Beacon Solar Energy Project (08-AFC-02)

SUMMARY OF MEETING AND CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN ENERGY COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, AND KERN COUNTY
(10a.m., December 18, 2008)

PARTICIPANTS:
California Department Fish and Game: - Julie Means - Annette Tenneboe
Kern County: - Aaron Leicht

The Energy Commission, CA Dept. Fish and Game, and Kern County conferred on Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to formulate a cooperative approach to jointly reviewing, processing and incorporating Applicant’s proposed streambed alteration agreement into the Energy Commission’s certification process.

The specific conference call objectives that were accomplished are:

- Identify requirements and issues that arise from the proposed streambed alteration agreement. The requirements and issues identified are as follows: establish hydrological flows, verify adequacy of civil engineering components of the proposed alteration, estimate general sediment deposit rates, there is a need for a “public” maintenance district, Kern County has 5 proposed projects that each have the need for a maintenance district (none exist now), CDFG has the ability to provide a long-term maintenance agreement, reevaluate the biological functions and values of the proposed streambed alteration considering the permanent impacts from long term maintenance requirements and possibly from the rip-rap design elements, there is a need for a CLOMAR, Kern County will need to be involved in the CLOMAR process, and the overall evaluation of the proposed streambed alteration will require coordination and timely cooperation between Energy Commission, CA Dept. Fish and Game, Kern County and Applicant.
- CEC/CDFG jointly scoped the hydrological/engineering analysis for the proposed re-routing of the desert wash.
- CEC/CDFG jointly established responsibility for the production of major milestone work product related to evaluation of Applicant’s proposed Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA).
- CEC/CDFG/Kern County agreed to continue cooperating to address the issues identified above.
**Action Items**

1. CEC staff will review applicant's AFC, SAA, and hydrological/engineering submittal to identify if the project description, maps and related submittals are updated to reflect the most recent agency comments. The submittals in the AFC will be reconciled with those contained in the SAA. The findings will be shared with CDFG.

2. The CEC project manager will make a follow up request to applicant in order to obtain any updated information, and encourage applicant to begin working with Kern County to develop plans for a maintenance district; entity. Applicant will also need to contact CDFG to address the need for a maintenance agreement, related to the proposed SAA.

3. CEC staff will immediately begin its hydrological and engineering evaluation of the Streambed Alteration Agreement and upon completion will provide the draft results to CDFG and Kern County for each to conduct a peer review.

4. CDFG and Kern County will provide to CEC staff proposed changes and recommended conditions for staff to incorporate into the Preliminary Staff Assessment and the Final Staff Assessment.

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
For the Beacon Solar Energy Project

Docket No. 08-AFC-2

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