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The following is a summary of the activities related to the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP) since Status Report #4 was docketed on 4/29/16.

Coordination with Agencies:

On 5/2/16, the Huntington Beach City Council approved the proposed architectural treatment for the HBEP. Both City Council and the public raised concerns during the City Council meeting regarding glare, the possibility of noise that could be generated by wind moving through the "sphere wall" and supporting cable net structure, and whether the structure would provide perches for raptors that could prey on wildlife.

AES submitted a petition to change the name of the ownership of HBEP on April 8, 2016. The request has been scheduled for possible approval at the next California Energy Commission Business Meeting on June 14, 2016.

Energy Commission staff continues to coordinate with the project owner and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding air quality issues and anticipates the publication of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) in June 2016.

Staff will continue coordinating with the agencies involved with the amendment review, including the city of Huntington Beach, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, SCAQMD, the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, and Coastal Commission. Coastal Commission staff has indicated that it will produce a 30413(d) report for this proceeding after the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) is published. Energy Commission staff will address the city's findings regarding the architectural treatments and height variance in the PSA.

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 published for public review and docketed by SCAQMD, staff has committed to docket the complete PSA within three weeks.