

Memorandum

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Subject: **GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT PROJECT (08-AFC-7) STATUS REPORT #3**

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated October 31, 2008, the following is Staff's Status Report #3 for the proposed GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant Project (GWF Tracy).

- Staff has been working through the analysis phase of the Application for Certification (AFC) process for the proposed GWF Tracy Project. With the exception of two areas, staff are finalizing their PSA sections. The PSA section for Biological Resources and Air Quality are still pending.

Biological Resources

Due to staffing issues, the analysis of the Biological Resources section will be delayed. The Energy Commission is in the process of assigning a Biological Resources staff person to this project.

Air Quality

The staff of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) continue to have questions regarding use of inter-pollutant trading of emission reduction credits. The applicant proposes to use reductions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) to allow particulate matter increases, and SJVAPCD rules require a case-by-case analysis of this type of trade. Because of these questions, the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) will be delayed and SJVAPCD staff will not commit to a release date for the PDOC. The Energy Commission's Air Quality staff cannot complete their PSA section without this information from SJVAPCD.

- On January 23, 2009, the applicant provided the Energy Commission with a Workshop Informal Data Request Response. Their Response addresses outstanding issues related to: 1) reductoring, 2) setback limits, and 3) landscaping.

Schedule

The PSA was scheduled to be filed on February 12, 2009, with a PSA Workshop scheduled to be held on February 26, 2009. Due to the delays related to Biological Resources and Air Quality these dates are being postponed. A more specific timeline will be proposed after a Biological Resources staff person is assigned and the PDOC is issued.

Staff will continue to issue a monthly status report.

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE
POWER PLANT PROJECT*

Docket No. 08-AFC-7
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