Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2009
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From: California Energy Commission – Eric K. Solorio, Project Manager
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Subject: Beacon Solar Energy Project (08-AFC-2) STATUS REPORT #8

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated June 18, 2008, the following is staff’s Status Report #8 for the proposed Beacon Solar Energy Project (BSEP).

Current Activities
Staff is developing the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) by incorporating additional information resulting from the PSA workshop, written comments received from the parties, agencies and the public, and additional information expected from applicant. Applicant plans to submit additional information related to the following items:

1. Engineering and design of applicant’s proposal to reroute Pine Tree Creek (including a revegetation plan);
2. Evaporation pond(s) sizing and location, specific data on wastewater characterization, location and number of new monitoring wells;
3. Storm water detention facilities sizing and location, and re-routing drainage channels into the retention basin;
4. Updating the Drainage, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan/Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (DESCP/SWPPP) to address soil erosion and discharge runoff to adjacent properties;
5. The addition of an access/maintenance road on the northern project boundary extending east to Neuralia Road. The access/maintenance road will simultaneously provide a maintenance road for the existing Southern California Edison transmission line that applicant proposes to reroute around the project site, and a secondary access to the project site for fire/life/safety purposes;
6. Revising the site plan and facilities layout to account for the existing 55 foot wide county road right-of-way, along the southern and eastern project boundaries;
7. The addition of a zero-liquid discharge system;
8. Modifications to the solar field configuration resulting from the various modifications to the overall facilities;
9. Emission data for maintenance trucks that the applicant prefers to use in place of what staff has recommended in its analysis of impacts to air quality;
10. A relocation/translocation plan for the Desert Tortoise; and
11. Confirmation from the service provider that telecommunications infrastructure is at the site and off-site improvements are not necessary.
During the month of May, staff has been working with representatives and decision makers from the city of Rosamond to explore the possibility of the City providing the Beacon Solar Energy Project with tertiary treated wastewater for use in wet cooling. The City has stated they will have the capacity to deliver the necessary quantity and quality of reclaimed water to meet the needs of the BSEP, according to the BSEP’s planned construction and operation schedule. The City supports the idea and is actively working with staff to develop a comprehensive proposal. The proposal will include identifying several potential routes for the reclaimed water pipeline, engineering and cost estimates for the pipeline facilities, water quality/quantity information, annual delivery costs and a Letter of Intent from the City to provide reclaimed water to the BSEP for a period of 30 years. Staff expects the proposal will be complete in approximately three weeks and therefore allow all parties to discuss this additional alternative source of water at a staff workshop which is tentatively scheduled for June 30, 2009, in California City.

**Schedule**

The critical path item to publishing the FSA is receiving the outstanding information from applicant. As such, staff plans to hold its last workshop approximately one week after receiving the outstanding information. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss and finalize mitigation measures related to impacts to water resources, cultural resources, biological resources, air quality, ambient noise, and visual resources. Staff’s objective is to reach a mutual agreement with applicant on all mitigation measures. Staff plans to publish the FSA approximately 30 days after the workshop. Please see staff’s proposed revised schedule on the following page.
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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