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REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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Project Title: Hidden Hills SEGS (11-AFC-2)

TELEPHONE     MEETING LOCATION:  
 E-MAIL

NAME: Kathleen Forrest

TIME: 5:00 pm

DATE: 1/30/12 and 2/2/12

WITH: Geof Spaulding, CH2MHill

PHONE Geof.Spaulding@CH2M.com

SUBJECT: HH SEGS SET 1D DRs 98, 105, 108, 125, 127, and 128

COMMENTS: Please see the attached email regarding the status of the above referenced Data Requests.

COPIES TO: Michael McGuirt, Mike Monosmith

NAME: Kathleen Forrest

SIGNATURE /s/ Kathleen Forrest

**Kathleen Forrest - HH SEGS SET 1D DRs 98, 108, and 125. Also, DR 105.**


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**From:** <Geof.Spaulding@CH2M.com>  
**To:** <KForrest@energy.state.ca.us>, <MMcguirt@energy.state.ca.us>  
**Date:** 1/30/2012 4:57 PM  
**Subject:** HH SEGS SET 1D DRs 98, 108, and 125. Also, DR 105.  
**CC:** <Natalie.Lawson@CH2M.com>, <JDH@eslawfirm.com>, <susan@strachanconsult.com>, <John.Carrier@CH2M.com>, <Karen.Parker@CH2M.com>, <sgp@eslawfirm.com>, <gkazio@brightsourceenergy.com>, <cjensen@brightsourceenergy.com>, <twheaton@brightsourceenergy.com>

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*Regarding DR 98 and 108, on review of the material submitted to date, including the definition of the requested project area of analysis (PAA; DR 98), the team believes that staff has sufficient information upon which to proceed with its analyses.*

*Regarding DR 125, as we discussed it seems appropriate that a confidential Technical Memorandum be prepared summarizing in one place the linear resources present within the PAA, the history of the Old Spanish Trail, and providing updated evaluation of the information assembled to date. Therefore, we confirm that we are indeed "taking back" DR 125 with a target date of the end of February for completion of a draft of the Technical Memorandum.*

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*Thanks again to you both for your continuing input and guidance*

**Geof**

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**From:** <Geof.Spaulding@CH2M.com>  
**To:** <KForrest@energy.ca.gov>, <MMcguirt@energy.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 2/2/2012 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: HH SEGS SET 1D DRs 98, 108, and 125. Also, DR 105.

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Yes indeed, Kathleen, we are proceeding with the work plan and are incorporating the additional sites you and Mike requested, with a sliding scope of testing depending on their ephemerality (so to speak), as you suggested. We are on schedule for that at the current point in time.

Cheers

Geof

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**From:** Kathleen Forrest [mailto:KForrest@energy.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2012 4:32 PM  
**To:** Spaulding, Geof/LAS; Michael McGuirt  
**Subject:** Re: HH SEGS SET 1D DRs 98, 108, and 125. Also, DR 105.

Hi Geof,

You didn't mention DRs 127 and 128 in your email below. Are you proceeding with a work plan for the Phase II investigations, or still discussing it with Brightsource?

Thanks,  
Kathleen

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>>> On 1/30/2012 at 4:57 PM, in message <cbb098ea-f270-4909-8405-cdd1354e8a7a@UTE.amr.ch2m.com>, <Geof.Spaulding@CH2M.com> wrote:

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