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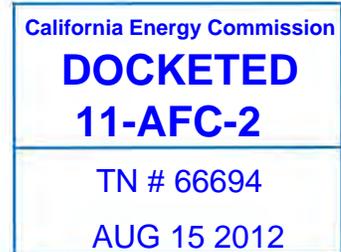
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Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member  
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Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System (Docket No. 11-AFC-2)  
California Energy Commission  
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Re: Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System, Docket No. 11-AFC-02;  
Southern Inyo Fire Protection District's Response to Applicant's July 25,  
2012 Comment on Preliminary Staff Assessment

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Dear Commissioners Douglas and Peterman:

This communication by the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District (the "District")<sup>1</sup> addresses the Applicant's Comments on the Commission's Preliminary Staff Assessment, Set 2, filed on July 25, 2012 ("Comments").

As a component of these Comments, the Applicant relied on the recent case of City of *Hayward v. Board of Trustee of California State University* (2012) 207 Cal. App. 4th 446 ("*Hayward*"), for the proposition that an impact by the Hidden Hills Solar Project on public services (specifically, fire protection and emergency medical services provided by the District) would not be an "environmental impact" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*). (Comments, pp. 231-232).

The Commission should disregard the Applicant's comments relying on the

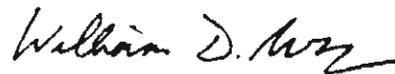
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<sup>1</sup> This office serves as Special District Council to the District.

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*Hayward* ruling, because on August 13, 2012 the Plaintiff-Respondent City of Hayward filed a Petition for Review with the California Supreme Court. Therefore, reliance on the decision of the Court of Appeals would be premature.

Very truly yours,



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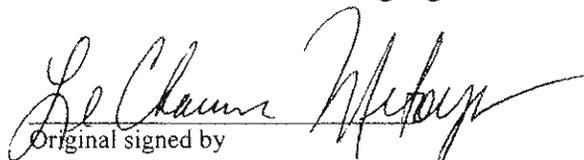
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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GENERATING SYSTEM**

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