

# Memorandum

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**Subject:** HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (11-AFC-2)  
STATUS REPORT #5

Per the November 16, 2011 Committee scheduling order, Energy Commission staff hereby file Status Report #5 for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS).

This report will briefly summarize the HHSEGS proceeding since publication of Status Report #4 on April 16, 2012, with focus on the last two weeks and the May 9, 2012 Issues Resolution Workshop in Sacramento. Additionally, as in all previous Status Reports, a schedule is included that indicates staff's commitment to publish the Preliminary Staff Assessment on May 24, 2012.

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## PROCEEDING UPDATE

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On April 2, 2012, Applicant filed its Boiler Optimization (Design Change) Plan. Among other things, the Design Change moved the 138 kV switchyard and natural gas meter station from the project's Common Area east into Nevada. Staff's Status Report #4 described potential problems with this move. However, it is now staff's understanding that the applicant will not need to move the switchyard and gas metering station into Nevada (as the Bureau of Land Management had initially suggested), but will instead retain those project features within the Common Area in California. This will be reflected accordingly in staff's forthcoming Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

Another area of concern articulated in Status Report #4 involved development standards along Tecopa Road, which runs along the southern boundary of Solar Field 2 and the proposed project site. However, this issue was resolved at the Issues Resolution Workshop conducted on May 9, 2012 in Sacramento during the afternoon Public Works Department discussion on road and infrastructure improvements potentially necessary from HHSEGS' construction and operation.

The primary focus of the May 9, 2012 Issues Resolution Workshop was the project's potential impact on Inyo County. The workshop focused on best determining how revenues and county services would potentially be impacted by both the construction and operation of the HHSEGS project. Staff was able to obtain data from the applicant in Data Responses Set 2F that will help determine what portion of property and sales tax revenues will be paid to Inyo County by the applicant in order to offset the County's demonstrated increase in county services and costs. With respect to county services, presentations were made at the workshop by the County Sheriff, the Interim Director of Public Works, the County Assessor, and staff from the Health and Human Services Department and the Information Technology Department. County Administrative Officer Kevin Carunchio also presented on car pool and other related expenses that the County expects to expend as a result of the HHSEGS project. The complete resolution of all County concerns was not achieved. However, more information was obtained and greater understanding achieved, as well as an agreement to continue discussions at the June 14 and June 15, 2012 PSA Workshops in Pahrump, Nevada.

## SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Status Report #5	05-15-12
PSA Publication	05-24-12
Committee Status Conference*	06-04-12
PSA Workshops	06-14/15-12
Committee Status Conference*	07-19-12
FSA Publication	08-01-12
Committee Status Conference*	08-16-12

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE *HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC  
GENERATING SYSTEM***

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I, Elizabeth Stewart, declare that on May 4, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached **Hidden Hills SolarElectric Generating System (11-Afc-2) Status Report #5**, dated May 15, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/index.html).

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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.

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