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Subject: **ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER (13-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT 22**

Staff will publish a Final Staff Assessment (FSA) by September 23, 2016, to meet the Revised Committee Schedule. Engineering and Environmental technical staff are preparing FSA sections with detailed responses to comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). Air Quality and Public Health staff are working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff on the publication of the FDOC. If the FDOC is not available, staff will bifurcate the FSA and publish these two sections separately when the courtesy and published copies of the FDOC are available.

On August 31, 2016, staff filed a motion under Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1211.5, requesting the committee adjudicate whether the decommissioning and potential demolition of the Alamitos Generating Station (AGS) is part of the Alamitos Energy Center (AEC) project currently under staff review. Staff will be prepared to discuss its motion at the October 6, 2016, Committee Status Conference

During the last status conference, the committee had some questions regarding the retention basins on the AGS project site, specifically, which basins were subject to remediation and which were to be used during operation of the AEC. Staff believes that Mr. Stephen O’Kane adequately described the planned uses of the retention basins as follows:

- The south basin would remain and serve AEC for stormwater runoff only, as all AEC process and sanitary wastewater would use the new sewer line that would be built to serve the facility.
- There is a Consent Decree with Southern California Edison for known contamination under the center basin. Remediation work on the center basin would be done before construction of AEC.
- The AEC project includes the removal of the north basin for the second project phase - the construction of four simple-cycle units.

If the committee still needs additional information regarding the retention basins, staff or the applicant should be able to provide the appropriate information.

Coordination with Agencies

In communication with staff dated September 8, 2016, the California Coastal Commission indicated it does not plan to file a 30413(d) report for the AEC proceeding.

Staff contacted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), when AES submitted the Supplemental AFC and just before the Preliminary Staff Assessment workshop. Staff communicated to the CDFW concerns regarding the potential presence of southern tarplant (a special status species) within the area of the proposed wastewater pipeline alignment. Field surveys and research has definitively confirmed the tarplant does not occur in the area of disturbance. Staff has notified CDFW of this determination and no further communication from CDFW has been received.