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Subject: RE: Biological protocols for Ford Dry Lake

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Tricia - Here are the agency comments on your proposed field survey protocols for the Ford Dry Lake project:

USFWS (Tannika Engelhard): The USFWS agrees with the proposed desert tortoise survey protocol for the Ford Dry Lake (aka Project Genesis) project with one revision. Zone of influence (ZOI) transects, as described in the 1992 desert tortoise survey protocol, are not necessary around the project boundary, only along both sides of the proposed linear facilities.

BLM (Dr. Larry LaPre): I have reviewed the updated biological protocols to be utilized by the consultants for Project Genesis. I also reviewed the earlier draft, and we discussed that document on a conference call. In addition, I have been in contact with the biologists who are doing the field work. The Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, approves the survey protocols as written in the March 26 document. They are consistent with those being utilized by applicants for other solar projects in the California Desert. Mark Massar may have additional comments on the survey protocols based on his site knowledge and the concerns of the Palm Springs Field Office.

CDFG (Kim Nicol): Fish and Game agrees with USFWS on the desert tortoise survey protocol. The only other comment I have, and BLM may have already made this, is that they need to do the standard BLM point count surveys for birds.

CEC (Rick York): No additional comments.

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Hi Rick,

Attached please find the Ford Dry Lake Biological Protocols.

These protocols were revised after the CEC conference call on March 25th and sent to Aileen Allen at CEC on March 30th. The original protocols were sent to CEC on March 11.

Please let us know if you have further questions. Thank you!

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