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STAFF STATUS REPORT #8

This status report is being submitted as a response to the Committee Order dated 7/31/13, which directed the parties to submit status reports on the first of each month, commencing on 9/1/13. These monthly status reports are to provide the Committee with proceeding developments and the potential for any schedule delays.

PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT (PSA)

PSA Part A

Staff published the PSA Part A on 10/10/13. Part A included the following technical sections: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Efficiency, Compliance Conditions, Geology and Paleontology, Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Reliability, Socioeconomics, Soils and Water Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Transmission System Engineering, Visual Resources, Waste Management and Worker Safety and Fire Protection.

Staff received PSA comments from the applicant on 11/7/13, and from the City of Huntington Beach on 11/12/13. A workshop to discuss the PSA was held on 11/20/13 at the Huntington Beach Central Library. The following technical areas were discussed at the workshop: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, Socioeconomics, Traffic and Transportation, Visual Resources, Worker Safety and Fire Protection, and Compliance. Staff and the applicant were able to resolve issues in several technical areas, and work through other issues in technical areas including Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise and Vibration and Visual Resources. Staff plans to use the workshop discussions to supplement its PSA analyses in those technical areas, and will revise those sections in a PSA Part A Supplemental document, scheduled to publish by late December 2013. Staff also proposes to hold a follow up workshop within 15 days of publication of the Supplemental document to discuss and further clarify the revised sections.

PSA Part B

Staff is dependent on a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in order to complete their analysis on Air Quality and Public Health, as the PDOC includes the air district's analysis and recommended air quality conditions for compliance consistent with their rules and regulations. SCAQMD has indicated they intend to publish the PDOC by late December 2013. Within 30 days of receiving the PDOC, staff will publish PSA Part B, pending timely submission of outstanding air quality modeling from the applicant. In addition to Air Quality and Public Health, PSA Part B will also include the Alternatives section.