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NAME:	Mike Monasmith, Staff	DATE:	5/17/12	TIME:	11:20
WITH:	Steven Kerr / Richard McCann				
SUBJECT:	May 9, 2012 Issues Resolution Workshop Notes				

See attached Record of Conversation between Steven Kerr and Richard McCann re: 5/9/12
Issues Resolution Workshop

CC: Dick Ratliff, Staff Council Project File	Prepared by: Mike Monasmith, Project Manager
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Hidden Hills SEGS AFC-11-002
Record of Workshop Comments
May 9, 2012

Prepared by Richard McCann, Aspen EG on behalf of CEC Staff

Richard McCann of Aspen presented a short review of the response by BrightSource Energy (BSE) to Data Request 2F. BSE and Aspen agreed to follow up with a discussion of tax issues the following Monday, May 14.

Bill Ross talked on behalf the **South Inyo Fire Protection District (SIFPD)**. He summarized an April 12 letter listing SIFPD's responsibilities under HSC13800 et al and its funding situation. He laid out several options for funding services including a fire benefits assessment or a Mello-Ross district. These would need approval of the property owners in the district.

Clay Jensen of BSE answered several questions on sales taxes and project plans. BSE assumes that the switchyard will be located in California.

Sheriff Lutze from **Inyo County** discussed the public safety needs related to the proposed project. He said that the Inyo County Sheriff's Department is much smaller than other counties, such as San Bernardino. He said Inyo has 39 officers total with 20 on patrol duty. Two officers live in Shoshone and patrol the eastern 3,200 square miles of the County. The County currently has two repeater sites in the area for communications and the deputies rely on satellite phones for communications. He said that there is little mutual aid available from Nevada and that the CHP doesn't contract for general law enforcement although it can assist local law enforcement. The CHP sent a letter on this topic to the docket.

Sheriff Lutze listed several incidents of vandalism in Inyo and at neighboring power plant sites, including the LADWP Aqueduct, the DC Intertie and the Coso geothermal plant in Inyo, and at Kramer Junction. Both San Bernardino and Riverside County Sheriffs increased patrols around the boundaries of the new solar projects in those counties.

Service calls in general have tripled over the last few years. Service calls increase significantly for the 49er Days in Death Valley. Calls have increased at construction sites and at the Owens Lake dust control project due to theft. A gang from Los Angeles has been attacking construction sites in several counties. Sheriff Lutze said that removing employees from the work site for various violations may require increased peace officer duties.

Sheriff Lutze said that a 24 hour station needs 6.4 persons per day for staffing. The typical turnover for deputies in the southeast County is about four years. The current situation requires five patrol officers but only two are currently on staff.

On SIFPD, **Jeff Harris of BSE** said that they have worked with other small fire districts. He asked if there are statistics on the volume of calls and dispatches from the County 911 system to SIFPD.

Doug Wilson of Inyo County Public Works discussed the turnout lane design. He said that the original road maintenance request would be unnecessary if 100% of truck traffic is routed through Nevada.

A question arose between BSE and Inyo County as to whether the public right of ways within the set of parcels used by the project would have to be abandoned for construction to proceed.

Tom Lanshaw, County Assessor said that the cost estimate of \$200,000/year was based on the county's experience with Coso Geothermal appealing 12 of the last 14 assessments. This includes tax counsel costs. The valuation study has cost \$50,000 due to specialized needs; the remainder is related to legal and negotiation costs.

Brandon Shults, County Information Services, described the cost estimates for installing IT services. Those services would serve HHS, Library and Sheriff offices in Tecopah/Shoshone.

BSE participants described the cell towers that would be installed at the plant site. This would have line of sight coverage in the basin.

Marilyn Mann of Inyo County HHS said that a revised estimate memo was submitted on January 5, 2012. The CEC had not docketed that submittal, but instead had an earlier version. She said that portion of the County currently has about 250 people. Her analysis assumed that the population would double and have similar demographics. The current caseload is about 50 individuals receiving services. There is one professional and one paraprofessional currently staffing the Tecopah office.

Kevin Carunchio, Inyo County Administrator discussed the assumptions underlying the estimates for the motor pool costs. Those are based on 2 trips per week to the work site during construction for various purposes.

The workshop concluded with a discussion of the upcoming schedule.