



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT

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NOTICE OF SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

On August 29, 2011, Quail Brush Genco LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a nominal 100-megawatt (MW) intermediate/peaking load, electrical generating facility that would employ a set of 11 natural gas-fired, reciprocating, Wartsila engine generators to be called the Quail Brush Generation Project (QBGP). The QBGP is proposed to be developed on a 21.6-acre parcel, located in the city of San Diego. The proposed site is located west of the city of Santee, south of the Sycamore landfill, and north of State Route 52.

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

Site Visit begins (bus leaves) at 3:00 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing begins at 4:15 p.m.
Public Comment Period begins at 5:15 p.m.

City of San Diego Mission Trails Visitor Center
One Father Junipero Serra Trail
San Diego, California 92119
(Map Attached)

TELECONFERENCE OPTION: You may participate in the Informational Hearing in person by telephone, and/or computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.

Prior to the Informational Hearing, members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour to view the proposed site. Quail Brush Genco LLC will provide transportation to and from the site. For reservations, leave a message with the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: [\[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us), giving your name, telephone number, and the number of persons requesting a reservation. Please make your reservation prior to **Monday, January 23, 2012**, so that we can assure you a seat.

Purpose of the Site Visit and Informational Hearing

The Site Visit and Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, to offer comments and concerns, and to view the project site. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities, the Energy Commission staff will explain the licensing process and staff's role in reviewing the project and the Public Adviser's Office will explain how to participate in the process.

Background

On November 16, 2011, the Energy Commission began its review of the Quail Brush Generation Project AFC. During the review period, the Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The Informational Hearing is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process. The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project.

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act, considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. It provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

Project Description

The QBGP would include 11 natural gas-fired, reciprocating, Wartsila engine generators. The proposed project has a long-term Power Purchase Tolling Agreement (PPA) with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) as a result of a 2009 Request for Offers (RFO). The Project would support SDG&E's efforts to increase reliance on wind, solar and other renewable energy resources. It would also provide peaking and load-shaping

power to the grid, along with several ancillary services intended to assure system reliability within the SDG&E service area. Additional project components located beyond the plant site would include a 230 kilovolt (kV) generation tie-line (gen tie), utility switchyard, and natural gas pipeline lateral.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the AFC. Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: San Carlos Library, College-Rolando Library, Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library, Tierrasanta Library, and Scripps Miramar Ranch Library.

Copies of the AFC are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento; the California State Library in Sacramento; and at public libraries in San Diego, San Francisco, Fresno, Central and South Chula Vista.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

To assist the parties and public in understanding the process, Energy Commission staff shall file a proposed schedule for project review. Staff shall also file an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed by **5:00 pm on January 13, 2012**. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, by **12:00 noon on January 18, 2012**.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Jennifer Jennings, the Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020 or e-mail: **[rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Eric Solorio, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966 or e-mail: **[esolorio@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail at: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/notices/index\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/notices/index).

Dated December 16, 2011, at Sacramento, California.



KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Quail Brush Generation Project AFC Committee



CARLA PETERMAN
Commissioner and Associate Member
Quail Brush Generation Project AFC Committee

Mailed to Lists: POS 7406, 7407, 7408, 7409

**PARTICIPATION IN THE QUAIL BRUSH INFORMATIONAL HEARING THROUGH WEBEX
THE ENERGY COMMISSION'S ON-LINE MEETING SERVICE**

1. COMPUTER LOG-ON WITH A DIRECT PHONE NUMBER:

- Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the meeting number **unique** to the specific hearing date:

➤ **Informational Hearing** unique meeting number: **926 152 982**

- When prompted, enter your information and the **MEETING PASSWORD:** **1quailbrush!**

After you login, a prompt will appear on-screen for you to provide **your** phone number. In the **Number box**, type your area code and phone number and click OK. **You will receive a call back on your phone for the audio portion of the meeting.** International callers can use the "Country/Region" button to help make their connection.

2. COMPUTER LOG-ON FOR CALLERS WITH AN EXTENSION PHONE NUMBER, ETC:

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- *After you login, a prompt will ask for your phone number. Click "CANCEL."*

- *Instead call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your computer screen after you login.*

3. TELEPHONE ONLY (NO COMPUTER ACCESS):

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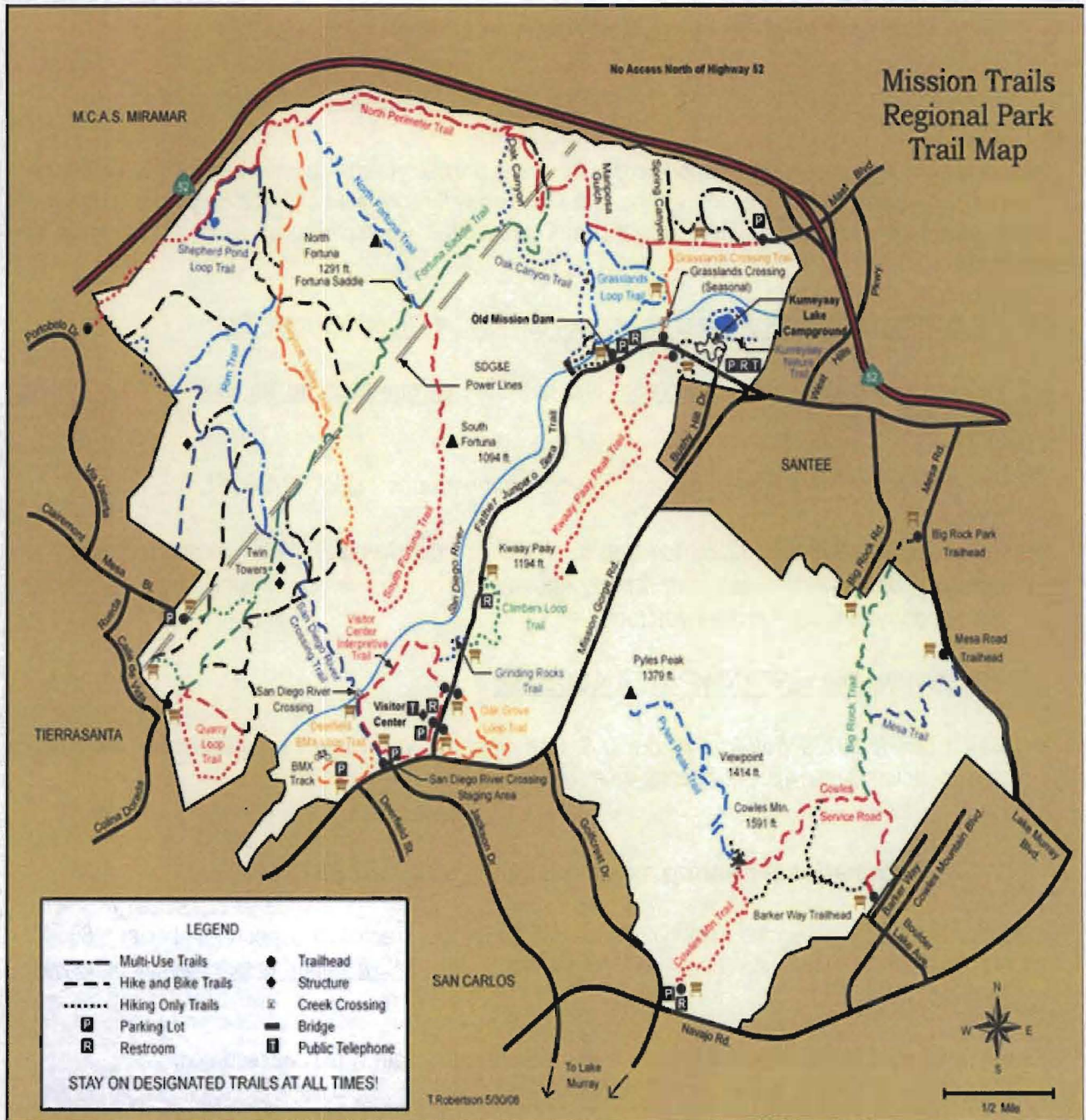
If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. To see if your computer is compatible, visit [<http://support.webex.com/support/system-requirements.html>].

Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

SITE VISIT and INFORMATIONAL HEARING
City of San Diego Mission Trails Visitor Center
One Father Junipero Serra Trail
San Diego, California 92119

DIRECTIONS:

805 South to 905 East. Make a right on Britannia Blvd. Make a left on Airway Road. Make a left on Excellante Street. The college is located approximately two blocks east of Airway Road.





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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, RoseMary Avalos, declare that on, December 16, 2011, I served and filed copies of the attached NOTICE of SITE VISIT and INFORMATIONAL HEARING, dated December 16, 2011. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/index.html>].

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

For service to all other parties:

- Served electronically to all e-mail addresses on the Proof of Service list;
- Served by delivering on this date, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses **NOT** marked "e-mail preferred."

AND

For filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:

- by sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and e-mailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method); **OR**
- by depositing an original and 12 paper copies in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, as follows:

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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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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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Hearing Adviser's Office