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Subject: Mariposa Energy Project, Biological Assessment

Dear Ms. Squires:

Please find enclosed one hard copy and one electronic copy of the Biological Assessment for the Mariposa Energy Project (MEP). The Biological Assessment was previously submitted on April 7, 2010 to the US Army Corps of Engineers as an attachment to the Clean Water Act Section 404 Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification Package.

MEP is a proposed natural gas fired, peaking facility with an approximate generating capacity of 200-megawatts. The proposed project site is in northeastern Alameda County, in an unincorporated area located approximately 7 miles northwest of Tracy, 7 miles east of Livermore, 6 miles south of Byron, and approximately 2.5 miles west of the community of Mountain House in San Joaquin County. The facility would be located southeast of the intersection of Bruns Road and Kelso Road on a 10-acre portion of a 158-acre parcel immediately south of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Bethany Compressor Station and 230-kilovolt (kV) Kelso Substation. A complete description of MEP is provided in the enclosed document. Additional information regarding MEP can be found in the California Energy Commission Application for Certification available online at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa/documents/index.html>.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 286-0348 or doug.urry@ch2m.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Biological Assessment with CD

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