

**State of California**  
**State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission**

In the Matter of: ) Docket # 09-AFC-03  
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Mariposa Energy Project )  
) Motion: Rajesh Dighe Comments  
) on Feb 16 Workshop – Environmental Justice  
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Date: Feb 23-2011  
From: Rajesh Dighe

On Feb 16-2011, CEC Staff conducted a public workshop for interveners – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The workshop was conducted with below heading:

**Notice of Staff Workshop on  
Potential Resolution of Outstanding Issues  
Raised by the Intervenors for the MEP 09-AFC-03**

Location:

**WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2011  
Beginning at 10:00 AM until no later than 1:00 PM  
California Energy Commission  
Fourth Floor – Conference Room North A 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

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Since it was work day, Rajesh Dighe had to dial in and could not attend physically because of work constraints. Below important points around Environmental Justice and Social Economic were brought out by Rajesh Dighe to applicant and CEC Staff.

1. CEC Staff used year 2000 census data and here is quote from Staff Assessment:

“MEP project, the 2000 U.S. Census total population within the six-mile radius of the proposed site is 2,164 persons, with a minority population of 706 persons, or about 33% of the total population”

**Rajesh Dighe pointed out that Mountain House community did not even exist in year 2000.**

2. Today the Mountain House community has about 3200 to 3500 homes with around 10,000 populations. Mountain House Community Service District (MHCS D) can be contacted for its accurate demographics population number.
3. Intervener Jass Singh’s testimony clearly explains today’s Mountain House Community population distribution as below:

Whites: 36%  
Blacks: 8%  
Hispanic: 26%

Asians: 24%  
Other groups: 6%

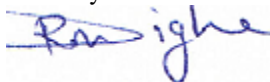
**Above shows Mountain House as a racial minority community with a population of 64% racial minorities compromising primarily of: Blacks, Hispanic, Asians and other group.**

4. During the Feb 16- workshop Applicant even made statement something like:  
*“Rajesh okay, let’s say Mountain House was a minority community, what is the environmental justice which you are looking for?”*
5. Intervners Rob Simpson and Rajesh Dighe both pointed out that CEC Staff had not posted CEC notices, workshop details, and other documents related to MEP – 09-AFC-03 in multiple languages which would have been helpful to Mountain House Community.
6. Rajesh Dighe also pointed out that CEC Staff and Applicant did not reach the MHCS D around questions regarding community 2<sup>nd</sup> language preference and hence communications around MEP impact has been not well reached to residents.
7. Rajesh Dighe and residents of Mountain House had clearly identified the year 2000 census record as inaccurate to applicant and CEC Staff on multiple discussions- Oct 6 – Mandatory conference and as Staff Assessment resident comments.
8. Rajesh Dighe showed concerns around CEC Staff and Applicant continuing to stick to incorrect census data set for identifying Mountain House and failing to recognize Mountain House as minority community.
9. Rajesh Dighe felt outreach to Mountain House residents around notices and environmental impact explanations to Mountain House minority community had fallen short.
10. Rajesh Dighe further reminded applicant and Staff that Mountain House community is a struggling foreclosure community and has been epicenter of “US Foreclosure Crisis”.
11. Just to remind everyone, Rajesh Dighe had asked for additional public workshop in the Mountain House Community on Dec 13-2010 so as to allow Mountain House residents and CEC Staff to interact more to get answers to resident concerns. Unfortunately committee had denied such workshop.

CEC Staff and applicant have clearly overlooked Mountain House Community during analysis and identification of “Minority Communities around Mariposa Power Plant proposed site”.

**Mountain House resident Rajesh Dighe expresses that his minority community which is struggling from foreclosure crisis, is struggling to balance its MHCS D budget, has huge pledge components in resident water bills, and is even burdened with additional 1% special taxes in resident property taxes has not been sufficiently analyzed for Environmental Justice issues during MEP 09-AFC-03 assessment. Mountain House Community loves California State Assembly bill AB-32 and GHG emissions over this minority community is a concerning “environmentally justice” issue.**

Thanking you  
Sincerely



Rajesh Dighe

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Rajesh Dighe

Feb-23-2011

