

Blythe Solar Power Project (09-AFC-6)
Palen Solar Power Project (09-AFC-7)
Rice Solar Energy Project (09-AFC-10)

Informational Hearing and Site Visit

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Public Participation

Outreach

Public participation is an integral part of the siting process

Public involvement improves the process and the outcome

Public outreach is a concerted effort at the Energy Commission

- > Executive Director
- > Siting Division
- > Hearing Office
- > Media Office
- > Public Adviser's Office

What's a Public Adviser?

At the Commission

Help the public understand the process

Make recommendations for the best way to be involved

Assist in successful participation in proceedings

Brochures are available for more information

Outreach--Public Adviser

Notice of Informational Hearing and Site Visit in English & Spanish:

- > City and County officials, including:
Blythe, Riverside, Quartzsite and San Bernardino
- > Broad categories:
Interested parties that have contacted our office; city and county civic leaders; local non-profit groups (community, environmental, ethnic organizations); local Native American Tribes and registered members; public and private schools; places of worship; law enforcement; emergency services; community organizations and libraries

Media Outreach:

- > Paid local newspaper advertisement
Palo Verde Valley Times
- > Website public service announcements requested
Chamber of Commerce: Blythe, Riverside and San Bernardino
City of Blythe
- > Local TV and radio contacted in English and Spanish
KVER TV Channel 4 and KDIF La Precisosa
KPKR 97.3 FM, River Rat Radio, KJMB-FM 100.3, KLYY Radio, Jose 97.5

Outreach--Other Notices

Notice of CEC receipt of an AFC (by "Siting" Division):

U.S. Postal Service mailing

- > Residents: within 1,000 ft. of project site & 500 ft. of project linears
- > Libraries: with copies of the AFC
- > Agencies (local, state & federal): with CDs of the AFC

Notice announcing this site visit/info hearing (by Hearing Office):

U.S. Postal Service mailing

- > Project Mailing List
Residents, libraries, agencies
- > Proof of Service List
Committee, applicant, staff, interested agencies, intervenors

Notice by List Server

Electronic distribution by email to those who signed up on the electronic list

Outreach--Other

Executive Director Correspondence:

Elected Officials

Press Release & Media Advisories (by CEC Media & Communications Office):

Barstow Desert Dispatch, Barstow Log, Record-Gazette Banning, Riverside Press Enterprise, LA Times Riverside Bureau, Palo Verde Valley Times, Quartzsite Times, Valley Chronicle (Hemet), Town Crier (Idyllwild), Beacon (March AFB), Perris Progress & City News, Riverside Press Enterprise, Riverside County Record, Riverside Biz Journal, Palm Springs Desert Sun, Black Voice News, Riverside County Record, KDFX Fox TV, KESQ ABC TV, KMIR NBC TV, KUNA Telemundo, KLOB FM, KGAM AM, KDIF-TV, KPRO-AM, KJMB-FM and KHPY

At the Commission

Sources

- > Energy Commission Website
www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar
 - ✓ *Notices and Announcements*
 - ✓ *Documents and Reports*
 - ✓ *Docket Log*

- > Energy Commission Library
1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA

- > Dockets Email
docket@energy.state.ca.us
 - ✓ *Public Records Act requests for items not electronically available on website*

Tools

- > List Server (email notification)
www.energy.ca.gov/listservers
 - ✓ Notification of new postings on project website

- > U.S. Mailing List
Project specific notices

- > Public Adviser's Office
Sign-Up Sheet
 - ✓ The Public Adviser's Office can make sure that you get on the above list of your choice
 - ✓ Call for additional assistance

In Your Community

Where the Public can Read the Application for Certification (AFC)

Library

- > Parker Public Library
- > Palo Verde Valley District Library
- > Lake Tamarisk Library
- > Cathedral City Branch Library
- > Riverside Main Library
- > Coachella Branch Library

Electronic Access to AFC

- > www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar

Two Levels of Public Participation

Informal Participation

Comments

- > Considered by the Commissioners
- > Part of the record
- > Not evidence

Making your voice heard is easy

- > Verbal Comments at Public Meetings: via Blue Cards
- > Written Comments or Statements to the Commission Dockets Unit

Two Levels of Public Participation

Formal Participation (Intervenor)

Who can Become an Intervenor

- > Anyone may file a Petition to Intervene in a proceeding
- > You do not have to be or have an attorney to intervene
- > The petition is considered by the assigned committee
- > If approved, you become a party to this proceeding

How to Formally Participate

- > Contact the Public Adviser's Office or go to our website
- > File Petition to Intervene

NOTE: It is important to intervene early in a case, otherwise there is the possibility of missing the time frame to intervene or missing the time frame in which to request information from staff, the applicant and other parties .

Two Levels of Public Participation

The Public Adviser's Office

Benefits & Responsibilities to Intervening

Intervenors have the same rights & responsibilities as other parties

- > Receive
 - All filings in a case, including AFC
 - Notices of hearings and workshops through Proof of Service
- > Fully participate in the process of obtaining information
- > File documents and serve them on all parties
 - Motions
 - Petitions
 - Objections
 - Briefs
- > Present evidence and witnesses
- > Cross-examine witnesses provided by other parties

How to Participate

Things to Keep in Mind

Stay informed

- > Sign-Up to Receive Notice of All Upcoming Events

Note: Per CA Govt. Code § 11124, you are not required to register your name or provide any information as a condition to attend or participate in this proceeding

Submit written comments

Attend Publicly Noticed Project Events

- > Public Encouraged to Comment on Noticed Agenda Topics
- > Non-English Speaking Welcome
- > Special Accommodations for Persons With Disabilities

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