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Dear Ms. Harron:

Please be advised that the Energy Commission and Bureau of Land Management staff met at the Palen proposed site on April 8, 2010 with staff from the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose for this visit was to evaluate potential lands that could be added to the staff's reduced acreage alternative presented in the Palen Solar Power Project Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS).

With the goal of identifying a project configuration that both avoids the sensitive biological resources identified in the SA/DEIS and attains, as close as possible, the megawattage originally proposed, Energy Commission staff have identified an additional possible alternative configuration for the Palen Solar Power Project. I wanted to provide you with a copy of this alternative so that you and your staff have time to review it prior to the April 16, 2010 Workshop so that the parties can engage in meaningful dialogue concerning the technical feasibility of this alternative.

Additionally, at the workshop, staff would like to discuss any proposed alternatives that Solar Millennium may have developed that avoid the sensitive biological resources identified by staff in the SA/DEIS. Please docket a copy of the description and details of any such alternatives so that Energy Commission staff, other parties, and the public have the opportunity to review them prior to the workshop.

Please feel free to call me directly at 916-653-8236 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Solomon
Project Manager

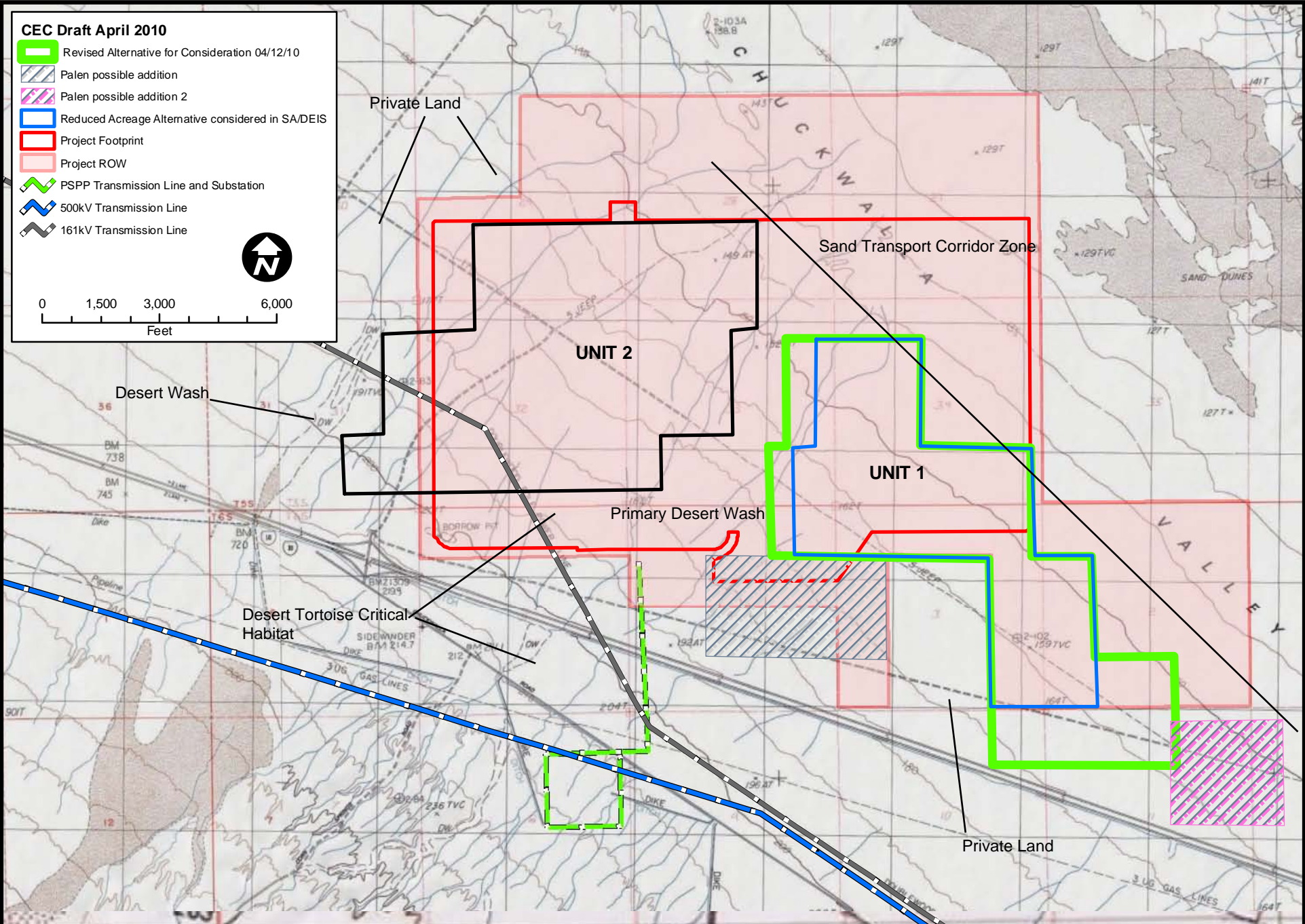
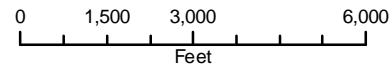
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REVISED ALTERNATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION

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- Revised Alternative for Consideration 04/12/10
- Palen possible addition
- Palen possible addition 2
- Reduced Acreage Alternative considered in SA/DEIS
- Project Footprint
- Project ROW
- PSPP Transmission Line and Substation
- 500kV Transmission Line
- 161kV Transmission Line



ALTERNATIVES



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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
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PLANT PROJECT**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original Signature in Dockets

Hilarie Anderson