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Notice of Biological Resources Mitigation Workshop Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project (07-AFC-1)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a two-day workshop to discuss the proposed Conditions of Certification **BIO-12** and **BIO-18**, contained in the Biological Resources section of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the proposed Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project. These conditions pertain to conserving habitat for and protecting special-status animal species including the desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel and burrowing owl. The workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for the applicant to develop the required mitigation plans in consultation with staff, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and technical advisors. All interested agencies, parties and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be conducted over two days. An indoor meeting at the Southern California Logistics Airport will begin each daily session. The indoor meetings will be followed by field meetings as needed. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation and are encouraged to carpool.

Workshop start times are:

Session 1: Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:00 AM

Session 2: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 9:00 AM

Workshop completion times will be determined based on progress.

Workshop sessions will begin at the following location:

Southern California Logistics Airport

Administration Office Building

18374 Phantom Street

Victorville, California 92393

(Wheelchair Accessible)

(Map Attached)

**Discussions will focus on Biological Resources Mitigation including:
Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan
Proposed Habitat Compensation Locations for Special-Status Species
Streambed Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures**

**To participate in the indoor sessions of the workshop by telephone,
please call: 1-888-324-6856
Passcode: 69361
Call Leader: John Kessler**

Purpose

On March 19, 2008, the Energy Commission staff filed its Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project. The purpose of this Biological Resources Mitigation workshop is to discuss mitigation plans required by staff's proposed Conditions of Certification **BIO-12** and **BIO-18**. These two conditions establish protection measures for special-status animal and plant species and also conserve their habitat. At the April 3, 2008 Evidentiary Hearing, the Victorville 2 Committee left the evidentiary record open to receive additional information on these topics. This workshop is being held in order to develop that information. Comments from members of the public, intervenors, and interested local, state and federal agencies will be used in the development of the detailed mitigation measures.

Background

On February 28, 2007, the city of Victorville submitted an AFC to construct and operate the 563 megawatt (MW) Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project, a mix of natural gas-fired combined cycle generating equipment integrated with solar thermal generating equipment. The proposed project site is approximately 3.5 miles east of Highway 395 and approximately 0.5 mile west of the Mojave River, and is located immediately north of the Southern California Logistics Airport (the former George Air Force Base). The land required for the solar collectors and the footprint of the power plant would involve grading of approximately 338 acres. In addition, the construction laydown areas would require two separate temporary sites of 20 and 30 acres each.

Public Participation

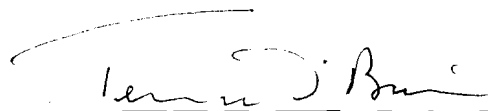
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Questions and Access to Information

General information and documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/victorville2>. Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communication's Office, at (916) 654-4989 or email mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. For general or technical questions on the subject matter, please contact John Kessler, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679 or email jkessler@energy.state.ca.us.

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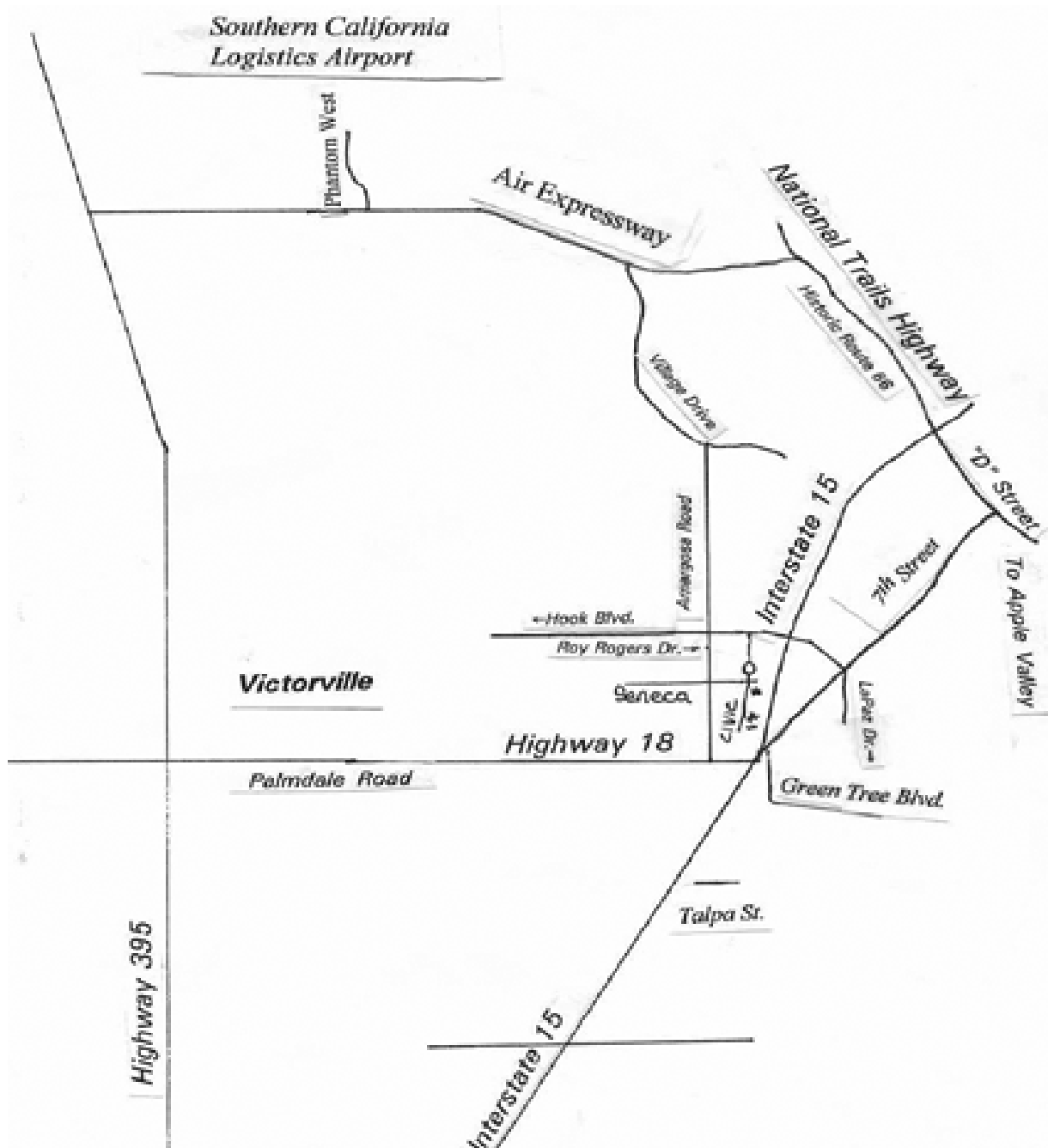
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Native Americans

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF'S
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES MITIGATION WORKSHOP
Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project (07-AFC-1)**

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Note: The California Energy Commission's formal name is the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE VICTORVILLE 2
HYBRID POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 07-AFC-1
PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 9/6/07)

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, April Esau, declare that on April 17, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Biological Resources Mitigation Workshop Victorville 2 Hybrid Power Project (07-AFC-1) in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Original Signature in Dockets

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