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Subject: **Mariposa Energy Project (09-AFC-3)**
Project Status Report 2

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated October 30, 2009, the following is staff's Status Report #2 for the proposed Mariposa Energy Project (MEP). This is an update for activities that have occurred since the previous Status Report on December 21, 2009.

Data Responses

A Data Response Workshop was held on December 15, 2009, with staff, the applicant, intervenors and members of the public. Staff asked for clarification of data responses in the following technical areas; air quality, water resources and transmission system engineering. The applicant will be providing the needed clarification in early February.

The applicant is also preparing responses to comments from the Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Commission; Keith Freitas - Contra Costa County Director of Airports and Hal Yeager - Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Commissioner. The applicant has indicated that these responses will be provided with the data response clarification packet in early February.

Staff needs these data responses before analysis can be completed for the preparation of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA).

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The applicant is working with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to ensure that an application to the district is complete and has been filed and is being reviewed. The BAAQMD is waiting on complete information from the applicant; when complete the District anticipates that a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) will be issued in late February. The Air Quality section of the PSA cannot be

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completed until the PDOC is issued. Staff had originally anticipated the PDOC being issued in late December, 2009. The delay of the PDOC will create a delay in the preparation of the Air Quality section of the PSA.

Project Schedule

The Mariposa Committee has issued a scheduling order for the project and staff has been working diligently to stay on the schedule with a publication of the PSA in mid-March. However, the Governor's Executive Order on renewable projects has placed a high priority on the expedited processing of solar projects. The President and Congress have underscored the need for accelerated development of renewable energy projects in California with the passing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The Act specifically directs economic stimulus funding to qualified projects that begin construction by December 1, 2010.

The Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division is currently focused on the review and analysis of seven large scale solar projects and the majority of February and March will be directed towards this effort. This means that the March 17, 2010 PSA publication date will not be met. Staff is aiming for a publication date in late April 2010.

Staff will continue to keep the Committee apprised of current work products and critical timelines, and a project status report will be prepared for March 1, 2010. At that time staff will provide information that allows for the development of a revised schedule based upon staff workload and division priorities.

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *MARIPOSA ENERGY PROJECT*
(MEP)**

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