If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 MW. Solar Plant 1 is proposed to occupy approximately 1,483 acres (or 2.3 square miles), and Solar Plant 2 approximately 1,510 acres (or 2.4 square miles). Each solar plant would use approximately 85,000 heliostats—elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on a pylon—to focus the sun’s rays on a solar receiver steam generator (SRSG) atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. The transmission line and natural gas pipeline are both located wholly within the state of Nevada on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These project linears will be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy ACT (NEPA), for which BLM is the lead agency: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm_programs/energy/hidden_hills_transmission.html

PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Mike Monasmi, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894, or by e-mail at mmonasmi@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills>. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>. By being on this email list, you will receive all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

Date: _____

ROGER E. JOHNSON, Deputy Director
Siting, Transmission & Environmental
Protection Division

cc: Docket (11-AFC-2)
Proof of Service List

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF WORKSHOP
HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM**

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2012

1:00PM – 9:00PM

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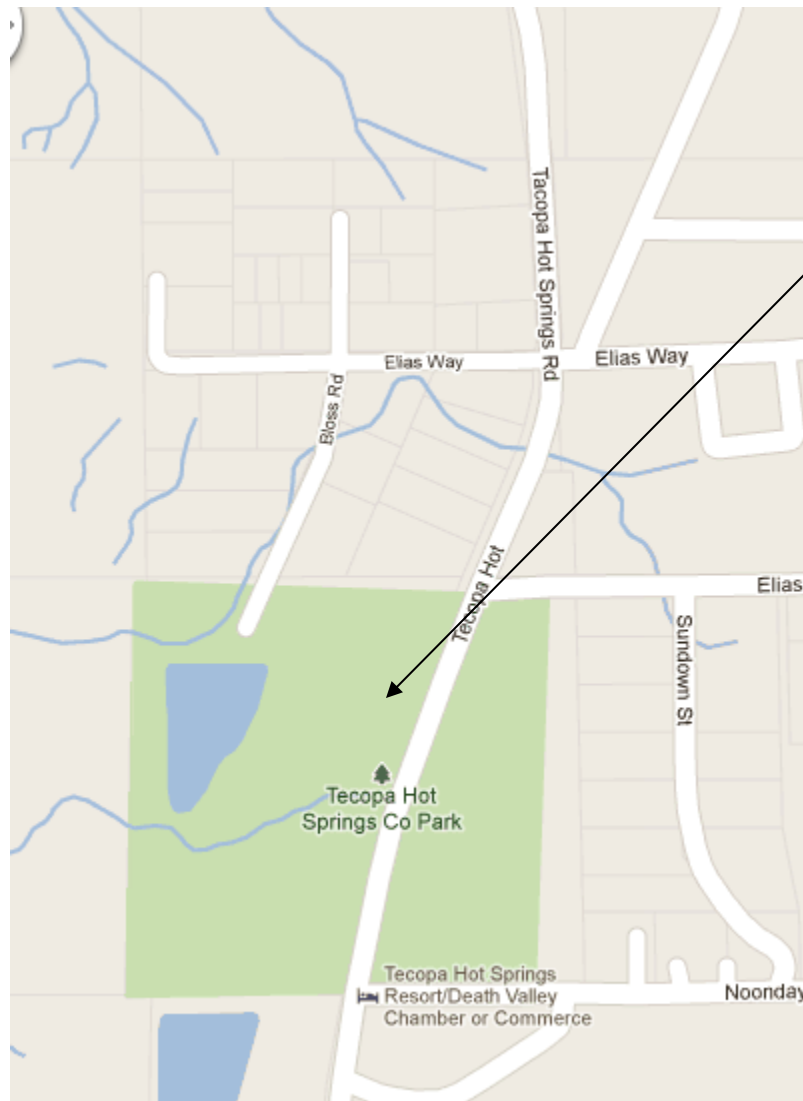
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PARTICIPATION IN THE
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Tecopa Community Center -- Tecopa, CA
THROUGH WEBEX

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC
GENERATING SYSTEM PROJECT*
HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR HOLDINGS, LLC**

DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-2
PROOF OF SERVICE
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Stewart, declare that on, January 6, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached January 18, 2012 Data Response/Issues Resolution Workshop, dated January 6, 2012. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

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For filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:

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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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.

Originally Signed by
Elizabeth Stewart