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Subject: HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (11-AFC-2)
SCHEDULE UPDATE

Following a June 21, 2012 email communication (attached) with all parties to the Hidden Hills proceeding regarding a new, extended PSA/SSA combined comment period, staff hereby submits the following updated schedule for events leading up to and including publication of the Final Staff Assessment. Also attached are email responses from Intervenor *Cindy MacDonald* and the *Center for Biological Diversity*, as well as the *County of Inyo* in regard to a new PSA/SSA comment period. Local conservation organizations *The Amargosa Conservancy* and *The Nature Conservancy* also provided emails supporting an extended comment period which area also attached for the Committee's review.

ACTIVITY	Calendar Day
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Publication	05-24-12
PSA Workshop I – Pahrump, NV	06-14-12
Supplemental Staff Assessment (SSA) Publication	06-15-12
PSA Workshop II – Bishop, CA	06-27-12
PSA Workshop III – Sacramento, CA	07-02-12
Committee Status Conference	07-09-12
PSA/SSA comment period concludes	07-23-12
Solar Flux/Avian Impact Workshop (w/ Rio Mesa parties)	08-02-12
Final Staff Assessment (FSA) Publication*	TBD

*for discussion at the July 9, 2012 Committee Status Conference.

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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:

- **PSA/SSA Comment Period:** 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 July 6, 2012) and the June 15, 2012 SSA comment period (which currently concludes on July 16, 2012) into one combined comment period that would conclude at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012.
- **Solar Flux / Avian Impacts:** 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

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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.

2. Extending Public Comment Period

I am obviously supportive of revising the Public 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 Intervenor, 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

----- Original Message -----

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Mike. I am off for two days and Ileene is out on vacation this week. We will not be able to provide a detailed response by tomorrow. In general, the Center does not object to extending the comment period or the schedule. We are concerned about scheduling the August workshop too soon after the new data is provided. Lisa
 Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Mike –

The County of Inyo believes it is critical that members of the public be given sufficient time to comment on the PSA, including the addendum filed last Friday, June 15, 2012. For that reason, the County would join in the request that the PSA comment period be extended to Monday, July 23, 2012. In addition, the late July release of the solar flux/avian impact analysis, the possible need for additional groundwater pump testing, the traffic impact issues raised by Ms. McDonald and other unanswered questions raised and likely to be raised during the public meetings, warrants an extension of the release of the FSA. Failure to thoroughly address these potentially significant impacts in the FSA will certainly lead to a delay by way of extended hearings and a delay in the issuance of the PMPD. It seems much wiser to issue a complete FSA, which certainly cannot be accomplished by the August 1st deadline. As such, the County will support staff's request for additional time.

Thank you for soliciting input from the interested parties and the County looks forward to next week's workshop in Bishop.

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Dear Mr. Monasmith and Mr. Celli,

The Amargosa Conservancy agrees with the recommendation to combine both the PSA and SSA comments period for the Hidden Hills SEG project to the date of July 23, 2012. We believe this will allow us as well as the general public to better examine and understand the implications and have adequate time to respond.

Sincerely,

Brian Brown
Molly Helene Hansen

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Mike—We support the extension of the comment period on the Preliminary Staff Assessment—we need the extra time to get comments coordinated. It would also seem prudent to extend the timing of the Final Staff Assessment, given the complex issues that were not fully covered in the PSA that will require resolution prior to the issuance of the FSA. Thanks, Bill Christian



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