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**Notice of Availability**

**Revised Draft Summary Report for Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions
Habitat Connectivity Planning for Selected Focal Species in the Carrizo Plain
Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (07-AFC-8).
(Cross-Reference: Topaz Solar Farm and
California Valley Solar Ranch Projects)**

This notice is to inform interested persons of the opportunity to review the newly revised third draft summary report for Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions (Task 1 report) for the study entitled Habitat Connectivity Planning for Selected Focal Species in the Carrizo Plain (Study).

Previous drafts of the Task 1 report were issued on March 26 and April 2, 2009. Following the issuance of the March 26, 2009 draft, the technical team revised the report to add Figure 13; a new column of rankings for kit fox based on permeability in Appendix B; and additional text, which was highlighted in italics. A workshop was then conducted by teleconference on April 2, 2009 which presented the results of the second draft of the Task 1 report. Following the workshop, staff received written comments from the applicants for the three solar projects, parties in the Carrizo Energy Solar Farm proceeding and members of the public. Some of the comments received concerned the need to perform more verification and updating of the vegetation data used for the model. Staff and the technical team thereupon performed additional verification, updated the vegetation data and reran the analysis for baseline conditions. These updates are reflected in this latest draft of the Task 1 report. Edits to the April 2, 2009 version of the report are shown in underline as additions and in strikeout as deletions.

The Commission is distributing this Task 1 report for informational purposes. The next step in the Study will be for staff and the technical team to perform Task 2 - Model Effects of the Proposed Solar Projects. It is currently anticipated that Task 2 and the draft report summarizing its results will be issued in the July – August time frame, followed by a workshop that would be noticed and conducted by teleconference.

There are three separate solar projects currently proposed for development within the Carrizo Plain: the Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (CESF) solar thermal project, the Topaz Solar Farm (Topaz) photovoltaic project, and California Valley Solar Ranch (CVSR) photovoltaic project. The Energy Commission has jurisdiction over the licensing of CESF Project in Application for Certification proceeding number 07-AFC-8. San Luis Obispo County has jurisdiction over the licensing of the Topaz and CVSR photovoltaic projects through those projects' Condition Use Permit applications. The Wildlife Corridor Study is being conducted as a part of the Energy Commission's siting process for the CESF (proceeding number 07-AFC-8) in a publically open process in cooperation and coordination with the applicants for all three projects as well as San

Luis Obispo County, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Energy Commission staff.

The newly-revised Task 1 Report dated June 2009 is currently available on the CEC's website at: www.energy.ca.gov/siting/cases/carrizo/index.html

Public Participation and Access to Information

Information concerning how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project (Application For Certification number 07-AFC-8) may be obtained by contacting the Energy Commission Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to John Kessler, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679 or at jkessler@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, an electronic copy of the Application for Certification, the Preliminary Staff Assessment, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/siting/cases/carrizo/index.html.

News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Susanne Garfield, at (916) 654-4989.

Sincerely,

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

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Hilarie Anderson declare that on June 22, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Availability of Revised Draft Summary Report for Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo/index.html>]. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission’s Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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

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