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Docket Number:	23-AFC-03		
Project Title:	Black Rock Geothermal Project (BRGP)		
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2nd Tribal PSA Workshop (Continuation)
City of Imperial, Imperial County
December 9, 2024

Eric Veerkamp, Project Manager Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division Siting and Environmental Branch



Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to Parties of the Proceeding, and others:

- Native American Tribal Representatives
- Project Applicant: Berkshire Hathaway Renewables
- Intervenor: California Unions for Reliable Energy (CURE)
- Intervenor: United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), Region 6
- Intervenor: Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER)
- Intervenor: Jobs to Move America
- CEQA Lead Agency: California Energy Commission staff
- Public Agencies, Others



Housekeeping Items

- Workshop is a recorded hybrid meeting,
- Zoom closed captioning service
 - Activate: click on the "live transcript" icon and then choose either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript".
 - Stop: by exiting out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon.
- Agenda includes time for public comment and input.
- We will be using the Blue Cards for speakers in the room (Public Adviser)
- Workshop focus: the preliminary staff assessment (PSA).
 - Discussion by topic area.
 - Comments by tribal representatives, interveners and agency representatives during the discussion.
- Please be mindful of the audio for those participating online.



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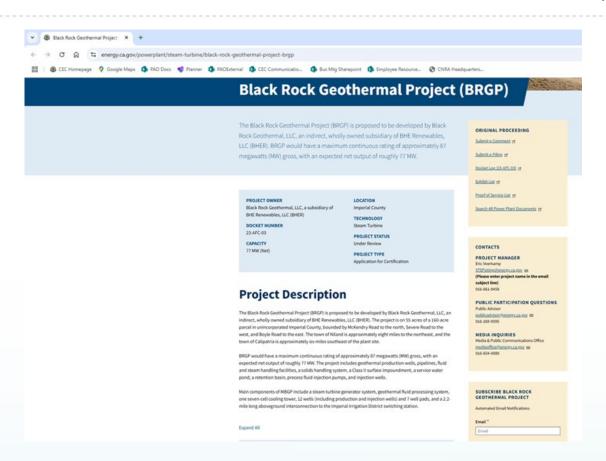
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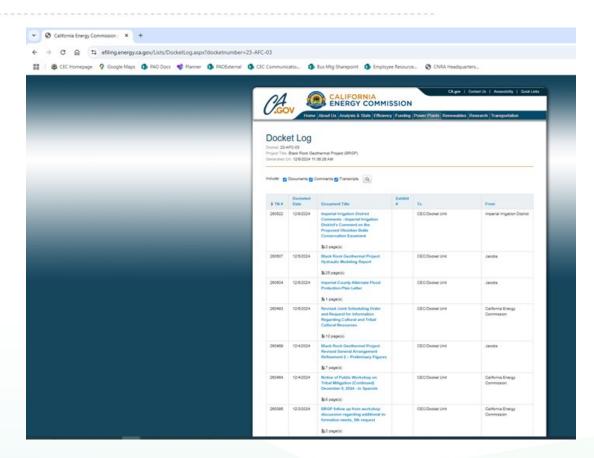
- 1. Follow
- 2. Comment
- 3. Intervene
- 4. Tribal Consultation





Follow Via Web, Email, and Events



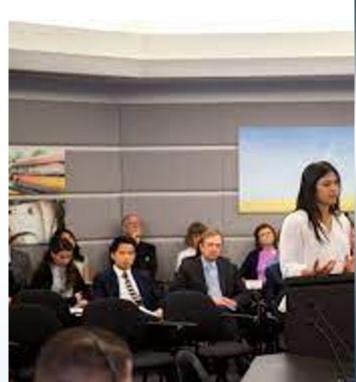


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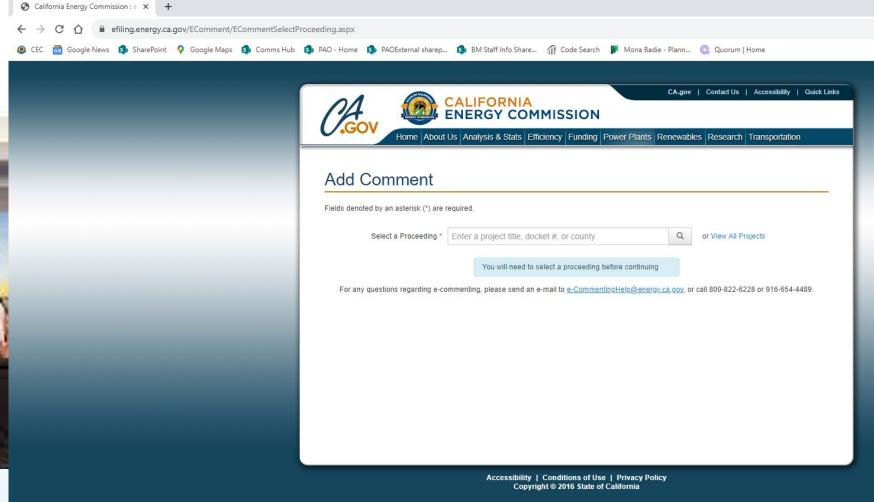
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Verbal and Written Comments



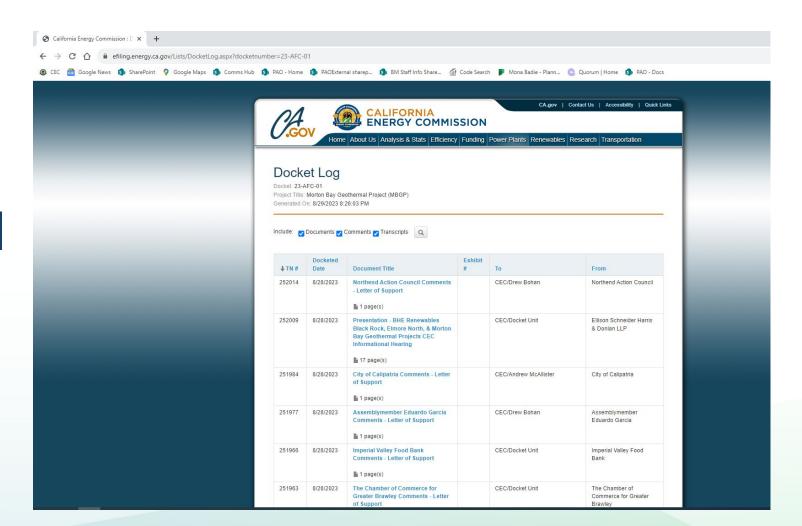
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Become an Intervenor

1.Petition2.Approval/Denial3.Participate



- Tribal consultation letters mailed in August 2023.
- CEC staff is consulting with four tribes.
- Contact: Gabriel Roark, Assistant Tribal Liaison Gabriel.Roark@energy.ca.gov (916) 237-2544.



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Initial Comment Period

- California Native American tribes
- Responsible and trustee agencies
- Elected officials
- Other government agencies



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Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division Eric Veerkamp, Project Manager



Applications For Certification (AFC) Steps Completed to Date

- ✓ Applicant Filing: AFC
- ✓ CEC data adequacy review: conducted by CEC staff
- ✓ CEC determination: AFC deemed complete on July 26, 2023
- ✓ CEC committees assigned: oversee AFC proceedings
- ✓ CEC data discovery: conducted by CEC staff
- ✓ CEC Preliminary Staff Assessments (PSA): prepared by STEP CEQA technical and engineering staff



Applications For Certification (AFC) Steps Completed to Date

- ✓ PSAs filed to dockets: Elmore North, June 13, 2024; Morton Bay, June 27, 2024; and Black Rock, July 11, 2024
- ✓ PSA comment period closed by the Committee on September 4



Applications For Certification (AFC) Steps Completed to Date

- ✓ PSA workshop conducted: held on July 31, 2024, and August 1, 2024.
- ✓ Tribal focused workshop: held on September 6, 2024.
- ✓ **Second PSA workshop** conducted on September 19, 2024.
- ✓ Conduct Today's Workshop (December 9, 2024)



Final Staff Assessment Filed:	February 5, 2025	February 19, 2025	March 5, 2025
Last Day to file petition to intervene:	February 18, 2025	March 3, 2025	March 17, 2025
Opening Testimony filed:	April 4, 2025	April 4, 2025	April 4, 2025
Reply Testimony filed:	April 28, 2025	May 5, 2025	May 5, 2025



Meet and Confer:

May 8, 2025

May 19, 2025

May 19, 2025

Prehearing

Conference (PHC)

Statement filed:

May 29, 2025

May 29, 2025

May 29, 2025

Prehearing Conference:

June 9, 2025

June 9, 2025

June 9, 2025

Evidentiary Hearings (EH):

Week of June 23, 2025

Week of June 23, 2025

Week of June 23



A. Visual Resources and Project Descriptions: Site Plan Rearrangements

- Visual Resources
 - Visual Resource Values



- A. Visual Resources and Project Descriptions: Site Plan Rearrangements (Con't.)
 - Siting of Morton Bay
 - Applicant site plan revisions to Morton Bay
 - Discussion of visual impacts associated with revisions and how to mitigate



- A. Visual Resources and Project Descriptions: Site Plan Rearrangements (Con't.)
 - Siting of Elmore North
 - Applicant site plan revisions to Elmore North
 - Discussion of visual impacts associated with revisions and how to mitigate



A. Visual Resources and Project Descriptions (Site Plan Rearrangements) (Con't.)

- Siting of Black Rock
 - Applicant site plan revisions to Black Rock
 - Discussion of visual impacts associated with revisions and how to mitigate



B. Water Resources and Water Availability

C. Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources



D. Cumulative Impacts

E. Conditions of Certification (Mitigation)



F. Air Quality

 Applicant request to better understand staff request for meteorological station data from the relocated cooling towers.



Thank You

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Comment Period

- California Native American tribes
- Responsible and trustee agencies
- Elected officials
- Other government agencies
- General Public Comment



Public Comment

Instruction

- 3 minutes or less per person
- 1 representative per organization

Zoom App/Online

Click "raise hand"

Telephone

- Press *9 to raise hand
- Press *6 to mute and unmute

When called upon

- CEC staff will open your line
- Unmute, spell name and state affiliation, if any

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