Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated December 17, 2009, the following is staff’s Status Report #2 for the proposed Abengoa Mojave Solar (AMS) project. This is an update for activities that have occurred since the previous Status Report on December 1, 2009.

Staff are working to complete their technical sections and are working with the applicant and other agencies to obtain necessary information as quickly as possible. The applicant originally anticipated providing supplemental data responses the week of December 21, 2009. Unfortunately, data responses from the applicant have been provided later than anticipated in several technical areas. Among other items, technical water modeling data responses were provided on December 23, 2009 and January 5, 2010. Staff will be discussing this new information with the applicant at the Data Response workshop scheduled for January 15, 2010.

As data responses continue to be delayed, staff will be unable to guarantee adhering to the Committee’s scheduling order. The other option is that a Staff Assessment will be published with issues that will need to be resolved in a Supplemental Staff Assessment (now called Supplemental Staff Assessment rather than Staff Assessment Addendum). The Supplemental Staff Assessment will be a limited document representing revisions and additions rather than a document including each technical section.

Staff and the applicant continue to work together to make sure that data requests and data responses are thorough and complete. Staff will continue to work towards a Staff Assessment publication date in early March. Complete data and information is critical for the preparation of the Staff Assessment.
December 8, 2009 Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop

Staff held a Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at the Energy Commission. During this workshop, clarifications to data were provided and supplemental information items still needed were identified for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, land use, water resources and waste management.

Outstanding Supplemental Data Responses and Issues

**Air Quality / GHG** – Staff is expecting a resubmittal of data responses and air quality modeling information on January 12, 2010. The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has indicated their goal is to get the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for Abengoa Mojave Solar out by the end of January. This has the potential to delay the Air Quality section of the Staff Assessment and the Public Health section that will also be using this information.

**Biological** – Staff is expecting US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) review of the Jurisdictional Delineation Letter Report and the Streambed Alteration Agreement application package in mid January. Staff is also working with the applicant to verify that consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) occurs in mid January. The applicant has recently indicated that the US Department of Energy (DOE) will initiate the federal nexus and subsequently get the USFWS engaged under a Section 7 process in early February. This timing could also impact coordination with the USACE. This could create a significant delay with preparation of the Staff Assessment. The staff is reviewing options to keep moving the project forward.

**Cultural** – Staff expects data responses towards the end of January. The applicant has provided staff with an archeological testing plan and preliminary testing report. The applicant is currently preparing a final testing report and completing historical resources forms.

**Geology / Paleontology** – The applicant provided a confidential Geoarchaeological Testing Report to staff on December 28, 2009. This document is being used by cultural staff as well.

**Land Use** – Staff is waiting on responses from San Bernardino County in regard to project consistency with county regulations, potential conditions, and county suggested requirements. This information should be provided to staff on January 22, 2010 and is a vital part of the staff analysis.

**Public Health** – Staff expects to use the air quality information that should be provided on January 12, 2010 for the public health analysis.
Soils and Water – Staff does not currently have all the information that is needed in order to complete its analysis. Staff is working with the applicant on data responses and modeling information. Technical water modeling data responses were provided on December 23, 2009 and January 5, 2010. Staff anticipates having all the soils and water resources information by Friday, January 15, 2010 and will discuss this information at the Data Response Workshop scheduled for that day.

The proposed use of groundwater for cooling for this project is complicated given the overdraft and adjudication in this region and the need for consideration of groundwater quality. While this issue will be resolved, staff believes that the time required to address all parties’ concerns may delay the project schedule.

Transmission System Engineering – A Facility Study was provided to staff and potential impacts to the transmission system downstream of the first interconnection are being reviewed. Analysis of downstream impacts and possible transmission line upgrades will need to be discussed in the Supplemental Staff Assessment. Staff is concerned that spring surveying for sensitive biological resources, such as desert tortoise, may be needed along a transmission line upgrade route. Preparations for spring surveying will need to begin immediately and any resulting information will need to be folded into a Staff Assessment Addendum.

Visual Resources – The applicant will be providing additional visual simulations and cross sections from off-site vantage points on January 12, 2010.

Waste Management – Staff is waiting on a contaminant screening work plan by the applicant that should be submitted on January 13, 2010. Before staff can provide a definitive analysis of the project, sampling of potential contaminants needs to be completed.

January 15, 2010 Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop

A Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2010. This may be the final workshop before the Staff Assessment is published in early March 2010.

Project Schedule

Staff is currently working to meet the attached Committee scheduling order and will continue to keep the Committee apprised of work progress and critical timeline challenges.

Attachment

cc: Proof of Service List
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## COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
FOR THE
ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR PROJECT
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