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Notice of Energy Commission Staff Workshop on the Staff Assessment/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Genesis Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-8)

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct workshops on the joint Energy Commission and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS) for the Genesis Solar Energy Project on May 5, 2010. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate via telephone to minimize travel.

The workshop will be held:

**WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2010
10:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Bureau of Land Management
Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office
1201 Bird Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262**

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Call-in Number (toll free): **800-593-8961** (pass code: **68126**)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is for staff to receive comments from the applicant, public, interveners and local, state and federal agencies, and work towards resolving outstanding issues and analyses contained in the SA/DEIS. All technical disciplines will be open for discussion, with a particular focus on *Biology* and *Soil and Water Resources*.

BACKGROUND

On August 31, 2009, Genesis Solar, LLC, (applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop the Genesis Solar Energy Project. The Energy Commission has the exclusive authority to certify the construction, modification, and operation of thermal electric power plants 50 MW or larger in California. The Energy Commission certification is in lieu of any permit required by state, regional, or local agencies and federal agencies to the extent permitted by federal law (Pub. Resources Code, Sec. 25500). The Energy Commission must review thermal power plant applications for certification (AFC) to assess potential measures to mitigate identified impacts, and to insure compliance with applicable governmental laws or

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standards (Pub. Resources Code, Sec. 25519 and Sec. 25523(d)). The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). If approved by the Energy Commission, the decision will establish the conditions under which the project shall be constructed, operated, and decommissioned.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Genesis is a concentrated solar electric generating facility that would consist of two, independent solar electric generating facilities with a nominal net electrical output of 125 megawatts (MW) each, for a total net electrical output of 250 MW. Located approximately 25 miles west of Blythe, California, the project would utilize solar parabolic trough technology to activate a heat transfer fluid. This heat transfer fluid provides a high-temperature energy source which is used to generate steam. As this steam expands through the turbine generators, electrical power is generated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Please direct technical or project schedule questions to Mike Monasmith, at (916) 654-4894, or via e-mail mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us.

News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/genesis_solar. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of notices and announcements at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>. By being on this email list, you will receive all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

If you have any questions related to the automatic email notification list, please contact Maria Sergoyan, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-9410, or by email at: msergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: _____

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Proof of Service List
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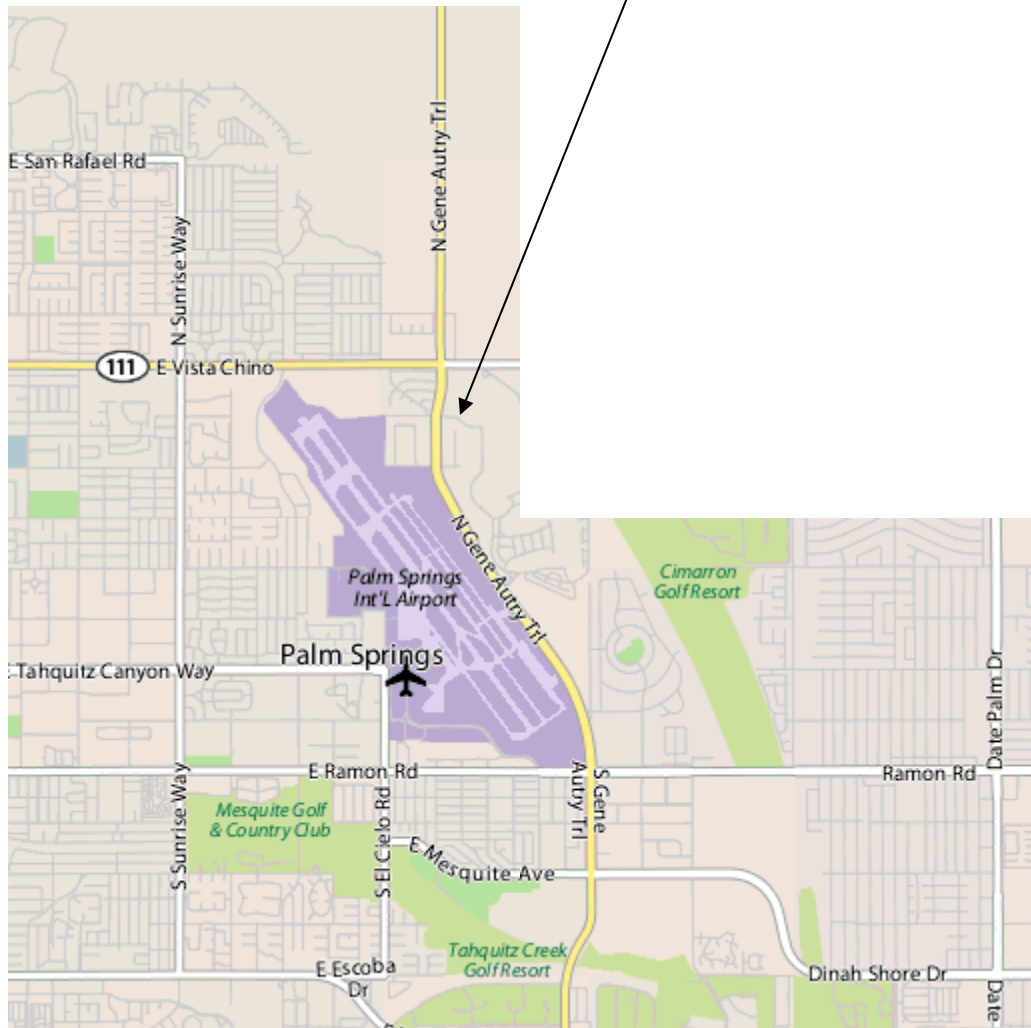
**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF WORKSHOPS
GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT
(09-AFC-8)**

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Teraja` Golston, declare that on April 23, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Energy Commission Staff Workshop on the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Genesis Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-8), dated April 13, 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/genesis_solar].

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."

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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.

Original Signature in Dockets
Teraja` Golston