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<b>Project Title:</b>	Compliance - Application for Certification of Sycamore Cogeneration Project
<b>TN</b> #:	214817
<b>Document Title:</b>	Commission Order 91-0417-3(d) Approving Expansion of Office and Shop
Description:	Order Approving Modification Project Design and Addition of a New Bio Condition of Certification 4/17/1991
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In the Matter of:

Docket No. 84-AFC-6C

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Date: April 17, 1991

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To: J. Brownell

From: T. Maderos TY

Subject: Sycamore Building Construction - Plants affected by construction activities

As you know Sycamore Cogeneration has submitted an amendment to expand office/maintenance space at the power plant site. During the amendment analysis process, you expressed concern that certain plants could be affected during the construction process and have proposed a new condition to reflect your concern.

During the preliminary agenda review meeting with Kent Smith he requested information as to what specific plants <u>might be affected</u>. Mel has discussed this request with you on several occasions however to date he has not had a response.

We are having the Final Agenda Review meeting today at 11:00 AM and will need to respond to Kent's inquiry concerning the specific plants which may be affected.

Please respond in writting

My Sycamore files are in storage and not readly accessable. Attached is appropriate information from the karn River AFC which is applicable to the 51 camer project. 4-15-91

The species of concern, the listing agency and the status of these plants are listed in Table V.B.3-1. Historical and recently discovered/confirmed locations for some of these sensitive species are also noted (Refer to Figure V.B.3-1, Biological Sensitivities). The compilation of these species was made by consulting the California Natural Diversity Data Base, housed at California Department of Fish and Game headquarters in Sacramento and by reviewing appropriate literature, particularly the California Native Plant Society list of sensitive plant species (Smith et al 1980) and recent biological surveys performed in the area (Westec Services 1981, 1984).

A recent search of the project facilities (September, 1984) by SCE biologists revealed the presence of only one of the potential sensitive plant species (Table V.B.3-1). This species, the Bakersfield cactus (Opuntia basilaris SSP trealeasei) occurs at several localities along the proposed transmission line route. Other recent surveys of the project area (PG&E 1981 and Wester Services 1984), particularly the transmission line route, have revealed the presence of one other sensitive plant species in the area. This species is Cottony buckwheat (Eriogonum gossypinum)

Habitat for other sensitive plant species, particularly those occurring in the Foothill Woodland community (<u>Clarkia exilis</u> and <u>Mimulus pictus</u>) or in localized edaphic conditions (<u>Fritillaria agrestis</u>. <u>F. striata</u>, <u>Eremalche kernensis</u>), appears to be lacking within project boundaries.

# TABLE V.B.3-1. SENSITIVE FLORA THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE STUDY AREA Sheet 1 of 5

Species/Habit	Taxon Code Common Name	Habitat	CNPS <u>R-E-V-D</u>	USFWS	CDFG
<u>Atriplex tularensis</u> Cov. Erect annual with simple or sparsely branched stems. Fls. June-October.	ATTU Bakersfield saltbrush	Alkaline plains; edge of Alkali Sink; Bakersfield region, Kern Co.	List ] (Presumed Extinct)	Proposed, Category 1	Not Listed
<u>Atripley vallicola</u> Hoover. White-scurfy annual with slender spreading hranches from base. Fls. June-Aug.	ATVA Lost Hills saltbush	Dried rain pools and flats; Valley Grassland; Kern and Fresno Co.	List 2 2-2-2-3	Proposed, Category 1	Not Listed
<u>Cirsium</u> <u>crassicaule</u> (Greene) Jeps. Possibly an annual, 3–6 ft. tall, fls. whitish or pinkish. Fls. June-Aug.	CICR slough thistle	Shallow water and wet places in fields near San Joaquin River, San Joaquin Co. May be found near Kern River.	List 2 2-2-2-3	Proposed, Category 1	Not Listed
<u>Clarkia</u> <u>calientensis</u> Vasek.	CLCA-2 Vasek's clarkia		List 2 2-1-1-3	Proposed, Category 2	Not Listed
<u>Clarkia</u> <u>exilis</u> Lewis and Vasek. Small annual with lavender-pink to white petals, often with a darker red-purple spot at base. Fls. April-May.	CLEX slender clarkia	Mostly in shaded places, below 2,000 ft.; Foothill Woodland; Sierran foothills of Tulare and Kern Co.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not . Listed	Not Listed
<u>Cordylanthus mollis</u> Gray ssp. <u>hispidus</u> (Penn.) Chuang and Heckard. Small annual, approximately 6-8 in. tall, flower is yellowish or cream.	COMOH hispid bird's beak	Alkaline places, Valley Grassland Community; Merced to Kern Co.	List 2 1-2-2-3	Proposed, Category 2	Not Listed

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<u>Delphinuim gypsophilum</u> Ewan ssp. <u>gypsophilum</u> . Stout perennia', 16-40 in. tall. Flowers are white or pinkish. Fls. April-May.	DEGYG gypsum-loving larkspur	Open slopes and fields, below 3,000 ft.; Alkali Sink, Valley Grassland; San Joaquin to Kern Co.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not Listed	Not Listed
<u>Eatonela</u> <u>congdonii</u> Gray. Annual, 2–12 in. tall, yellow flowers. Fls. March-April.	EACO Congdon's eatonella	Sandy or clayey often alkaline plains below 1,200 ft.; Alkali Sink, Valley Grassland; San Joaquin Valley from Fresno Co. to Kern Co.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not listed	Not Listed
<u>Eremalche</u> <u>kernensis</u> C.B. Holf. Erect or prostrate annual, flowers whitish to lavender. Fls. April-May.	ERKE-3 Kern mallow	Dry open clay flats, 600–900 ft.; Shadscale scrub; Temblor Valley, near McKittrick, Kern Co.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not Listed	Not Listed
<u>Eriastrum hooveri</u> (Jeps.) Mason. Erect annual, 4–8 in. high, flower is pale blue to white or yellow. Fls. April-June.	ERHO-1 Hoover's eriastrum	Rolling plains below 500 ft.; Valley Grassland, San Joaquin Valley from Fresno to Kern Co.	List 3 1-1-2-3	Not Listed	Not Listed
<u>Eriogonum gossypinum</u> Curran. Diffusely branched annual, 2-8 in. high. Flowers are few and concealed. <sup>2</sup> ls. April-September	ERGO Cottony buckwheat	Sandy places below 3,000 ft.; Valley Grassland; about head of San Joaquin Valley, King and Kern Co.	List 3 1-2-1-3	No Longer Under Review	Not Listed
<u>Fritillaria</u> <u>agrestis</u> Greene. Small plant, approximately 12-24 in. tall, arising from a deep-seated bulb. Flower is greenish-white outside, purplish-brown inside, with obnoxious odor. Fls. March-April.	FRAG stink bells	Low, heavy soil, Valley Grassland, Foothill Woodland; interior valleys, Mendocino Co. to San Luis Obispo Co., Central Valley.	List 2 3-2-2-3	Not Listed	Not Listed

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Fritillaria striata Eastev. Small plant arising from a bulb, approximately 10-16 in. tall. Flowers are nodding, white to pink, often with red stripes, fragrant. Fls. March-April.	FRST striped adobe lily	Adobe soil, up to 3,000 ft.; Valley Grassland, Foothill Hoodland; Sierra Nevada foothills, Greenhorn Mts., Tulare and Kern Co.	List 2 3-2-2-3	Proposed, Category 1	Not Listed
<u>Gilia latiflora</u> (Gray) Gray ssp. <u>cuyamensis</u> A. & V. Grant. Erect pïant, approximately 4–12 in. tall with one or many stems. Flower has long purple tube, petals are pale violet at tips, white at base. Fls. April-May	GILAC-2 broad-flowered gilia	Sandy places, 2,000–5,000 ft.; Valley Grassland, Pinyon-Juniper Woodland, Cuyama Valley, to Kern and Ventura Cos.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not Listed	Not Listed
<u>Hemizonia pullida</u> . Keck. Small, glandular and mildly odorous plant. Fls. April-May	HEPA-5 Kern tarweed	Found on plains and hills up to 2,200 ft.; Valley Grassland; head of San Joaquin Valley.	List 3 1-1-1-3	Not Listed	Not Listed
<u>Layia leucopappa</u> Keck. vernal annual, up to approximately 20 in. high. Fls. March-April	LALE Commanche Point layia	Colonial on moist benches; Valley Grassland; limited area along Tejon Hills, head of the San Joaquin Valley, south of Bakersfield.	List 2 2-1-1-3	Proposed Category 2	Not Listed
<u>Mimulus pictus</u> (Curr.) Gray. Small viscid annual, 4–12 in. high. Flower is white with rose-red to red-purple veining. Fls. April-May	MIPI-l Calico monkey flower	Dry slopes, 1,000–4,000 ft.; largely Foothill Woodland; Tehachapi Mts., Greenhorn Mts., Kern Co.	List 2 3-2-2-3	Proposed Category 1	Not Listed

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<u>Pseudobahia peirsonii</u> Munz. Erect, stout wooly annual, approximately 8–28 in. high. Yellow flowers. Fls. March- April.	PSPE Tulare pseudobohia	Grassy floors and rolling hills, in adobe, up to l,000 ft.; Valley Grassland; east side of San Joaquin Valley, Tulare and north Kern Cos.	List 2 3-3-3-3	Proposed, Category 1	Not Listed

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#### CNPS fi-E-V-D Code

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E = Endangerment

- D = Distribution
- 1 not endangered
- 2 endangered in a portion of its range
- 3 endangered throughout its range
- - 1 more or less widespread outside California
  - 2 rare outside California
  - 3 endemic to California

- 3 occurrence limited to one or a few highly restricted populations, or present in such small numbers that it is seldom reported.

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2 - occurrence confined to several populations

- V = Vigor
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  - 2 declining in number
  - 3 approaching extinction or extirpation

#### **CNPS** List

- List ] Presumed Extinct
- List 2 Rare and Endangered Plants
- List 3 Plants Rare, but Not Endangered
- List 4 Plants Rare in California, Common Elsewhere

#### **USFWS Categories**

Category 1 - Taxa for which the USFHS presently has sufficient information on hand to support the biological appropriateness of their being listed as Endangered or Threatened.

<u>Category 2</u> - Taxa for which information now in the possession of the USFWS indicates the probable appropriateness of listing as Endangered or Threatened, but for which sufficient information is not presently available to biologically support a proposed rule. Further biological research and field study will usually be necessary to determine the status of the taxa included in this category.

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# Memorandum

: Stephen Rhoads, Executive Director Date : April 1, 1991 Telephone: ATSS ( ) ( )

Project: Sycamore Cogeneration Docket : 84-AFC-6C

From : California Energy Commission -1516 Ninth Street Sacramento Ca, 95814-5512

Bob Therkelsen, Deputy Director for Energy Facility Siting and Environmental Protection

# Subject : SYCAMORE COGENERATION COMPANY, SYCAMORE COGENERATION PROJECT, MODIFICATION OF THE PROJECT DESIGN

# COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED

Staff concludes that the proposed modifications of the Sycamore Cogeneration Company's (SCC) Project (84-AFC-6), are noncontroversial, and the Commission should:

Consider staff's analysis and recommendation, and issue an order approving SCC's request to expand the existing administration facility, construct a new maintenance facility; and to add a biology Condition of Certification.

#### PROJECT MANAGER

The staff contact for this item is Terry Maderos, Compliance Project Manager, at 4-3221.

#### SUMMARY

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Stephen Rhoads April 1, 1991 Page 2

# ANALYSIS

CEC engineering and environmental staff's initial review of SCC's proposal identified concerns only in the area of biological resources. On February 22, 1991, Linda Spiegel, CEC staff wildlife biologist, conducted a site visit to the Sycamore Cogeneration Plant. She concurred with the original survey of the area, and concluded that no sensitive biological resources would be impacted. However, the staff biologist noted that an adjacent area is identified and marked as environmentally sensitive. Therefore, CEC biological staff recommend the addition of a new biology condition for this project to control the stockpiling of fill and disposal of any excess soil. Paleo/Cultural staff stated that there should be no impacts on known cultural or paleontological resources. However, since there will be considerable movement of dirt during pad preparation and culvert removal, a paleo monitor should be present during earth moving activities.

CEC Engineering and Environmental staff conclude that as long as construction activity is confined to the designated expansion area and all existing conditions of certification are followed, there will be no significant additional environmental impacts associated with approving SCC's request to amend the project design.

Based on its analysis, staff recommends that the CEC approve this request to amend the Sycamore Project Design, allowing SCC to expand its existing administration building, construct a new maintenance facility, and relocate the existing driveway and gate approximately 62 feet west of the current location.

# RECOMMENDATION

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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# Memorandum

To : Siting & Regulatory Procedures Committee Date : March 27, 1991 Commissioner Art Kevorkian, Presiding Member Commissioner Richard Bilas, Member Telephone: ATSS ( ) ( )

From : California Energy Commission -- Robert L. Therkelsen, Chief 1516 Ninth Street Energy Facility Siting and Sacramente 95814-5512 Environmental Protection Division

Subject :

ATTACHED ISSUE MEMO - SYCAMORE COGENERATION COMPANY, SYCAMORE COGENERATION PROJECT, MODIFICATION OF PROJECT DESIGN

Attached for your information is a Staff Issue Memo regarding the modification of the Project Design for the Sycamore Cogeneration Project. We have submitted an agenda package to the Secretariat for Executive Office approval, requesting that this item be placed on the April 17, 1991, Business Meeting Consent Calendar. We will notify you of any changes made to this package by the Executive Office.

Please let Terry Maderos of my staff know by Monday, April 8, if you would like a briefing on this proposed amendment. He can be reached on 324-3221. If you do desire a briefing, we recommend 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 1991.

attachment

cc: Chairman Imbrecht Vice Chair Crowley

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

SYCAMORE COGENERATION PROJECT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CEC DECISION (Docket 84-AFC-6)

BUSINESS MEETING:	April 17, 1991
AGENDA ITEM NO:	Consent Calendar
DIVISION:	Energy Facility Siting & Environmental Protection
CONTACT PERSON:	Terry Maderos - 4-3221
ACTION REQUESTED:	Issuance of a Commission Order approving modification of the project design for the

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

o SCC identified the need for expansion of the existing Sycamore Administration Building by 4,340 square feet, which requires realignment of the existing driveway and gate approximately 62 feet to the west of their current location.

Sycamore Cogeneration Project, 84-AFC-6.

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- o CEC biological staff visited the site and concluded that no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed office expansion and maintenance facility construction.
- o CEC biological staff proposed a new condition to mitigate any potential adverse impacts resulting from the driveway and entry gate realignment that is required by the office expansion.

POTENTIAL ISSUES: None

BOB THERKELSEN, Deputy Director for Energy Facility Siting and Environmental Protection March 27, 1991

April 16, 1991

To: J. Brownell

From: T. Maderos

Subject: Sycamore Construction Amendment - Possible Change to Order

Attached is a copy of the Order Approving the Modification of the Project Design and the Addition of a new Biological Condition of Certification.

Mel noted that the verification section of the new condition does not contain a time frame for providing written notice of the planned methods for disposal to the commission for review.

Mel indicated that if this was an oversight, we still had time to correct it. If you wish a time frame to be added you must let me know today so that I will have time to modify the order. Please set the Terre at " $15^{-}d_{2}y^{5}$ "

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CHARLES IMBRECHT, Chairman

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 NINTH STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512



# NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE SYCAMORE COGENERATION COMPANY'S REQUEST TO AMEND THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE SYCAMORE COGENERATION FACILITY (84-AFC-6C)

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Sycamore Cogeneration Company has requested that the California Energy Commission amend its Decision (84-AFC-6C) for the Sycamore Cogeneration Facility. The Sycamore Cogeneration Company is proposing to expand the existing office complex and add a new maintenance shop. All modifications will be constructed within the facility boundary previously certified by the CEC.

The west side of the existing office complex will be extended sixty (60) feet, and a new maintenance shop will be built on the southeast side of the cogeneration facility. Construction is tentatively scheduled begin in April, 1991.

#### Commission Review Procedures

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The purpose of the Commission's review process is to assess impacts on environmental quality, public health and safety, and to evaluate the consistency of the proposed change(s) with the intent of the Commission's decision on the case. Upon receipt of an amendment request, the Commission notifies interested parties, completes a staff analysis, and hears the amendment proposal at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

The Commission's review process includes consideration of public comment on proposed changes to the project. If you have any questions or wish to make comments on this Request to Amend, please contact Terry Parker, Compliance Project Manager, within 10 days of the date of this notice at the address on the enclosed form, or by calling (916) 323-1674. For information on how you may participate in the amendment process, you may also contact the Commission's Public Advisor, Thomas M. Maddock, at (916) 324-3009, or toll-free in California at 1-800-822-6228.

To receive a copy of one or more of the three documents listed on the enclosed Amendment Information Response Form, please complete and return it to the address shown on the form, attention: Terry Parker, Compliance Project Manager.

Date: December 27, 1990

Attachment Mailed to: List 796 POS 84-AFC-6C

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**ROBERT L. THERKELSEN, Deputy Director** for the Energy Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Division

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# **AMENDMENT INFORMATION RESPONSE FORM**

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