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# Memorandum

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Subject: HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-02C), PETITION TO  
AMEND STATUS REPORT #4

Staff hereby files Status Report #4 for the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP) Petition to Amend. This report will summarize the activities since Status Report #3 was docketed on 4/1/16.

### **Procedural Activities and Coordination Efforts to Date:**

Energy Commission staff continues to coordinate with the project owner regarding air quality issues: on 4/6/16, the applicant's consultant docketed revised Air Quality and Public Health Assessment sections, including air modeling files, for staff's review and analysis for the amended PSA. Staff is also working with the city of Huntington Beach on an architectural treatment to ensure compliance with applicable LORS and to mitigate potential visual impacts of the HBEP.

On 04/19/16, the assigned committee held a status conference and discussed the project, PSA schedule, air district PDOC publication, and discussed bifurcation of the PSA. Neither energy commission staff nor the project owner expressed support for bifurcation of the PSA.

### **Coordination with Agencies:**

Staff will continue coordinating with the agencies involved with the amendment review, including the city of Huntington Beach, Coastal Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, SCAQMD, and the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. The Huntington Beach City Council reportedly plans to consider the architectural treatment plan and a height variance for the HBEP at its 5/2/16 meeting. Energy Commission staff will address the City's findings regarding the architectural treatments and height variance in the PSA.

**South Coast Air Quality Management District:**

Staff was informed by SCAQMD on their recent monthly status report docketed on 4/1/16 that SCAQMD staff are updating the PDOC engineering analysis and reviewing the revised health risk assessment and emission modeling as a result of requested changes in the number of monthly startups for HBEP. SCAQMD indicated in the recent email correspondence with Energy Commission staff that the revised PDOC may be published at the end of May 2016.

**California Coastal Commission:**

The California Coastal Commission communicated with staff on 4/25/16 that it will prepare a 30413(d) report for HBEP following publication of the PSA.

**Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy:**

The Conservancy docketed comments on 4/18/16. The comments were related to possible impacts on the adjacent wetlands, such as increased noise and vibration impacts due to the proximity of the relocated project, the use of an easement across the property from the "All American Tank Farm" to the power generating facility, and clarification of the Coastal Development Permit. The Conservancy also raised concerns that the proposed architectural screening for HBEP, using 24-inch plastic spheres in a cable net structure, has potential to provide raptor perching opportunities, create noise during wind events and produce glare.

**Tribal Coordination:**

The Energy Commission staff continues to coordinate meetings with Native American tribal representatives.

**Schedule:**

The revised Committee Scheduling Order published on 3/9/16 calls for the PSA three weeks after the PDOC is published. Once the PDOC is docketed by SCAQMD, staff has committed to docket the complete PSA within three weeks. With the requested changes to the amended project, staff is waiting to receive the PDOC from SCAQMD to update the Air Quality and Public Health sections of the PSA.