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**Energy Facilities Siting and
 Environmental Protection
 Division**

FILE: 08-AFC-2

PROJECT TITLE: Beacon Solar Energy Project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	805-644-1766, ext. 304	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	Judy Hohman USFWS, Ventura Office 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, CA 93003	DATE:	April 22, 2008
		TIME:	3:30 p.m.
WITH:	Susan Sanders, Biologist, Aspen Environmental Group		
SUBJECT:	Survey Requirements for Linear Facilities		

I asked Ms. Hohman if the USFWS was agreeable to the Energy Commission requirement that surveys be conducted within 1000 feet on either side of the proposed gas pipeline along Neuralia Road. She said that the USFWS desert tortoise protocol calls for complete surveys within the project footprint, then conducting 30-foot wide survey transects within the area of project influence at 100, 300, 600, 1200, and 2400 feet from the project boundary. The purpose of these surveys to provide information for the USFWS to: (1) assess the potential for tortoises to enter the construction zone and to develop avoidance/minimization measures accordingly, and (2) to understand the level of take that might occur, and develop the appropriate compensatory mitigation ratio.

If the applicant plans to do surveys only within 1000 feet from the pipeline rather than up to 2400 feet, they will need to talk to the USFWS and explain why the smaller survey area would be adequate to provide this needed information.

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