

WORKSHOP 3

PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM PROJECT AMENDMENT (09-AFC-7C)

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Agenda

- 1) Cultural Resources
 - Applicant update
 - Draft Data Request
 - Clarify whether applicant can do surveys that do not require any ground disturbance before permit is issued
- 2) Riverside County- Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC)
 - County Presentation
- 3) Worker Safety-Fire Needs Assessment
 - Applicant update
 - Status of local fire department review of the fire protection design and plan
 - Address potential changes to COCs
- 4) Biological Resources
 - a) Avian surveys
 - i) Status of Applicant's ongoing data collection
 - Summary of ongoing and proposed avian survey work, including discussion of methods
 - What data has been collected to date on eagles, sensitive birds, and general population estimates
 - What data has been collected to date on migration
 - What data has been collected to date on bat presence and use of the site
 - ii) What preliminary conclusions is the applicant making regarding raptor species documented and types/seasonality of use at the site and in the region.
 - Discussion of potential migratory pulses of raptors, species and abundance
 - iii) Preliminary conclusions: passerine species documented and types/seasonality of use
 - Discussion of potential migratory pulses of passerines, species and abundance
 - iv) REAT agency guidelines/CEC Data requests: review of requested methodology and the limitations in data interpretation
 - b) Bats
 - i) Potential impacts to bat species analyzed?
 - c) Discuss effect of adjacent agricultural use and the projects' potential to attract insects, birds, and bats due to adjacent agricultural operations and available water sources
 - d) Vegetation Management

- i) Long-term viability of mowing native vegetation-Staff would like to discuss the need for a vegetation management plan that presents specifics of mowing regimes, use of pesticides, tackifiers, etc., and to discuss how the applicant might manage weeds onsite if native vegetation becomes outcompeted by weeds.
 - ii) Have weed surveys been completed for the project, and are the new features (linears) being surveyed for weeds? Is a weed map available?
- e) Solar Flux:
- i) Discuss reliance on Hidden Hills record for technical discussion.
 - ii) Discuss supplementing Hidden Hills record with briefs regarding Palen site specific issues.