

**DECLARATION OF  
Richard York**

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<b>11-SPPE-01</b>	
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I, **Richard York**, declare as follows:

1. I am presently employed by the California Energy Commission in the **Environmental Protection Office** of the **Siting Transmission and Environmental Protection Division** as a **Planner III**.
2. A copy of my professional qualifications and experience is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
3. Under my direction, Joy Nishida wrote the Staff Assessment and testimony on **Biological Resources** for the Santa Clara SC1 Data Center project which is based upon our independent analysis of the application and supplements hereto, data from reliable documents and sources, and my professional experience and knowledge.
4. It is my professional opinion that the prepared testimony is valid and accurate with respect to the issue addressed therein.
5. I am personally familiar with the facts and conclusions related in the testimony and if called as a witness could testify competently thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: February 22, 2012 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

At: Sacramento, California

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# **RICHARD P. YORK**

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY**

Experienced in biological resource and environmental assessments including endangered species field surveys, mitigation and monitoring, and state and federal agency coordination. Educational background emphasized biological resources, plant identification and taxonomy, general ecology, and herbarium specimen curatorship. Currently supervise biological resources and cultural resources technical analyses completed for the California Environmental Quality Act process required for new power plant licensing for California.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**1989 to present - PLANNER I, II, and III, California Energy Commission.** Currently, I supervise the Biological Resources Unit of the Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division, California Energy Commission. I provide independent environmental assessments for proposed energy facilities and review compliance with Conditions of Certification as required by the Warren-Alquist Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. I manage Peak Workload Work Authorizations/technical experts completing biological resource analyses for power plant licensing projects.

**1986 to 1989 – ASSISTANT BOTANIST, The Nature Conservancy.** Collected, mapped, and computerized rare plant location and ecological information for the California Natural Diversity Data Base as a contract employee to the California Department of Fish and Game. Required statewide coordination with amateur and professional botanists, field work, and management of work contracts.

**1980 to 1986 - BOTANIST, California Native Plant Society.** Compiled and co-edited the 3rd edition of the California Native Plant Society's statewide *Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California*. Work involved field surveys, attendance at public meetings and statewide board meetings, coordination and supervision of volunteers, data base management and quality control, endangered species regulatory review and comment, coordination with state and federal agencies, and writing special plant status reports.

**1975 - 1980** **BOTANIST** (Bureau of Land Management, Worland, Wyoming)  
**HERBARIUM ASSISTANT** (Humboldt State University)  
**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** (California Native Plant Society)  
**PARK AIDE** (California Department of Parks and Recreation)  
**PRIVATE BOTANICAL CONSULTANT** (Six Rivers National Forest)

## **EDUCATION**

- **B. S. BOTANY** (1979) - Humboldt State University, Arcata, California
- **B. A. PSYCHOLOGY** (1979) - Humboldt State University, Arcata, California

## ***AWARDS***

- **1992 RARE PLANT CONSERVATION AWARD** – California Native Plant Society
- **2006 Superior Accomplishment Award** – California Energy Commission
- **2009 Superior Accomplishment Award** – California Energy Commission

## ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

- California Native Plant Society
- California Botanical Society
- The Wildlife Society
- Audubon Society
- Sierra Club
- Renewable Energy Action Team



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**APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER PLANT  
EXEMPTION For The SANTA CLARA  
SC-1 DATA CENTER**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Stewart, declare that on February 22, 2012, I served and filed a copy of the attached Declaration and Resume for Richard York, dated February 22, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/santaclara/index.html>].

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Originally signed by  
Elizabeth Stewart