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Subject: **CARRIZO ENERGY SOLAR FARM PROJECT (07-AFC-8) – STAFF’S PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING THE FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT**

Staff is filing this memorandum in the interest of informing the Committee, parties, agencies and the public of the options staff is considering for completion of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). Staff has received additional substantive information since preparing the Preliminary Staff Assessment and has updated its analyses accordingly. For these sections that have been significantly updated: Alternatives, Biological Resources, Noise & Vibration, Soil & Water Resources, Traffic & Transportation and Visual Resources, staff intends to provide an opportunity for review and comment prior to being incorporated into the FSA in consideration of the high level of interest among the parties, agencies and public on these issues. Staff believes this will facilitate a more timely review of the project. The proposed process and schedule is as follows:

Schedule	Activity
Early June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff completes its updated analysis for Alternatives, Noise & Vibration, Soil & Water Resources, Traffic & Transportation and Visual Resources;These analyses would be distributed for review and comment to the parties, and posted to the CEC’s Website with a notice to all mailing lists;
Late June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff completes its updated analysis of Biological Resources;Staff holds a public workshop in the Carrizo Plains to present its updated analyses and to receive comments; Biological Resources would be included if available;
Early July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff provides Committee with a Status Report and recommended schedule for completing FSA based on

	results of the workshop and extent of comments;
August - October	<p><u>Staff's schedule for publishing the FSA depends on the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Wildlife Corridor Study is far enough along to allow staff to draw conclusions about the project's impacts and mitigation, staff will include Biological Resources in the FSA, with the expectation that Biological Resources would be updated upon conclusion of the Wildlife Corridor Study; • If the Wildlife Corridor Study is not far enough along to allow staff to draw conclusions, staff is willing to publish the FSA without the Biological Resources section if this will expedite review of the project;
August or September	Staff completes the Wildlife Corridor Study;
September or October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff incorporates results of the Wildlife Corridor Study into its Biological Resources analysis, and includes all requirements that would normally be specified in CDFG's Incidental Take Permit and Streambed Alteration Agreement;

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *CARRIZO ENERGY*
*SOLAR FARM PROJECT***

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I, Hilarie Anderson, declare that on May 29, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Staff's Proposed Schedule for Completing the FSA. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

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

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