

PALOMAR ENERGY PROJECT (01-AFC-24)
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Technical Area: Visual Resources

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REQUEST:

Please clarify what stage of vegetation growth is represented in the simulations (initial planting, 5 years, 10 years, etc). If the simulations are not at five years of growth, please provide four sets of photocopies of high quality 11"x17" color images of simulations with the landscaping at five years of growth.

RESPONSE:

The Visual Resources simulations provided in the AFC show the vegetation at the site at 10 years of growth. Ten years after initial planting represents mature vegetation. Using simulated vegetation at 10 years of growth is a standard approach for visual simulations. Simulations showing the vegetation at five years are not specified in CEC AFC guidelines, and are not available at present. It is Palomar Energy's view that simulations showing vegetation at five years would not provide significant additional useful information.