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Subject: **REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-03)**
STATUS REPORT # 10

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC (AES) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) for the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP). On July 28, 2014, staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). On September 3, 2014, the Committee suspended the proceedings until April 1, 2015. During the suspension of the proceedings, staff and all responsible agencies were to cease work on the AFC. On March 3, 2015, the Harbor Village Plan Initiative failed. On April 10, 2015, the Committee conducted a status conference on the project and requested a status report from all parties on April 24, 2015. On April 16, 2015, the Committee issued a scheduling order providing instruction on what the reports shall include. This status report responds to the Committee's requirement.

Staff Suggested Schedule

Staff recommends a 30-day PSA comment period, holding a PSA Workshop 2-3 weeks into the comment period, and publication of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) 45 days after the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) is published by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Staff PSA Workshop

Staff plans to notice a one or two-day PSA Workshop 2-3 weeks after the proceeding resumes. Technical areas to be discussed at the workshop will include Air Quality, Visual Resources, Land Use, Noise, and Alternatives, as well as any other technical areas the applicant, intervenors, agencies, and public wish to discuss. If possible prior to the workshop, staff would like to receive the applicant's preliminary comments on the PSA to aid in preparation to adequately address items in the workshop.

City of Redondo Beach

Staff plans to meet and confer with the city of Redondo Beach on April 29, 2015, on land use laws applicable to the project.

Project Updates

Staff is working with applicant to obtain the Information requested in the PSA to update their sections for the FSA, along with a new construction and demolition schedule. Air Quality staff is waiting for applicant's submittal of the cumulative impacts assessment to determine whether the combined air quality impacts of the proposed project, and other reasonably foreseeable local projects, would result in significant air quality related impacts during construction and operation. Visual Resources staff is also asking for a Site Screening and Landscape Concept Plan for review and consideration. Cumulative Resources staff has added eight new projects to the Cumulative list since the publication of the PSA. Alternatives staff is updating the Alternatives assessment to address additional elements analyzed in the Huntington Beach and Carlsbad proceedings.