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Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility Docket No. 11-AFC-04

# Informational Hearing and Site Visit

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### What's <sup>a</sup>Public Adviser?

#### At the Commission

### The Public Adviser is independently appointed attorney who:

- > Helps the public understand the process
- > Recommends the best way to be involved
- > Assists in successful participation in proceedings



#### Outreach--Public Adviser

### Notice of Informational Hearing and Site Visit:

➤ City and County officials, including:

Riverside, Imperial, La Paz (AZ), Blythe and special districts

- ➤ Native American officials and members
- ➤ Broad categories:

Public members who have contacted our office; city and county civic leaders; local non-profit groups (community, environmental, ethnic organizations); public and private schools; places of worship; law enforcement; emergency personnel, community organizations and libraries; previous participants and intervenors.

Paid local newspaper advertisement

Palo Verde Valley Times

Website public service announcements requested activists websites

► Local media outreach

### Two Levels of Public Participation

### **Informal Participation**

### First level -- Public Comments are Easiest

- ➤ Verbal Comments at Public Meetings: via Blue Cards
- Written Comments or Statements to the Commission Dockets Unit dockets@energy.state.ca.us

#### And

- Considered by the Commissioners
- > Part of the record

#### But

Not considered evidence and cannot be the sole basis of a decision

# Two Levels of Public Participation

### Formal Participation (Intervenor)

### Second level -- Intervening is more involved

- Anyone may file a Petition to Intervene in any Commission proceeding
- ➤ The Petition is considered by the assigned committee
- ➤ If approved, you become a party to this proceeding
- Intervenors have the same rights & responsibilities as other parties

### and

➤ You do not have to be or have an attorney to intervene

#### and

The Public Adviser's Office is here to help you file a Petition to Intervene and navigate the entire process.

NOTE: It is important to intervene early in a case to be most effective.

### How Participate

Things to Do

- >Sign-Up to receive notice of up-coming events
- >Submit written comments
- > Provide oral comments
- >Attend public project events

In person or by WebEx or conference call

Non-English Speaking Welcome

Special Accommodations for Persons With Disabilities

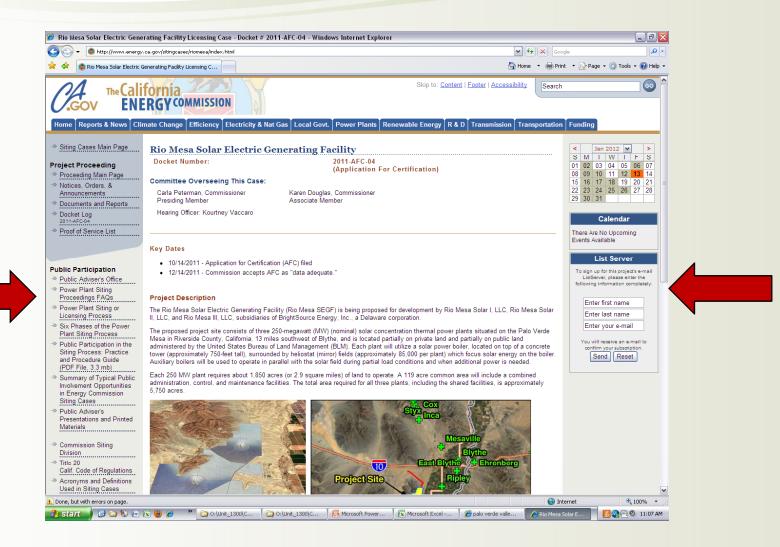
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### How Participate

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