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Dr. Hart:

I write, at Energy Commission Staff's suggestion, on behalf of the Puente Power Project Committee to confirm USGS's ability to participate in the Committee's upcoming hearings regarding the Puente Power Project's Application for Certification. Those hearings are currently scheduled for July 26 and 27 (and July 28 only if necessary), in Oxnard.

As you are aware, the potential effects of sea level rise and coastal erosion on the proposed power plant are at issue in our proceeding. The CoSMoS model that USGS is updating has been a point of discussion for the parties and the Committee. The presentation you and your colleagues made at the March 28 staff workshop (TN 217282) was described by at least one party as highly informative. The Committee would value a similar presentation, updated as necessary to reflect the results of the new model, during our hearings. No doubt the parties and Committee will also have questions about the model.

The City of Oxnard has indicated an interest in obtaining the modeling inputs for the updated model (TN 217119). I will leave it to them to reach out to you to request that information.

The Committee's question for now, then, is whether USGS is able to participate in our July hearings? Do you have any scheduling preference between July 26 and July 27?

Please feel free to reply by email; I will share your response with the parties and public.

Paul Kramer Hearing Officer Puente AFC Committee