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On January 2, 2018, Hearing Officer, Susan Burns Cochran, docketed a Memorandum¹ requesting parties and other interested persons to comment on whether to grant the December 19, 2017, request filed by the Santa Paula Alliance² to extend the comment period on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for an additional 90 days beyond the current January 26, 2018, period.

Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation fully supports the Santa Paula Alliance's request. As the Santa Paula Alliance notes, the PSA is an important document that requires significant time to review. Even in the best of times, it could be challenging for community members to set aside the time necessary to review and consider this important document. But, these are not the best of times for the Santa Paula community. The Thomas Fire is, as Santa Paula Alliance notes, "a large-scale disaster"—literally—the largest documented wild-fire in California's history. Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation is a part of this community and stands with this community as it seeks address the immediate impacts of this devastating fire and as it seeks to be actively engaged in Calpine's pending application to build the Mission Rock Energy Center. Granting the requested extension would allow for both to occur.

Further, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation notes that the PSA workshop has not yet been scheduled, although staff has indicated that it has planned the workshop for January 18th and 19th.³ We request that the PSA workshop be rescheduled for nearer to the end of the public comment period and the parties and community be given ample notice in advance of the workshop's date.

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¹ TN# 222079.

² TN# 222010.

³ TN# 222074.