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Mike –

The County of Inyo believes it is critical that members of the public be given sufficient time to comment on the PSA, including the addendum filed last Friday, June 15, 2012. For that reason, the County would join in the request that the PSA comment period be extended to Monday, July 23, 2012. In addition, the late July release of the solar flux/avian impact analysis, the possible need for additional groundwater pump testing, the traffic impact issues raised by Ms. McDonald and other unanswered questions raised and likely to be raised during the public meetings, warrants an extension of the release of the FSA. Failure to thoroughly address these potentially significant impacts in the FSA will certainly lead to a delay by way of extended hearings and a delay in the issuance of the PMPD. It seems much wiser to issue a complete FSA, which certainly cannot be accomplished by the August 1st deadline. As such, the County will support staff's request for additional time.

Thank you for soliciting input from the interested parties and the County looks forward to next week's workshop in Bishop.

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Dear Hidden Hills Parties,

Staff wanted to send an email regarding the upcoming Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)/Supplemental Staff Assessment (SSA) Workshops and summer schedule. First off, the PSA/SSA Workshop agendas (which remain subject to last minute change):

Workshop Agenda for June 27, 2012 in Bishop:

- Air Quality / Public Health
- Socioeconomics / Land Use
- Biological Resources (wildlife-focused)
- Cultural Resources (ethnology-focused)

Workshop Agenda for July 2, 2012 in Sacramento:

- Alternatives
- Biological Resources (botany-focused)
- Cultural Resources (archeology-focused)
- Transmission System Engineering
- Misc. Issues (carry-over discussions from June 27, 2012 workshop)

Other matters for consideration:

- **PSA/SSA Comment Period:** Due to input from various parties, including Intervenor Cindy MacDonald, it has been suggested that we combine both the May 24, 2012 PSA comment period (which currently concludes on July 6, 2012) and the June 15, 2012 SSA comment period (which currently concludes on July 16, 2012) into one combined comment period that would conclude at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012.
- **Solar Flux / Avian Impacts:** Biological Resources staff are anticipating the July 20, 2012 release of Rio Mesa Data Response #159. DR #159 will provide a three-dimensional graphical model of a 250-MW power tower under full-load, partial-load and full standby status, illustrating the composite effect of convective heat and radiant “solar” flux on avian species such as Golden Eagles. This data is critical to staff’s understanding of Hidden Hills impacts to avian species, and will be the subject of an early August, 2012 joint Rio Mesa-Hidden Hills Biological Resources staff Workshop.
- **FSA Publication:** Given the PSA/SSA comment period extension, and the need to complete the solar flux/avian impact component of the Biological Resources analysis, staff will be asking the Committee at the upcoming July 9, 2012 Committee Status Conference for additional time to complete its Final Staff Assessment.

Please provide input on any/all of the above matters as soon as possible (hopefully no later than 5pm on Friday, June 22, 2012), so that staff can file a new proposed schedule for Committee consideration.

Thanks!

Mike