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Data Requests Set 3 for Bowers Backup Generating Facility (22-SPPE-01)

Dear Scott Galati:

Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15084(b) and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1941, the California Energy Commission (CEC) staff is asking for the information specified in the enclosed Data Requests Set 3, which is necessary for the staff analysis of the Bowers Backup Generating Facility (BBGF) (22-SPPE-01). The BBGF would include the Bowers Data Center (BDC), the BBGF, and related utility infrastructure, which together constitute the "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act. This Data Requests Set 3 seeks further information in the area of cultural and tribal cultural resources based on the contents of the application submitted thus far. Staff may submit subsequent data requests in this, and other resource areas based on further information received or as necessary for a complete analysis of the project.

To assist the CEC staff in timely completing its environmental review and to meet the requirements of CEQA (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15108, 15109), the CEC staff is requesting responses to the data requests within 30 days. If you are unable to provide the information requested or need to revise the timeline, please send written notice to me within 10 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please email me at ann.crisp@energy.ca.gov.

Ann Crisp
Project Manager

Enclosure: Data Requests Set 3

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CULTURAL AND TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Authors: Patrick Riordan and Cameron Travis

BACKGROUND: Clarification of Survey Methods

Staff has reviewed Sinsky and Eddy (2022), Bursan (2022), and David J. Powers and Associates, Inc. (2022), and has determined that additional information is required to complete staff's analysis.

The Historical Resource Assessment indicates that an archaeologist with PaleoWest completed a reconnaissance survey of the project area on June 22, 2022 (Bursan 2022, Page 1), and the Cultural Resources section of the application further reports that no cultural resources were identified on the surface of the project area (David J. Powers and Associates, Inc. 2022, Page 115). The application and its appendices contain no discussion of the survey methodology or procedures employed to identify cultural resources or tribal cultural resources of an archaeological nature in the project area.

DATA REQUEST

59. Please describe the archaeological survey procedures and methods used to identify archaeological resources and discuss the results of the archaeological survey efforts, including:
- a. The names and qualifications of the cultural resources specialists who contributed to and were responsible for the archaeological survey.
 - b. Any constraints and difficulties that may have hindered the outcome of the archaeological survey and
 - c. Indicate approximate soil visibility across the project area/survey area.

REFERENCES

Bursan 2022 – Andrew Bursan (TN 245765), Historical Resource Assessment for the Walsh Bowers Data Center Project, City of Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California. Appendix C BBGF SPPE App Appendices B-E Part 1. 22-SPPE-01. August 5, 2022.

David J. Powers and Assoc., Inc. 2022 – David J. Powers and Assoc. Inc., SPPE Application, TN 245769 -- Small Power Plant Exemption Application Bowers Backup Generating Facility. 22-SPPE-01. August 2022.

Sinsky and Eddy 2022 – Katherine Sinsky and John Eddy, Letter Regarding Results of the Literature Review for the Walsh Bowers Data Center Project, City of Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California. Prepared by PaleoWest, August 2022.