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<b>Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division</b>	<b>File: 11-AFC-04</b>	
<b>Conversation Method: E-Mail and Telephone</b>	<b>Project Title: Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility</b>	
<b>Name(s): Pierre Martinez</b>	<b>Date: 10/18/12</b>	<b>Time: See Attached E-mail</b>
<b>With: Todd Stewart (BrightSource)</b>		
<b>Subject: Recommended Condition of Certification – Bio-20</b>		
<p>On October 18, 2012, Todd Stewart of BrightSource called me to ask for clarification on whether a financial security is required prior to publication of a Final Staff Assessment (FSA).</p> <p>In an e-mail to Mr. Stewart (attached) I clarified that the actual financial security was not required, rather what would be required is a <u>draft</u> Facility Closure, Revegetation, and Reclamation Plan and Financial Security, including an estimate of the necessary financial security to implement the plan.</p> <p>See attached e-mail.</p>		
<b>cc:</b>	<b>Date: 10/25/12</b>	<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Name:</b>

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**Subject:** RE: Rio Mesa -  
**Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 12:27:19 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Pierre, that addresses my concern.

Best



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**From:** Martinez, Pierre@Energy [mailto:Pierre.Martinez@energy.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 12:25 PM  
**To:** Todd Stewart  
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**Subject:** Rio Mesa -

Todd, in response to your question over the phone, I wanted to clarify for you our request for additional information in the Bio Section.

On page 4.2-11 it says in part:

Additional Information Staff Requires from the Applicant in Order to Complete the FSA:

Staff is awaiting additional information from the applicant for inclusion in the FSA,  
including the results of the full year of bird and bat surveys

conducted during 2012, the results of late-season botany surveys conducted in 2012, clarification of acreages of permanent and temporary disturbance by vegetation type, the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification and Incidental Take Permit application to be submitted to CDFG, and the draft Facility Closure, Revegetation, and Reclamation Plan and Financial Security.

You were concerned that the financial security was going to be required before the FSA. That is not the case. On page 4.2-142, under the section heading titled "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION STAFF REQUIRES FROM THE APPLICANT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE FSA" it says in part:

Facility Closure, Revegetation, and Reclamation Plan and Financial Security. In order to fully evaluate whether the applicant's facility closure measures will reduce the environmental impacts of site closure (i.e., dust, erosion, and weed infestation and spread) below a level of significance, **staff will need to review a draft Facility Closure, Revegetation, and Reclamation Plan and Financial Security prior to completing its analysis for the FSA. Therefore, staff requests that the applicant prepare and submit a draft plan, including its estimate of the necessary financial security to implement the plan.**

I used bold and underline in the paragraph above to clarify what we need before we can complete our analysis for the FSA.

Let me know if you need further clarification.

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