

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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## Notice of Staff Biology and Alternatives Workshop for the Palen Solar Power Project (09-AFC-7)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Palen Solar Power Project to discuss Biology and Alternatives and to work towards resolving issues identified in the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS). All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**Friday, April 16, 2010  
Starting at 9:30 am**

**California Energy Commission  
4 North Conference Room A  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512  
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

<b>DOCKET</b>
<b>09-AFC-7</b>
DATE <u>MAR 26 2010</u>
RECD. <u>MAR 29 2010</u>

Call-in Number (toll free): **800-369-3351** (pass code: **56446**)

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public to discuss Biological Resources and Alternatives. Other technical areas may also be discussed as necessary. This workshop is in addition to the already planned workshop that will occur on April 28 and 29 in Palm Springs.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On August 24, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an Application For Certification (AFC) from Solar Millennium, LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions to construct and operate the Palen Solar Power Project in Riverside County.

The Palen Solar Power Project (project) is a concentrated solar thermal electric generating facility with two adjacent, independent, and identical units of 250 megawatt (MW) nominal capacity each for a total nominal capacity of 500 MW. The project is proposed to be located in the Southern California inland desert, approximately 10 miles east of the small community of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California; approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe; and about three miles east of the southeast end of Joshua Tree National Park. The applicant is seeking a right-of-

way grant for approximately 5,200 acres of lands owned by the federal government and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Construction and operation of the project would disturb a total of about 2,970 acres.

If you would like more information about the project or want to view the SA/DEIS please visit: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_palen/documents/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen/documents/index.html)

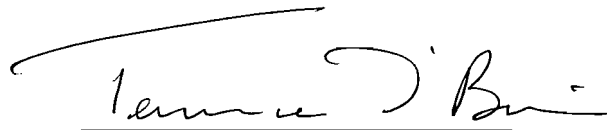
## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the proposed project should be approved for construction and operation and, if so, under what set of conditions. The workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to participate in reviewing the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least ten days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Hilarie Anderson, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-0479, or by email at [handerso@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:handerso@energy.state.ca.us).

If you desire information about participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser by phone at (916) 654-4701 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at [asolomon@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:asolomon@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to (916) 654-4989, or by email at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Date:

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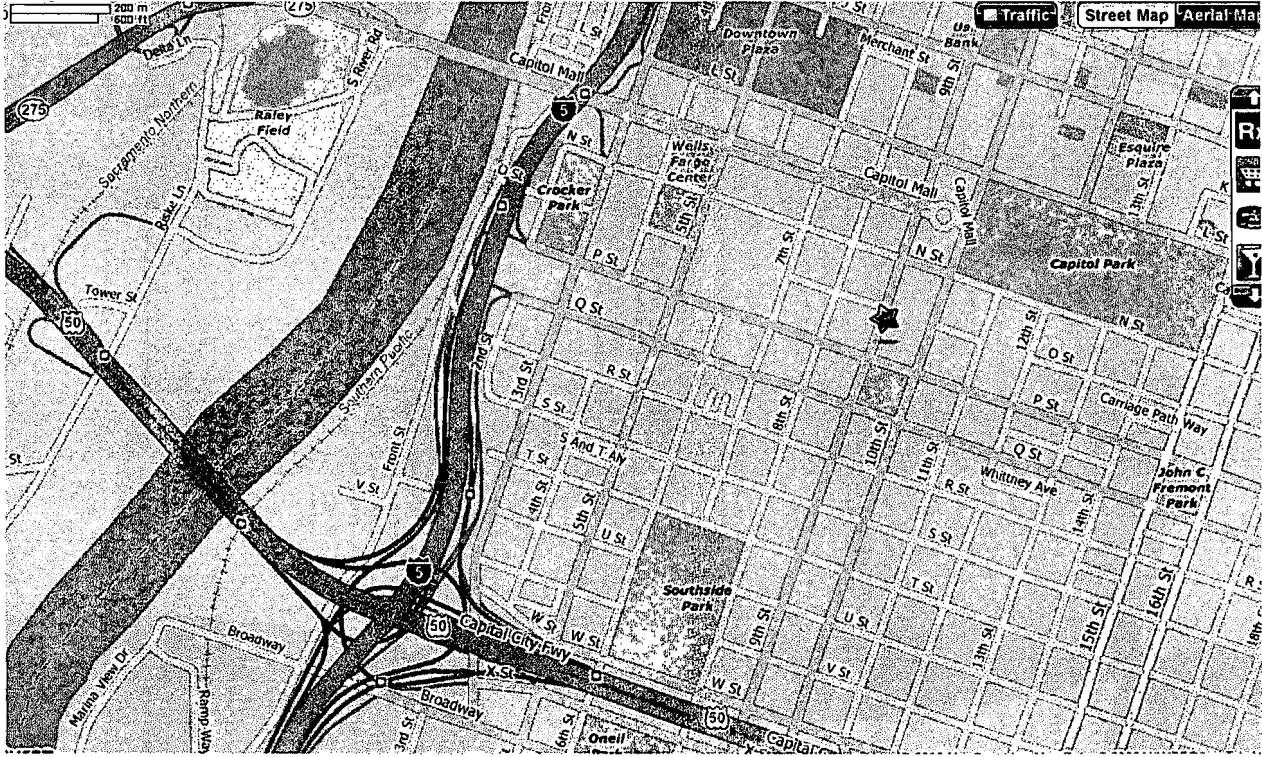
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**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF  
BIOLOGY WORKSHOP  
PALEN SOLAR POWER PROJECT  
(09-AFC-7)**

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE PALEN SOLAR POWER  
PLANT PROJECT**

**Docket No. 09-AFC-7**

**PROOF OF SERVICE  
(Revised 3/11/10)**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Mineka Foggie, declare that on March 29, 2010, I served and filed a copy of the attached Notice of Staff Biology and alternatives Workshop for the Palen Solar Power Project, dated March 26, 2010. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_palen\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen)

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

*(Check all that Apply)*

FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:

- sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;
- by personal delivery;
- by delivering on this date, for mailing with the United States Postal Service with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses **NOT** marked "email preferred."

**AND**

FOR FILING WITH THE ENERGY COMMISSION:

- sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (*preferred method*);

**OR**

- depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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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.

Originally Signed By  
Mineka Foggie