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Felicia Miller, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: **ENVIRONMENTAL REFERRAL – CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION – REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT PROJECT (09-AFC-2)**

Ms. Miller:

The Stanislaus County Environmental Review Committee (ERC) has reviewed the subject project and has determined that it may have a significant effect on the environment.

The following comments/conditions are submitted by the Department of Public Works dated July 29, 2009:

- The proposed almond plant would be a natural-gas fired, simple-cycle peaking facility rated at a gross generating capacity of 174 megawatts (MW). This project could generate significant traffic impacts for the transfer of raw material to and from site and will need further studies to consider the number of truck trips and the use and conditions of the county roadways.

In addition, the ERC attaches hereto and incorporates herein by reference comments/ conditions from the Office of the Fire Warden (Fire Prevention Bureau) dated June 17, 2009.

The ERC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Raul Mendez, Senior Management Consultant
Environmental Review Committee

cc: ERC Members

Attachment