

Memorandum

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Subject: **HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM (11-AFC-2)
 STATUS REPORT #6 -- UPDATE**

Energy Commission staff hereby submit an update to the recently filed (October 1, 2012) Status Report #6 for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS).

UPDATE

On October 1, 2012, Applicant filed an Updated Workforce Analysis (UWA). The filing provided entirely new assumptions in various areas with key elements that include:

- Onsite peak construction workforce increased from 1,033 workers in Month 14, to 2,293 workers in Month 19;
- Number of work shifts decreased from three shifts to two shifts; and,
- 70 percent of workforce is assumed to be from California, of which 80 percent would drive to their temporary place of lodging (in Nevada or Inyo County) on Sunday evening; 20 percent would drive directly to the work site on Monday morning. Of the California swing shift workers, 90 percent will drive directly to the work site on Monday in their own cars.

A two-fold increase in peak workforce numbers for HHSEGS is substantial. This change has significant implications for several technical sections of the forthcoming Final Staff Assessment (FSA), particularly the **Socioeconomics** and **Traffic & Transportation** sections. After consultation with the authors of the impacted technical sections, as well as division management, staff hereby requests a two week extension in the FSA publication, from October 19, 2012, to November 2, 2012.

As the Committee is aware, Inyo County has also indicated their desire to see an extended FSA publication date as a result of the UWA filing. The extension would allow the County to confer internally with its department managers in areas where increased traffic patterns and workforce numbers could translate into additional impacts on county services. For instance, Inyo County's Department of Public Works and their Sheriff's Department will need additional time to re-evaluate the potential impacts from substantially more California workers commuting to (and living near) the HHSEGS job site than was previously expected. In addition to consulting with Inyo County, staff will also need to consult with the California Department of Transportation (and possibly San Bernardino County) as a result of the new traffic assumptions contained in the UWA.

The Applicant has indicated in written communications that they will not oppose an FSA extension given the implications of the new UWA filing for staff's final testimony. Staff understands that a two-week extension has the possibility to alter the Committee's recently-filed schedule, and will be prepared to participate in the discussion about the post-FSA schedule at the November 15, 2012 Status Conference. In the meantime, staff will continue to provide timely updates to the Committee as final testimony is prepared for publication in the FSA.



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

Docket No. 11-AFC-02

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