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Subject: Tule Elk State Natural Reserve

Dear Mr. Worl,

The Tehachapi District of the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you and project proponent regarding the proposed Hydrogen Power Plant project.

State Parks is a State Agency as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) § 21082.1, a Trustee Agency as used by CEQA, its Guidelines and as defined by CCR § 15386 for the resources affected by this proposed project. Our mission is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping preserve the state's extraordinary biodiversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation.

As the office responsible for the stewardship of Tule Elk State Natural Reserve, we have an interest and concern about contemplated alterations of land use adjacent to the park. The long-term health of Tule Elk State Natural Reserve is dependent on the health of the regional ecosystems because the biotic boundaries of the park extend beyond its jurisdictional boundaries. We are concerned that the proposed project has the potential to impact the environment and may have direct impacts to the Reserve.

We original submitted a comment letter back on October 21, 2010 for the Preliminary Staff Assessment, Part 1, prior to amendment of the applicant and rescoping of the project. We have been following the project closely and we have been receiving regular updates on the List Server. However we would like to request to be more directly involved in the process and to ensure that all of the potential impacts to the Reserve are full analyzed within the environmental review.

For further discussion or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at (661) 724-2380 or by email. As always thank you for your time and your attention to this matter. We look forward to speaking with you and being involved in the process. It is important that all land use decisions adjacent to Tule Elk State Natural Reserve be compatible with the preservation of the tremendous resources found there.

Sincerely,
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