

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
Final Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
July 16, 2008

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Independent System Operator in Folsom, CA on July 16, 2008, beginning at 10:30 AM. Five members attended by WebEx, and the meeting was accessible to observers via WebEx. Attendees are listed below. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen of CEERT.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the June 18, 2008 SSC meeting were approved.
2. **Approved in principle the methodology proposed by the Environmental Work Group for estimating the relative environmental impacts associated with CREZ development.** This methodology is not intended to determine or monetize actual impacts, but rather to estimate relative potential impacts of CREZ development, applied consistently across all CREZ. This identifies CREZ having the least environmental cost, and results in an environmental “supply curve” of preferred CREZ.
3. **Approved in principle the methodology proposed by the Environmental Work Group for integrating environmental and monetary CREZ ratings.** CREZ identified as having both the least environmental and monetary costs will be the focus of conceptual transmission planning in RETI phase 2. CREZ which pass the monetary screen but not the environmental screen, or vice versa, will be reassessed to determine if adjustments can be made to increase the economic value or decrease the environmental costs of such CREZ. A sufficient number of CREZ having least economic and environmental costs will be identified to meet state renewable energy and climate goals.
4. **Directed the Phase 1B work group to resolve how Black and Veatch should treat generation-transmission development on US Forest Service lands in its Phase 1 modeling.** The working proposal, accepted by the sense of the meeting, is that Forest Service lands should be treated as “Category 2” lands on which environmental sensitivities make development unlikely; and that as a result, Black and Veatch should include only pre-identified generating projects on such lands in its analysis. Wind and geothermal SSC representatives will present this proposal to their constituents and report back to enable this issue to be resolved at the next Phase 1B work group meeting.
5. **Directed the EWG to determine which agricultural lands should be considered off-limits to future renewable energy development for purposes of RETI CREZ identification.** Black & Veatch proposes to exclude prime agricultural lands under the Williamson Act from its analysis, i.e., not to place proxy projects on such lands. Other agricultural lands not covered by the Williamson Act should perhaps also be excluded. Karen Mills and John McCaull volunteered to work with Black & Veatch to develop a proposal for treatment of agricultural lands in RETI for consideration by the EWG.

6. Agreed in principle to work to the proposed August-September timeline for concluding RETI Phase 1:

- August 13: Draft Phase 1 report posted
- August 20: PSG meeting; SSC meeting to combine economic and environmental rankings into priority CREZ; adopt Phase 2 work plan
- September 3: Deadline for comments on Phase 1. Phase 2 work groups formed.
- September 10: Draft Final Phase 1 report posted
- September 17: SSC meets, finalizes CREZ ranking; accepts Phase 1 Final Report.

7. Confirmed August 20 as the date of next Plenary Stakeholder Group and next SSC meeting, at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

July 16, 2008 SSC meeting attendees

SSC members:

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| Biomass | Gregg Morris (WebEx) | |
| BLM | Duane Marti | |
| CAISO | Gary DeShazo | |
| California Farm Bureau | | Karen Mills |
| Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice | | Donna Chartied |
| CEC | Clare Laufenberg Gallardo | |
| CPUC | Anne Gillette, Tom Flynn | |
| Counties | Andy Horne (WebEx) | |
| Counties | Joe Bertotti (WebEx) | |
| DRA | David Peck (WebEx) | |
| Geothermal | John McCaull (WebEx) | |
| IEP | Steven Kelly | |
| Imperial County | | Andy Horn |
| IID | Juan Carlos Sandoval | |
| NRDC | Johanna Wald | |
| Solar | Arthur Haubenstock (for Rainer Aringhoff) | |
| PG&E | Robert Jenkins, Kevin Dasso | |
| SDG&E | Linda Brown | |
| SCE | Jorge Chacon (for Gary Tarplee) | |
| SCE | Katie Sloan (for Gary Allen) | |
| SDG&E | Laura Manz | |
| SMUD | Mike DeAngelis | |
| U.S. Forest Service | Mike Chapel | |
| U.S. Marine Corps | | Charles ("Mike") Hamilton |
| U.S. Military | Mike Hamilton (WebEx, for Tony Parisi) | |
| Wind | Dariush Shirmohammadi | |

Not Present:

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| NCPA | Jim Pope |
| SCPPA | David Kolk |

LADWP Mohammed Beshir
PG&E Kevin Dasso
Sierra Club Carl Zichella

Coordinating Committee members attending:

CPUC Traci Bone
CEC Chuck Najarian

B&V: Ryan Pletka, Tim Mason, Scott Olson

Observers:

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| Aspen Environmental Group | Susan Phinney |
| BLM | Bob Doyel |
| CAISO | Dennis Peters |
| CalWEA | Nancy Rader |
| CEC | Roger Johnson |
| CPUC | Billie Blanchard, Cheryl Lee (WebEx) |
| CDWR | Lee Terry, _____ |
| CEERT | Merrisa Moore, Ryan Drobek, John Shahabian Jr. |
| CMUA | Justin Wynn |
| First Wind | Sharon Firooz |
| Interested Citizen | John Moore |
| Opti-Solar | Greg Blue |
| SDG&E | Jan Strack |
| TANC | Patrick Mealoy |
| Third Planet Windpower | Amy Frees |
| Union of Concerned Scientists | Laura Wisland |
| University of California | Lloyd Cibulka |
| US Fish & Wildlife Service | Vicki Campbell (WebEx), Darren Thohm (WebEx) |
| Vestas | Henry Tillman |
| Vulcan | Jim Kritikson |

Josh Finn
Mike Saghaimarroof

Coordinators:

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen – Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT)