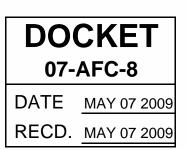May 7, 2009

Mr. John Kessler
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Re: 07-AFC-08

Subject: Revised project footprints affects on cumulative impacts in Wildlife
Corridor Study

Dear Mr. Kessler,

Two of the projects involved with the CESF migration corridor study are changing their project footprints. I am concerned these changes will affect the accuracy of the project impacts in the corridor model.

John McKenzie with SLO Planning Department stated First Solar and Sunpower are both revising their project footprint.

Roughly two thirds of the First Solar would change in an effort to avoid the use of Williamson Act lands. Mr. McKenzie stated they planned to eliminate several of the northern sections and add three new sections further south, including perhaps the former Arco Solar plant site adjacent to the CESF project site.

The changes Mr. McKenzie discussed for the Sunpower project were less specific with the exception of their addition of a surface mine.

It is apparent that at least the changes First Solar is proposing would affect the cumulative impacts of the three projects on the migration corridor. Since the CEC is making a great effort to accurately model these impacts, it is necessary to include accurate project footprints in this modeling effort.

I am writing to request the CEC obtain and include accurate and precise information in the migration corridor model including the revised project footprints. Should acquisition of these new modifications create minor delays in the modeling schedule, these delays would be necessary because without these accurate footprints the study would be essentially worthless.

Mitigation of the cumulative impacts to the wildlife corridor is the most critical task in the permitting of the CESF. I urge the CEC take all measures necessary to accurately evaluate these impacts to ensure they will be fully mitigated.

Sincerely,

Robin Bell
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