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Memorandum

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Subject: STAFF'S PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT AND STATUS REPORT 12

On March 10, 2017, the California Energy Commission Committee (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Puente Power Project (Puente) filed "Committee Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing Following Evidentiary Hearings," which requires Energy Commission Staff to file a proposed timetable for the preparation and filing of additional evidence no later than April 5, 2017.

Supplemental Soil and Water Resources Analysis

Staff held a public workshop on March 28, 2017 which addressed all four discussion topics listed in the Committee's March 10 Order. Staff is currently working on a supplemental Soil and Water Resources analysis which will address the Committee's request for Staff to conduct an analysis using the best approach(es) for assessing coastal flooding risk. Staff will attend the Ocean Protection Council Meeting on April 26, 2017 for a scientific presentation regarding updates to statewide guidance on sea-level rise. For further clarification, Staff intends to run the CoSMoS 3.0 Phase 2.0 model for Ventura County, which is expected to be released within the next few months. Staff's proposed schedule is intended to allow time for the release and results of the model to be considered and incorporated into the supplemental analysis. If the release of the model is delayed, Staff will still publish its supplemental analysis by the specified date using preliminary results of the CoSMoS 3.0 Phase 2.0 model.

Briefing Schedule

Staff's proposed schedule would postpone briefing on the topic of Land Use until additional evidence on Biological Resources is completed. Additional evidence on Biological Resources may inform the parties' responses to the Committee's request for briefing on Puente's compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards. Specifically, determining the applicability of the City of Oxnard's Coastal Land Use Plan Policy 52 requires consideration of evidence on the location of "coastal resources areas, including sensitive habitats." The additional biological surveys on the proposed project site required by the Committee in the recent Order should be taken into consideration by the parties in their briefings on Policy 52.

Additionally, Staff respectfully requests that the Committee identify issues for the parties to address in briefs as soon as possible on Biological Resources, Soil and Water Resources, Alternatives, Compliance and Closure, or any additional topics.

Proposed Schedule

Date	Event
March 10, 2017	Committee Order Issued
March 27, 2017	Applicant's Biological Resources Survey Methodology Filed
March 28, 2017	Staff Public Workshop on Coastal Hazards
March 31, 2017	Applicant Filed Proposed Schedule
April 5, 2017	Staff Files Proposed Schedule
April 7, 2017	Deadline for Agency/Party/Public Comments on Applicant's Survey Methodology
April 15, 2017	Comments Due on Staff's Proposed Schedule
April 26, 2017	Ocean Protection Council Meeting, including a presentation on Sea-level Rise
June 15, 2017	Staff Files Testimony and Evidence Related to Matters Addressed in 3/10/17 Committee Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Resources: comments on Applicant's surveys; • Soil and Water Resources supplemental coastal flooding analysis; • Alternatives; and • Compliance and Closure
Week of June 26, 2017	Evidentiary Hearing to Present Additional Evidence Filed in Response to 3/10/17 Committee Order
July 14, 2017	Opening Briefs on All Issues Filed
July 28, 2017	Reply Briefs Filed