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Public Advisor’s Office (PAO)

Small Power Plant Exemption Status Conference:
Walsh and Sequoia Data Centers

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Public Advisor
Agenda

Purpose is to inform the public about how to navigate SPPE proceedings.

**Process:**
- About the Public Advisor
- Outreach Conducted
- Parties Involved
- How to Participate
- How to Obtain Info
- Contact Info
About the Public Advisor

• Statutorily-mandated role (Warren Alquist Act, Public Resources Code §25217.1)
• Licensed attorney nominated by CEC and appointed by Governor for 3 years
• Duties (PRC §25222) & Additional Services:
  o Help public understand CEC processes
  o Assist public to participate in proceedings
  o Recommend to CEC approaches to engage public
  o Ensure timely notices to public
  o Identify missing stakeholders and help conduct outreach to them
  o Assist with access to language services & reasonable accommodations
PAO is a Bridge between CEC and Public

Contact us at PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov or 916-654-4489
Parties Involved in SPPE Proceedings

- **Committee** - CEC appoints a committee of 2 or more members to preside over the proceeding and carry on investigations, inquiries, or hearings. (Pub Res Code §25211)

- **Members** - Committee composed of a commissioner designated as the “presiding member” to chair the proceeding and another commissioner assists as an “associate member”. (CCR, §§1201, 1203, 1204)

- **Hearing Officer** - Committee may designate a hearing officer to help conduct proceeding. (CCR, §1205)

- **Applicant** - Any person who submits an application for certification. (Pub Res Code, §25101)

- **Intervenor** - Person or group that intervenes as a party to a proceeding. (CCR, §1211.7)

- **Interested Parties** - Any person who CEC finds and acknowledges as having a real and direct interest in a proceeding. (Pub Res Code, §25114)
Public Outreach for Walsh & Sequoia SPPEs

• Posted status conference ad in English and Spanish in San Jose Mercury News

• Informed public thru CEC listservs; follow up emails; and calls to interested parties within 12 mile radius of data centers

• CEC’s Cultural Resources Division shared the Notice of Receipt to California Native American tribes associated with the project area

• CEC STEP Division staff notified residents within 1,000 ft. of project site

• PAO sent these Notices to Interested Parties in our data center spreadsheet, including:
  - Local & state elected representatives; air district officials; parks and recreation departments
  - Chambers of commerce; community based organizations; environmental and social justice advocates; environmental health groups; asthma clinics
  - Local schools; places of worship; daycare centers; and soccer clubs
How to Participate in SPPE Proceedings - Informal

• Sign up for project listservs to receive email notifications
  o Walsh Data Center https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walsh/
  o Sequoia Data Center https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sequoia/

• Attend events in person or remotely

• Share comments during public comment period; relate thru Public Advisor; or submit written comments to docket
  o Comments seriously considered by the Committee and Staff; valuable to establish a robust record

• Key opportunities for comments: studies and evidentiary hearing(s)
How to Participate in SPPE Proceedings - Formal

• Become an Intervenor
  o Intervenor is person or group that is a party to the proceedings
  o Has similar responsibilities and obligations as other parties in proceeding
  o An Intervenor, similar to the applicant and staff, may:
    • Present evidence and witnesses
    • Object to other parties’ evidence
    • Cross-examine other witnesses, and
    • File motions

• File Petition to Intervene
  o Anyone may file petition; not necessary to be or be represented by attorney (CCR, §§1206 & 1211.7)
  o Petition is drafted by party; no specific form to file but must include required info (CCR, §1200.7(a))
  o File early to meet filing and discovery deadlines set by Presiding Member (CCR, §1211.7)
  o File with CEC’s Siting, Transmission, Environmental Protection Division; include Docket number
How to Obtain SPPE Info & Material

• Go to CEC docket webpage for all SPPE proceedings info and material, located at:
  https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/dockets/index_cms.php?pageType=Powyr

• Direct link to Walsh is:

• Direct link to Sequoia is:
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