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Sacramento, California 95814Main website: [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov)**DOCKET****07-AFC-8**

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## Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop for the Carrizo Energy Solar Farm Project (07-AFC-8)

The California Energy Commission Staff will conduct a workshop to discuss outstanding issues that were identified in the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the proposed Carrizo Energy Solar Farm Project (CESF). The workshop will provide an opportunity for agencies, the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the PSA. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

**MONDAY, December 15, 2008**

**Session 1: 2:00 PM – Estimated 5:00 PM (when discussions are completed)**

**Session 2: 6:00 PM (for additional public comment & a recap of Session 1)**

### **Carrisa Plains Heritage Association Community Center**

**10750 Carrisa Highway**

**(State Route 58, near Simmler and California Valley)**

**Approximately 44 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA**

***(Wheelchair Accessible)***

***(Map Attached)***

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this PSA workshop is to receive comments on staff's analysis from the applicant, public, interveners in the proceeding, and local, state and federal agencies. Environmental and engineering related topics and any outstanding issues will be discussed. Discussions may include any of the topics contained in the PSA with a focus on Biology, Land Use, Noise, Soil & Water, Traffic & Transportation, and Visual Resources. Comments will be used to revise the PSA and complete the Final Staff Assessment which will become staff's testimony in evidentiary hearings. Public comments on the PSA are welcome and encouraged to be submitted in writing by December 30, 2008, to John Kessler, Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead or by email to [jkessler@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jkessler@energy.state.ca.us).

## Background

On October 25, 2007, Carrizo Energy, LLC submitted an AFC to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 177 megawatt (MW) net solar thermal power plant in eastern San Luis Obispo County, California. The 640-acre proposed project site is located immediately adjacent to California State Route 58 (SR-58/Carrisa Highway), approximately three miles west of Simmler. On December 19, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete which initiated the Energy Commission staff's independent review of the proposed project. On July 3, 2008, the applicant filed a Supplement to the AFC describing changes to the proposed project. The primary changes consist of proposing that the solar reflectors be aligned in a north-south rather than an east-west direction, rotating and relocating the power block slightly east of the original location along the northern site boundary, reducing the length of the two air-cooled condensers, performing on-site manufacturing of solar collectors, and reducing the number of steam drums from twenty to eight in the solar field and from two to none in the power block. The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and deciding whether to approve applications for construction and operation of thermal power plants in California with a capacity of 50 MW or greater.

## Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Elena Miller, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by email at [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

## Questions and Access to Information

General information and documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo>. Please direct all news media inquiries to Susanne Garfield, Assistant Director for Media and Public Commmmunications, at (916) 654-4989 or email [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us). For general or technical questions on the subject matter, please contact John Kessler, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679 or email [jkessler@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jkessler@energy.state.ca.us). If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice. Please include "Docket No. 07-AFC-8" in referring to the case.

Date: December 5, 2008

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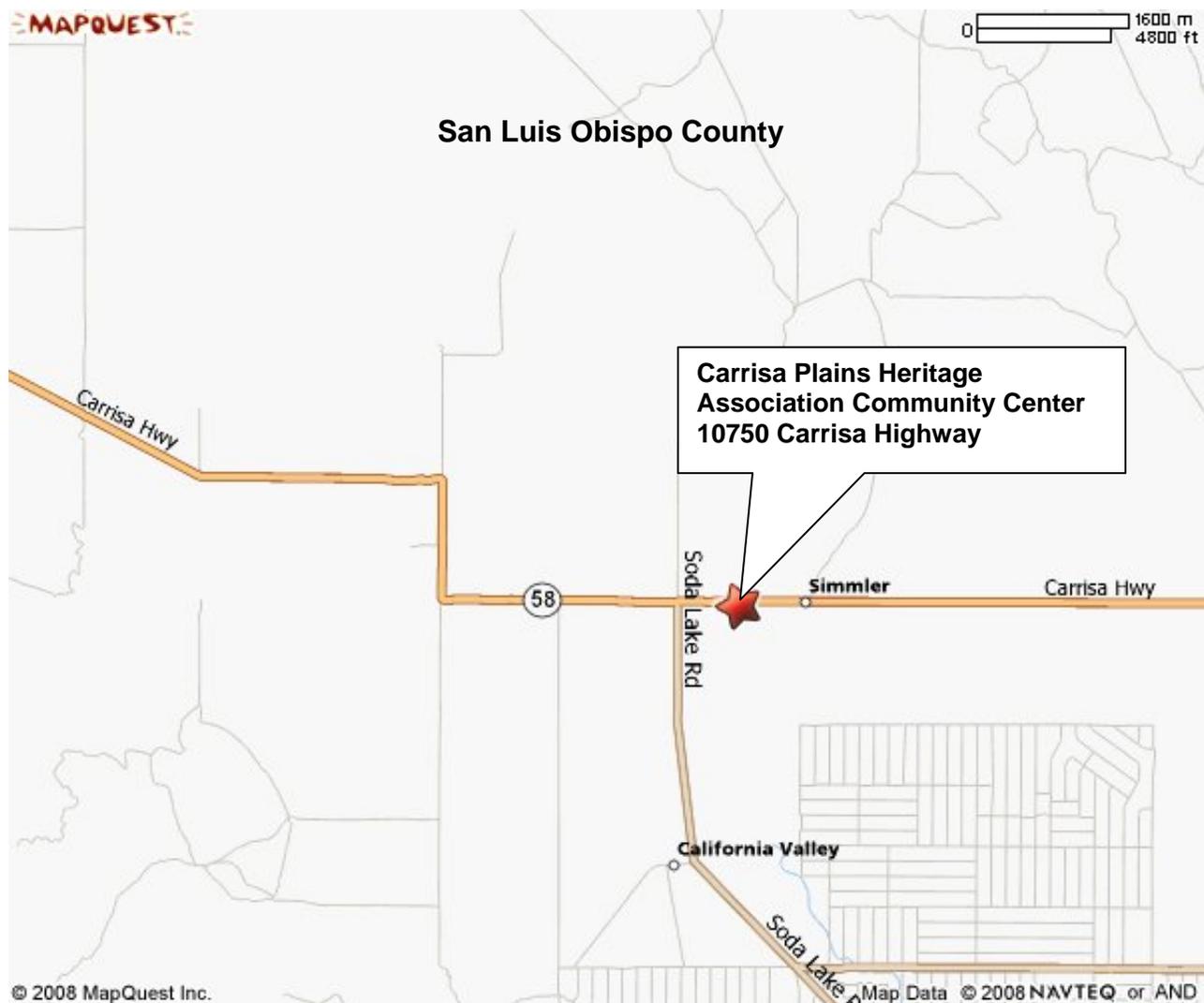
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State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

**CARRIZO ENERGY SOLAR FARM  
PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP  
Monday, December 15, 2008  
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Session 2: Beginning at 6:00 P.M**

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
 FOR THE *CARRIZO ENERGY*  
*SOLAR FARM PROJECT*

Docket No. 07-AFC-8  
**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
 (Revised 11/25/2008)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All parties shall either (1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies or (2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the address for the Docket as shown below, AND (3) all parties shall also send a printed or electronic copy of the document, which includes a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service list shown below:

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## **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Hilarie Anderson declare that on December 5, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

**OR**

Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210. All electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

**Original Signature in Dockets**  
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