

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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Dear: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have enclosed for your review a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's presentation handout from the August 2, 2011, pre-application outreach meeting in Pahrump, Nevada for the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (HHSEGS) project. The meeting was attended by members of the Las Vegas and Pahrump Paiute communities, including Eddie Jim, Richard Arnold and Kenny Anderson, among others. We had presentations from the Energy Commission staff, BrightSource (the applicant) and BrightSource's consultant, CH2MHill. Representatives of BLM were also in attendance as the transmission line portion of the project is proposed to be in Nevada on BLM land. The group then travelled in cars to see all of the proposed Key Observation Points for visual analysis of the project. In addition, at least one other location was identified as a Key Observation Point of importance to the Pahrump Paiute. We are following up on that request.

The HHSEGS project was formally submitted to the Energy Commission on Friday, August 5, 2011. The application for certification is now available on the Commission's website: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hiddenhills/documents/index.html>

The Visual Resources section is a very large file; I recommend downloading it to your computer's hard drive before trying to open it. In this section you will find the applicant's analysis and the photographic "before and after" simulations of the project. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the project's visual impact.

Sincerely,

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August 2, 2011 Visual Resources Meeting, Pahrump, NV

**Distribution List**

Follow-up letter sent on August 9, 2011 to those who were not able to attend but had expressed interest.

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