

**BEACON SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (08-AFC-02)
CEC STAFF DATA REQUEST NUMBERS 79 - 80**

Technical Area: Cultural Resources

Response Date: October 13, 2008

Data Request 79:

Please clarify the strategy that the applicant plans to use to conclude the evaluation of the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) eligibility of the 15 archeological sites (12 prehistoric lithic scatters and 3 historic refuse deposits) that the project apparently would not avoid and that are not presently undergoing evaluation.

Response:

The sites that are potentially being affected by BSEP, but are not slated for additional work as part of the evaluation field work, were assessed for significance based on archival research, and surface observations and documentation. These efforts are summarized in the Cultural Resources Evaluation Report prepared in support of the AFC and in response to CEC Data Request 32, and provided as Attachment DR-32. This report will be provided on or before October 23, 2008.

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Please provide a table of these resources, based on the information provided in (1) above, which includes the regulatory remedy proposed for each resource.

- a. Please indicate whether the applicant has been able to determine, subsequent to the filing of the AFC, that the project would avoid any of these resources.
- b. If not, please recommend the CRHR eligibility of archaeological sites that cannot be avoided, based on extant surface observations or a further round of field observation.
- c. Should the applicant conclude that more field data is needed to evaluate any of the 15 subject archaeological sites, please provide, for staff approval, proposals for any protocols that the applicant wishes to use to programmatically evaluate resource types, prior to the implementation of those protocols.

Response:

Please see Table DR-80 provided below.

- a. Subsequent to the filing of the AFC, BSEP has determined that they will avoid Sites 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 (Note there are additional sites that will be avoided as identified in the AFC).

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- b. For those sites that cannot be avoided, recommendations regarding CRHR eligibility are provided in the Cultural Resources Evaluation Report (provided as Attachment DR-32, which will be submitted on or before October 23, 2008) and Table DR-80.
- c. No additional field data are needed for evaluations at this time.

**Table DR-80
Management Recommendations for Archaeological Sites Potentially Affected by BSEP**

P-Number/ Trinomial or Temporary Number	Site Type	CRHR Recommendation	Project Component	Management Recommendation
15-003366/ CA-KER-3366H	Southern Pacific Railroad	Potentially significant under Criterion 1 of CRHR	Plant site	Avoid
15-006415/ CA-KER-5264H	Debris scatter	Not eligible	Plant site	None
Site 3	Historic debris and lithic scatter	Not eligible	Transmission Line Option 2 (southern)	None
Site 6	Lithic scatter and refuse	Potentially significant under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Transmission Line Option 2 (southern)	Avoid
Site 8	Fire-affected rock	Eligible under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Plant site/ Rerouted wash	Avoid
Site 9	Fire-affected rock	Eligible under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Plant site/ Rerouted wash	Avoid or data recovery
Site 10	Camp	Not eligible	Plant site/ Rerouted wash	None
Site 11	Fire-affected rock	Eligible under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Plant site/ Rerouted wash	Avoid or data recovery
Site 12	Fire-affected rock	Eligible under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Plant site/ Rerouted wash	Avoid or data recovery

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Site 13	Fire-affected rock	Eligible under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Plant site	Avoid or data recovery
Site 16	Refuse scatter	Not eligible	Plant Site	None
Site 17	Lithic scatter	Not eligible	Plant Site	None
Site 18	Lithic scatter	Not eligible	Plant Site	None
Site 19	Lithic scatter	Not eligible	Plant Site	None
Site 54	Lithic scatter	Potentially significant under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Transmission Line Option 1 (northern)	Avoid
Site 59	Trail	Not eligible	Transmission Line Option 2 (southern)	None
Site BSPL-H-1	Refuse scatter	Not eligible	Pipeline	None
Site BSPL-H-2	Foundation and refuse	Potentially significant under Criterion 4 of CRHR	Pipeline	Avoid