

DRAFT MINUTES
RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
August 12, 2010
Meeting via Web Ex

Clare Laufenberg Gallardo opened the meeting with an announcement of the CEC RFP for RETI services. Clare announced that the pre-bid meeting to discuss all questions would be on August 19, 2010 and that responses to the RFP are due September 14, 2010.

The minutes for the June 28, 2010 SSC meeting were approved without opposition.

Mike Deis introduced Jan Strack of the Sempra to present the CTPG Phase 3 Status Report and to discuss next steps for CTPG. Differences between the RETI shift factor analysis and the CTPG shift factor analysis were discussed. The need to continue to incorporate environmental scores into the CTPG process was raised and special note was made to consider the BLM Solar Zone information. CTPG attempted to use the best available commercial information but CTPG is improvements upon its methods going forward.

Jan clarified that the CTPG analysis was intended to address whether a project addressed a reliability need. The CTPG analysis did not attempt to evaluate whether a given project was the best way to address a need. Projects that were ranked high were projects that satisfied needs but the high ranking should not be assumed to reflect a determination that a high ranked project is the best way to satisfy particular needs.

Ryan Drobek of CEERT gave a brief description of how the RETI EWG established scores for the transmission elements identified by CTPG.

A discussion of out of state transmission projects and cases followed. Some stakeholders indicated an interest in greater attention being paid to out of state alternatives. Specific attributes of some out of state projects were raised relative to the question of identifying the commercial interest in these projects. The presence of an active open season with a robust response by developers was suggested as one measure. The status of a project in the permitting process out of state was suggested and it was noted that some out of state projects are shovel ready today. Another stakeholder suggested that a signed PPA is necessary to indicate commercial interest. Another suggested that the financial viability of projects relative to the ability of developers to get financing should be a criterion. Yet another stakeholder suggested that the West Connect working groups, like the El Dorado Study Group, and the Sierra Sub-regional Study Group could be consulted for information on proposed projects.

The next RETI SSC meeting was set for September 8, from 10 to 5 pm, at the PUC in San Francisco.

Meeting participants:

Mike Deis	SMUD
Kathy Stryczek	APS
Rob Wood	Native American Heritage Commission
Carl Linvill	Aspen
Jan Strack	Sempra Utilities
Amber Riesenhuber	IEPA
Robert Sparks	CAISO
Jim Kritikson	self
Darius Shirmohammadi	Shir Consultants
Dave Singleton	Native American Heritage Commission
Aseem Bhatia	Dept of Water Resources
Christopher McCune	Pattern Energy
Rich Ferguson	CEERT
Christian Hackett	Pattern Energy
Perry Cole	Equity Capital Partners
Johanna Wald	NRDC
Bill Hosie	TransCanada
Anthony Andreoni	CMUA
Olga Beznosova	BC Hydro
John McCaull	Geothermal Energy
Curt Hatton	PG&E
Barbara Boyle	Sierra Club
Gary Mirich	Energy Strategies
Madeleine Aldridge	First Solar
Eldon Cotton	Citizens Energy
Gene Varanini	GT Law
Anne Gillette	CPUC
Julie Tupper	US Forest Service
Ann Filey	MWD
Mo Beshir	LADWD
Shashi Pandey	SCE
Joshua Hart	Inyo County
Armie Perez	Z Global
Jim Bartridge	Energy Commission
Ray Camacho	Flynn RCI
Ali Amirali	Starwood
Jeff Ghilardi	GE
Jason Ricci	Energy Foundation
Ryan Drobek	CEERT
Laura Manz	L J Manz Consulting
Gary Mirich	IEPA
Ean O'Neill	Energy Commission
Clare Laufenberg Gallardo	Energy Commission