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**NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP ON
PETITION FOR MODIFICATION TO
DROUGHT-PROOF THE
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT
97-AFC-01C**

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop for the proposed Petition to Amend the Energy Commission Final Decision for the High Desert Power Project (HDPP) to discuss issues, questions, and topics related to water use and water supplies for the project. The public, state and federal agencies, and intervenors are encouraged to attend or participate by teleconference to ask questions of Energy Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff and the petitioner.

May 2, 2017
Starting at 10:00 a.m.

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Purpose

The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the water analyses that have been done, and that could be done, on water supplies for the HDPP project and the proposed Petition to Amend (PTA TN 206468) regarding water use and water supplies. See attached agenda for topics and issues. Additionally, the workshop will have time set aside for members of the public to provide comments and ask questions about the HDPP PTA and staff's ongoing environmental review.

Public Comment

Oral comments

Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will be considered by staff.

Written comments

Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Written comments can be provided in a number of different ways. You can submit written comments via the Energy Commission's e-Commenting system by going to the Project page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/index.html> and clicking on **Submit e-Comment**.

The Energy Commission also accepts comments by email. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 97-AFC-1C and indicate the workshop title in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: High Desert Power Project, Docket No. 97-AFC-1C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop.

Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance to participate in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California), or via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Leonidas Payne, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966 or email leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Availability of Documents

Comments, information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/>.

Remote Attendance

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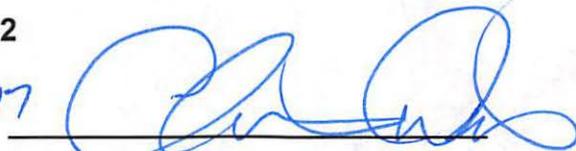
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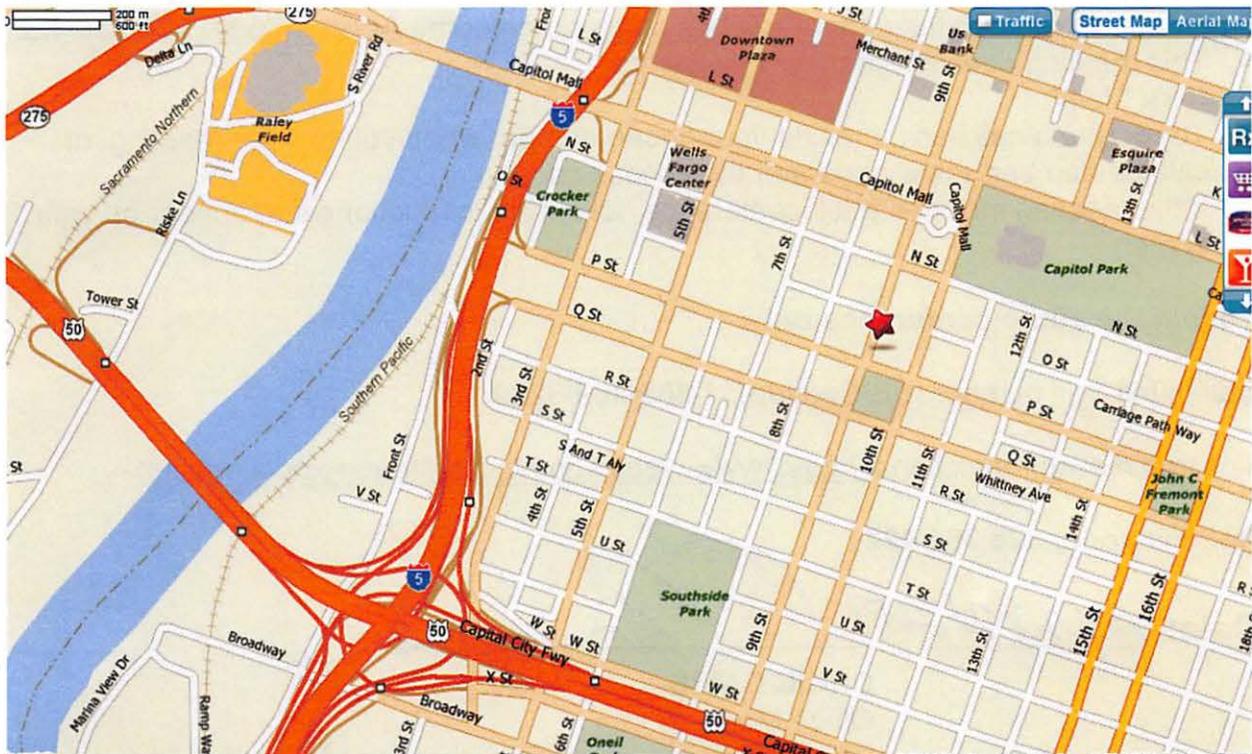
**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF WORKSHOP
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT PETITION TO AMEND (97-AFC-1C)**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Starting at 10:00 a.m.**

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AGENDA

I. Introduction of parties

II. Workshop Agenda: To discuss specific topics raised at the March 21, 2017 Committee Conference relating to the High Desert Power Project's Petition to Amend (PTA), as follows:

1. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has completed a **Water Balance Study for the Transition Zone of the Mojave River Basin** that applies a variety of methodologies to identify how much recycled water can be diverted from riparian habitat preservation and used for HDPP operation. The results of the study and how it can be used ensure mitigation of potential impacts to riparian habitat will be discussed.
 - a. CDFW summary.
 - b. Petitioner's review of the study.
 - c. Staff review of the study.
 - d. Open discussion of study and how it can be used for riparian habitat impact analysis.
 - e. Discussion of whether additional analysis is needed, and, if so, how it could be conducted.
2. The Committee requested that the parties discuss available water supplies for project use, seek agreement on which supplies to use, and how to use them.

Identification and use of water supplies that ensure the project is drought proof and there are no impacts to riparian habitat will be discussed.

- a. CDFW overview of water supplies available for project operation and ensuring there is no impact to riparian habitat.
 - b. Open discussion of water supplies available for project operation, how they ensure the project is drought proof, and does not impact riparian habitat.
3. Use of project groundwater supply wells could result in drawdown impacts to riparian habitat. Methods or evidence available to complete an analysis of this potential impact will be discussed.
 4. The Committee requested information on whether percolation and storage of State Water Project water supply by the Mojave Water Agency on behalf of HDPP could result in water quality impacts. Methods or evidence available to complete an analysis of this potential impact will be discussed.
 5. The petitioner's proposed conditions of certification (TN 215784) will be discussed. These proposed conditions would make permanent storage of State Water Project (SWP) water supply through percolation, specify terms for recycled water use, and forgo use of Mojave River basin adjudicated groundwater.
 - a. Staff and CDFW responses regarding the proposed conditions of certification.
 - b. Discuss whether outstanding impact analysis of HDPP water use would be adequately addressed by the proposed conditions.

III. Public Comment – Members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments at the end of the workshop, but may also participate and comment on each agenda item when it is raised.

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