

**California Energy Commission
 Energy Facilities Siting &
 Environmental Protection Division
 REPORT OF CONVERSATION**

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Project Title: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

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NAME: Heather Blair, Aspen Environmental Group **TIME:** 9:30 AM **DATE:** November 27, 2007

WITH: Dr. Marci Koski, Biologist, USFWS Carlsbad Office **PHONE** (760) 431-9440 x304

ADDRESS: 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92011

SUBJECT: Carlsbad Energy Center Project – Impacts to federally listed species and consistency with North County HCP/HMP for Natural Communities in the City of Carlsbad

COMMENTS:

Dr. Koski wanted to confirm that no native vegetation would be removed under the proposed project and that there would be no direct impacts to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon from discharge. Since this is the case and the applicant has included avoidance and minimization measures to avoid noise impacts to breeding birds in the lagoon, the Service does not foresee any issues and is not providing further comments at this time. Dr. Koski would like the SA to include measures that mitigate impacts from night lighting, if necessary. Additionally, she stated that the project would not conflict with the HMP for Natural Communities in the City of Carlsbad. Her follow-up email, which copied CDFG, is provided below:

Hi Heather -

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me about the Carlsbad Energy Center project this morning. I've read through the project description and biological resources information presented in the Application for Certification, and at this time, I have no comments on the project. If the project description or mitigation measures change, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that arise regarding this project.

Cheers,
 Marci

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From: "Heather Blair" <HBlair@aspenerg.com>
To: "James Reede" <Jreede@energy.state.ca.us>, "Rick York" <Ryork@energy.s...>
Date: 11/27/2007 10:23 AM
Subject: FW: FW: Carlsbad Energy Center Project
Attachments: ROC_USFWS 112707.doc

Hi James and Rick,

This morning I spoke with Marci Koski, the CECP project contact for USFWS. The Service does not foresee any issues and does not have further comment, as described below and in the attached ROC. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Thanks,

Heather Blair

From: Marci_Koski@fws.gov [mailto:Marci_Koski@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 10:07 AM
To: Heather Blair
Cc: wwong@dfg.ca.gov; mfluharty@dfg.ca.gov
Subject: RE: FW: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

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RE: FW: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Sure. Please give me a call when it's convenient. Despite close of the formal comment period, I'd like to work with you to be sure that any of USFWS' concerns are adequately addressed in our analysis.

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From: Marci_Koski@fws.gov [mailto:Marci_Koski@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 5:01 PM
To: Heather Blair
Subject: Re: FW: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Hi Heather -

Thanks for following up on this. I've received the information on CD, but noticed that the comment period has closed. I'm not sure that we will need to comment on this project, but I'd like a few days to make sure I don't have any major questions. Can I give you a call at the end of the week?

Cheers,
Marci

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FW: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Hi Marci. Did you receive a copy of the AFC for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project at the Encina Power Station? I look forward to discussing this project with you when you've had a chance to review the AFC. Please let me know if you still have not received it and I will follow up.

Thanks,

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From: Heather Blair
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 11:35 AM
To: 'marci_koski@fws.gov'
Cc: 'Rick York'
Subject: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Hi Marci,

As a consultant to the California Energy Commission, I am preparing the biological resources section of the Preliminary Staff Assessment for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project. The proposed project is located at the existing Encina Power Station and adjacent to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Please see attached map for project location and CNDDB results.

Generally, the project would occupy 23 acres and would require 10 acres of temporary disturbance and

would consist of an air-cooled 540 MW combined-cycle generating facility and associated electric, natural gas, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer interconnection. The project footprint, with the exception of the 3,700-foot reclaimed water pipeline, would be within the existing, disturbed and developed Encina Power Station.

Although most of the project footprint is within the existing Encina Power Station, there is a potential for adverse indirect impacts to biological resources in and around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

According to the Applicant's Records of Conversation, you were contacted but hadn't received the AFC yet. Have you received it yet? I'd appreciate the opportunity to discuss this project with you, including any concerns of USFWS. I am also working with Warren Wong (CDFG). I look forward to working with you and will give you a call later today.

Thank you,

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