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FOR THE CALICO SOLAR PROJECT	}	
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INTERVENOR NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Exhibit 1100: Opening Testimony RE: Workers Safety & Fire Protection

The following rebuttal testimony is in response to the Supplemental Staff Assessment ("SSA") prepared by CEC Staff July 2010 for the proposed Calico Solar Project. The Newberry Community Services District provides the following rebuttal testimony for the evidentiary hearings scheduled for August 4, 5, 6, 2010. The foregoing testimony concerns the Workers Safety & Fire Protection.

The Newberry Community Services District was formed December 15, 1958 as a Special District by resolution of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The Newberry Community Services District operates the Newberry Springs Fire Department under the power and authority granted by the County of San Bernardino. The current sphere of influence for the Newberry Community Services District is approximately 117 square miles.

The scope of the Calico Solar project understandably will make impacts in many areas of San Bernardino County. One of which is the effective delivery emergency services area. San Bernardino County Fire Department, the agency of jurisdiction for this project, has made the statements and projections of claims for diminished or over tasks provisions to fulfill service requirements to this project site.

Newberry Community Services District is the closest governmental entity to the Calico Solar project besides the San Bernardino County governance which inherently has control of unincorporated real property. Newberry's jurisdiction is located four (4) miles West of the furthest western parcel of the proposed Calico site.

San Bernardino County Fire Station 46, the closest County Fire Station to the project site is located in the area of Harvard, 6 miles North of Newberry Springs jurisdiction. This distance is an additional 22 miles from the proposed site.

Every agency faces personnel shortages and equipment deficiencies that are required to safely and expeditiously respond to large scale incidents that occur from time to time. San Bernardino County Fire District and Newberry Springs Fire Department are of no exception.

Both agencies have mutual aid agreements with many different agencies to assist in accomplishing those goals and safely mitigate emergencies when equipment needs exceed an agencies ability to fulfill. The impact from this site that has been referenced by the SSA indicates a major impact to the response capabilities of county fire and makes no mention of the impacts that will be incurred upon agencies that are in direct line with those response requirements and will be placed on a requested response utilizing mutual aid agreements.

As the current status of this operational aspect, Newberry Springs Fire Department supports the mutual aid agreement with SBCO Fire District to the mark of approximately 15% of our annual call volume. This is a matter of availability at time of call, and is routinely honored when requested. The impact to Newberry springs Fire Department will not benefit from the proposed increase of services and additional stations as per the SSA recommendations. SBCO Fire District does not have the like resources that are present in Newberry's Jurisdiction. The suggested additional apparatus and proposed stations will only fill part of the county response plan and Newberry will still have, at a minimum, the same percentage of request for services suspect an increase demand.

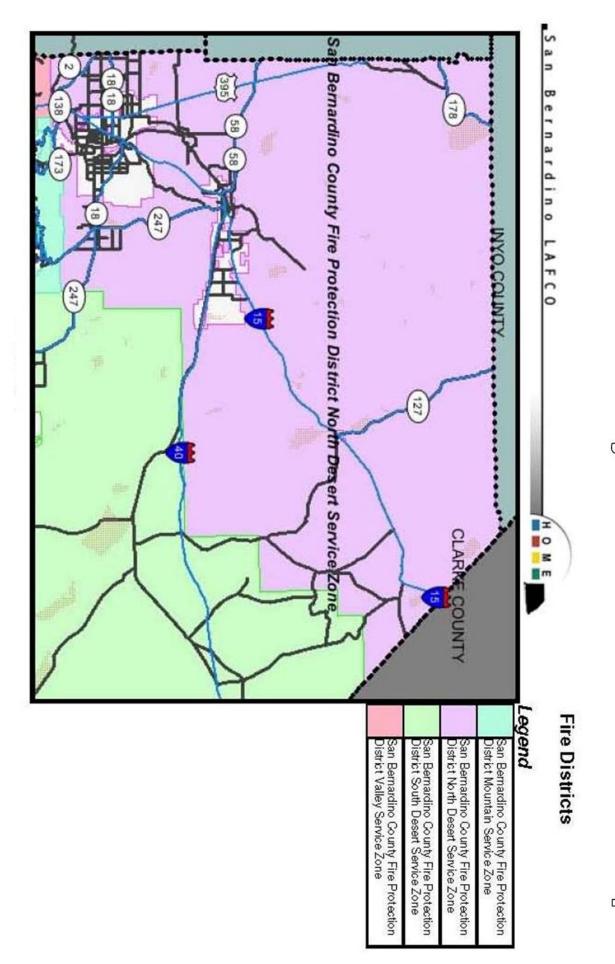
No consideration has been given to the area agencies that will participate in the mutual aid agreements that will be requested to participate in the event of a response where predominant resources (SBCO FD) are not available or to few in numbers or distance restrictive to effectively fulfill an emergency response. Cost to operate and maintain fire apparatus and personnel costs are also present and will have an impact to the Newberry Community Services District annual operating budget.

Also, no consideration in the SSA has been given to the benefit received by San Bernardino County Fire by the mutual aid agreements in the cost matrix and mitigation recommendations contained within the SSA.

Exhibit List:

- No. Description
- 1101 San Bernardino County LAFCO Fire Districts Map
- 1102 San Bernardino County LAFCO Newberry CSD Boundary Map
- 1103 Location Reference Map Newberry CSD & Project Site Western Boundary
- 1104 SB County Fire North Desert Division Site Map
- 1105 Newberry Springs Fire Department Incident Response Statistics

) Bernardino County LAFCO Fire Districts Map



San Bernardino County LAFCO Newberry CSD Boundary Map

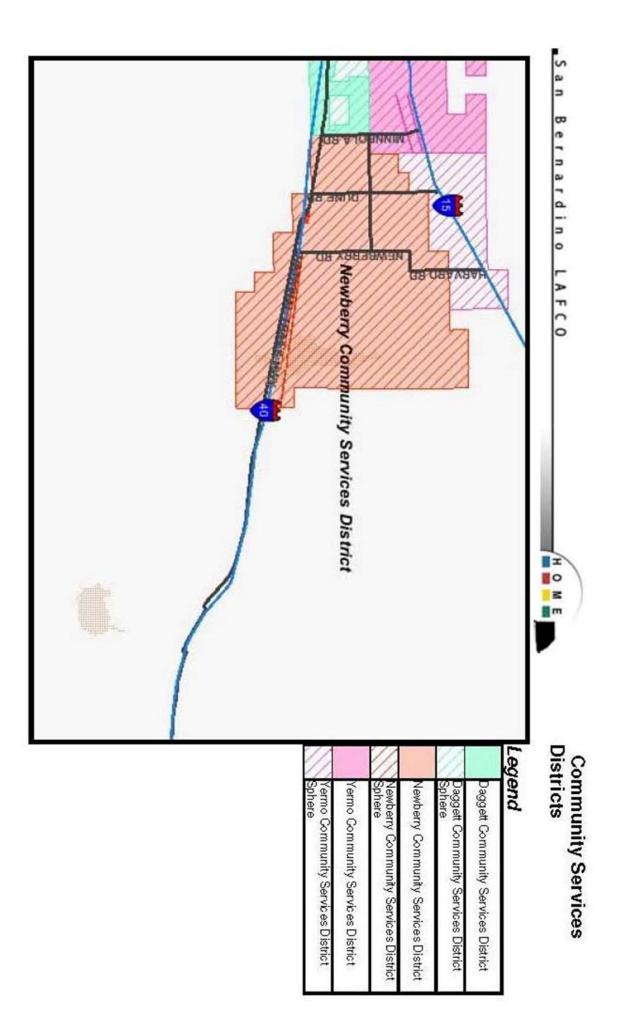
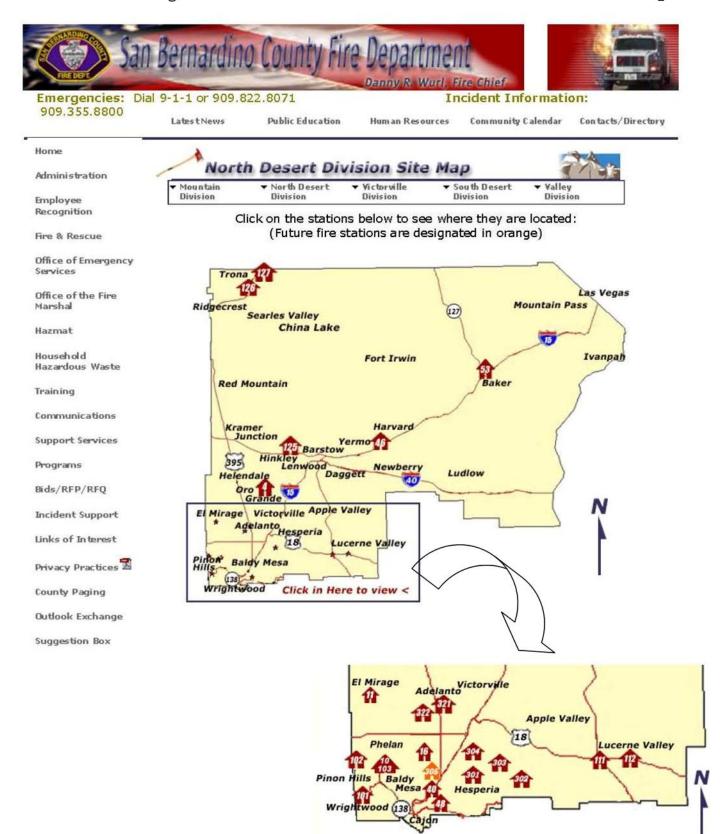


Exhibit 1103 Location Reference Map Newberry CSD &

Project Site Western Boundary

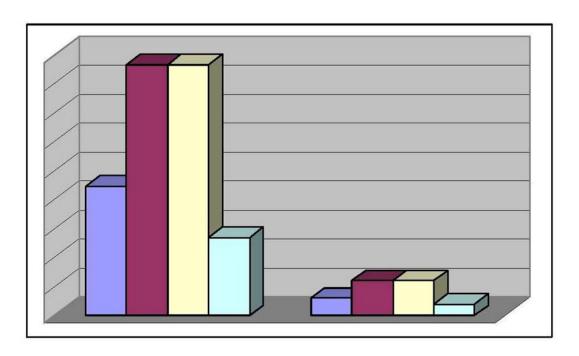
Newberry Springs / Calico Solar Distances NBY boundary edge At MP 28... Oasis Rest Area Calico Solar Western Edge. HECTOR National Trails Hovy A Legend mile marker 2.5 km ©Yahoo!2010.Data©NAVTEO2009

SB County Fire - North Desert Division Site Map



Newberry Springs Fire Department Incident Response Statistics

Incident Response statistics



Year	NBY	SBCO FD	Total %
2010 (June)	135	20	14.81
2009	341	51	14.96
2008	432	60	13.89
2007	223	30	13.45

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Wayne W Weierbach, declare that on August 4, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Opening Testimony and Exhibits, dated August 3, 2010. 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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