

Scoping Workshop Agenda Palm Springs, March 17, 2009

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10:00 a.m. to Noon

- Welcome and opening remarks (Terry O’Brien, California Energy Commission and Kevin Hunting, California Department of Fish and Game)
- Overview of the agenda and purpose of the scoping workshop (Dave Olsen, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies)
- Integration activities with state and federal agencies, and reducing permit processing times (Terry O’Brien, Deputy Director, California Energy Commission)
- The Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) and the how it will inform the work of the Executive Order (Roger Johnson, California Energy Commission)
- Renewable energy conservation planning (Kevin Hunting, Deputy Director, Department of Fish and Game, and Darrin Thome, Section 7 Program Manager, US Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Solar programmatic environmental impact study (Steve Borchard, District Manager, California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management)
- California Public Utilities Commission’s activities in support of the Executive Order (Iain Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission)
- Questions and Answers

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 -2:00 p.m. Continuation of the morning session, if necessary

Break

2:15-3:45 p.m

Panel Discussion--Identification of issues pertaining to permitting of renewable energy infrastructure and development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Utility Representatives:

- SCE, Gary Allen
- LADWP, Mark Sedlacek, Utility Services Manager

Environmental Organizations:

- Sierra Club, Carl Zichella
- The Nature Conservancy, Laura Crane

Renewable Energy Project Developers:

- Scott Busa, Florida Power and Light
- Geothermal Energy Association, John McCaull
- BrightSource (solar), Arthur Haubenstock

Local Agency

- San Bernardino County, Julie Rynerson Rock

3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Public Comment

4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks