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Dear Mike and Interested Parties-

With respect to the following items for consideration:

#### 1. Workshop Topics

I would like to see the July 2, 2012 Workshop also allow for carry over discussions regarding the June 14, 2012 Workshop's topics.

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### 2. Extending Public Comment Period

I am obviously supportive of revising the Pubic Comment Period deadline to July 23, 2012. Please insure that Pahrump and Charleston View residents are notified of this extension if it is granted.

### 3. Data Request Response/Avian Impacts

Any data that contributes to possible increases in understanding of the affects of the proposed project on avian species is highly significant to me. I know some of those birds personally and am constantly delighted at the variety of birds the area hosts (both local and migrant). The issue of 5.1 miles of 1,300 degree heat (or hotter) occurring on the heliostat field and its impacts to both avian and insect species (bat and other species primary food source as well as local pollinators for native vegetation) has been of grave concern to me. I would be most interested in reviewing this data prior to the close of the public comment period.

### 4. Rio Mesa-Hidden Hills Workshop

Will this be exclusive to Staff or will it be open to Intervenors, Interested Agencies/Parties and the Public?

### 5. FSA Extension

I am also supportive of Staff being given sufficient time to produce a thoughtful, well-studied and comprehensive FSA as Staff's input can be critical to the Commissions review and issuance of the Final Decision.

Hope this helps!

Sincerely, Cindy MacDonald

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Subject: HHSEGS 11-AFC-02: PSA/SSA Workshop Agendas, Extension of Public Comment Period For PSA/SSA

Dear Hidden Hills Parties,

Staff wanted to send an email regarding the upcoming Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)/Supplemental Staff Assessment (SSA) Workshops and summer schedule. First off, the PSA/SSA Workshop agendas (which remain subject to last minute change):

### Workshop Agenda for June 27, 2012 in Bishop:

- Air Quality / Public Health
- Socioeconomics / Land Use
- Biological Resources (wildlife-focused)
- Cultural Resources (ethnology-focused)

# Workshop Agenda for July 2, 2012 in Sacramento:

- Alternatives
- Biological Resources (botany-focused)
- Cultural Resources (archeology-focused)
- Transmission System Engineering
- Misc. Issues (carry-over discussions from June 27, 2012 workshop)

Other matters for consideration:

- <u>PSA/SSA Comment Period</u>: Due to input from various parties, including Intervenor Cindy MacDonald, it has been suggested that we combine both the May 24, 2012 PSA comment period (which currently concludes on <u>July 6, 2012</u>) and the June 15, 2012 SSA comment period (which currently concludes on <u>July 16, 2012</u>) into one combined comment period that would conclude at 5 p.m. on Monday, <u>July 23, 2012</u>.
- <u>Solar Flux / Avian Impacts</u>: Biological Resources staff are anticipating the July 20, 2012 release of Rio Mesa Data Response #159. DR #159 will provide a three-dimensional graphical model of a 250-MW power tower under full-load, partial-load and full standby status, illustrating the composite effect of convective heat and radiant "solar" flux on avian species such as Golden Eagles. This data is critical to staff's understanding of Hidden Hills impacts to avian species, and will be the subject of an early August, 2012 joint Rio Mesa-Hidden Hills Biological Resources staff Workshop.
- **FSA Publication**: Given the PSA/SSA comment period extension, and the need to complete the solar flux/avian impact component of the Biological Resources analysis, staff will be asking the Committee at the upcoming July 9, 2012 Committee Status Conference for additional time to complete its Final Staff Assessment.

Please provide input on any/all of the above matters as soon as possible (hopefully no later than 5pm on Friday, June 22, 2012), so that staff can file a new proposed schedule for Committee consideration.

Thanks!

Mike