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Beacon Solar, LLC ("Beacon") is pleased to provide the following status report to the Committee. On November 6th California Energy Commission ("Commission") Staff held a data response and issues resolution workshop. Although the discussion was productive in most instances, Beacon was disappointed the United States Fish and Wildlife Service was unable to attend and provide their comments on the raven plan and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) was unable to send a representative from their streambed alteration program to provide any comments on the Streambed Alteration Agreement related to the rerouted wash (CDFG did send a representative from their endangered species permitting program). Nonetheless, the parties in attendance reviewed the data responses and biological resource mitigation proposals and methods for calculating adequate mitigation.

At the workshop Beacon agreed to provide the following additional information:

- A revision to the proposed evaporation pond management/sampling program in response to specific comments from CDFG,
- A revision of the monitoring requirements and identification of success criteria for the rerouted wash,
- A map of the geomorphic surfaces with an overlay of the grading plan and a discussion of any need for additional geomorphic investigation,
- Additional information regarding the use of high total dissolved solids water as a water supply alternative,
- A reevaluation of Data Responses 98, 101, 102 and 103 based upon a hydrogeologic investigation report located and provided by Commission Staff, and

- An additional revision and clarification/presentation of the results of the groundwater model.

Beacon will provide this information as soon as possible. All of these items are either clarifications or supplemental information to what has already been provided. Although Beacon is providing the additional information requested during the workshop, Beacon is concerned that this stage of the proceeding should be completed. The Commission found the Application for Certification for the Beacon Solar Energy Project as data adequate on May 5th, 2008. Commission Staff noted on May 5th that the application was one of the most complete and comprehensive applications filed at the Commission. Beacon expended considerable resources responding to requests for additional studies, investigations and analysis in response to the requests of Commission Staff, local residents and other agencies. The time for gathering data has ended, and we respectfully request that Commission Staff proceed with the preliminary staff assessment.

Again, Beacon appreciates this opportunity to update the Committee and looks forward to receiving the preliminary staff assessment.

Respectfully,

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Lois Navarrot