I contacted Bruce Jensen to get an update on the status of projects proposed in the vicinity of the Mariposa Energy Project (MEP) site that had been listed in the Land Use section of the Application for Certification (AFC) and updated in response to a Land Use Data Adequacy request. I asked about the status of the projects within Alameda County that were listed as currently in development and with discretionary reviews by public agencies either initiated or completed within 18 months prior to the applicant filing the MEP’s AFC.

The GreenVolts Solar Field project is still active and is currently being redesigned. The project may require additional environmental analysis based upon the extent of the redesign. Mr. Jensen was not aware of the current status of the Altamont Motorpark Sports Rezoning Project. The Jess Ranch Organics Processing Facility project is being redesigned and the environmental process has not started. I explained to Mr. Jensen that the East Altamont Energy Center project is not likely to be constructed, especially as they do not have a power purchase agreement. I also informed Mr. Jensen that the Tesla Power Project, also known as the Midway Power, LLC, that this project no longer has a certification as of October 16, 2009. An order denying petition for the extension of construction deadline was issued by the Energy Commission. This project also did not have a power purchase agreement. I explained to Mr. Jensen that the MEP has a power purchase agreement with PG&E in place.

When asked about other projects in the vicinity of the MEP site, Mr. Jensen explained that he was not aware of any projects east of the Altamont Pass.