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**Notice of Availability****Draft *Statewide Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development***
[Publication No. CEC-700-2006-013-SD / Docket No. 06-OII-1]

California Energy Commission staff, working with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), has developed draft *Statewide Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development (Guidelines)*. The draft *Guidelines* include pre-and post-construction monitoring protocols and suggested mitigation strategies. Energy Commission and CDFG staffs have developed the draft *Guidelines* using the best available science.

Document Availability

The draft *Guidelines* document is available from the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-OII-1/

A print copy is available by contacting the Energy Commission. Please send your request to:

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Re: [Draft *Statewide Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development*, CEC-700-2006-013-SD]
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Timeline of Upcoming Events

Energy Commission staff will hold a workshop to discuss and seek public comment on the draft *Guidelines* on January 17-18, 2007 in Riverside, California. The workshop will be held at the University of California, Riverside. Additionally, on February 5, 2007, the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee will hold a workshop in Alameda County to further seek public comment on the draft *Guidelines*. These workshops will be noticed separately at least ten days in advance.

Request for Discussion Items

At the January 17-18 workshop, Energy Commission staff will discuss and seek comments on the draft *Guidelines*. We encourage those with topics or issues that may warrant significant discussion to e-mail Rick York, Senior Biologist at [ryork@energy.state.ca.us] by **January 3, 2007**. Suggested discussion items will be considered for the workshop agenda.

Written Comments

Written comments on the draft *Guidelines* should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **January 23, 2007**. Please include the docket number 06-OII-1 and indicate "Developing Statewide Avian Guidelines" in the subject line of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original plus 12 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 06-OII-1
1516 Ninth Street
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The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Background

On May 24, 2006, the Energy Commission adopted an Order Instituting Informational (OII) proceeding to develop statewide guidelines to encourage the development of wind energy in the state while minimizing impacts on birds and bats (Docket No. 06-OII-1). The OII delegated responsibility for developing statewide guidelines to the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee.

The Renewables Committee held a hearing on June 9, 2006 to seek public comment from wind industry representatives, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders about the guideline development. Energy Commission staff held workshops on July 28, August 28-29, and September 27-28, 2006 to further discuss key issues and to seek public comment. Agendas, presentations, and other information related to the June 9 hearing and the subsequent workshops are available at www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-OII-1/documents/index.html.

Additional Information

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser is available to assist the public in participating in the project review process. For general information on how to participate, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228.

News media should direct inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have questions on the technical subject matter, please contact Rick York, Senior Biologist at [ryork@energy.state.ca.us].

