

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Notice of Data Request and Issues Resolution Workshop for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-4)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Data Request and Issues Resolution Workshop for the proposed Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

The workshop will be held:

**TUESDAY, March 13, 2012
Beginning at 10:30AM**

**California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(wheelchair accessible, map attached)**

WebEx and Conference Call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

Access code: **929 987 087**

Meeting Password: **meeting@1030**

(please see attached Instructions for WebEx and Conference Call access)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, interested agencies, and the public the opportunity to discuss biological resources related to the project, including data requests filed by staff on February 27, 2012.

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2011, BrightSource Energy, Inc., submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). On December 14, 2011, the Energy Commission approved the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC was deemed complete for purposes of commencing the Commission's siting review process. A portion of the proposed Rio Mesa SEGF is located on Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Energy Commission and BLM are conducting a joint state and federal environmental review of the Rio Mesa SEGF. The Energy Commission staff and BLM staff have begun their discovery and analysis of the Rio Mesa SEGF project. The staff will use the information obtained from the workshop discussions to prepare its Preliminary Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As proposed, Rio Mesa SEGF would comprise three solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 5,750 acres and would be located on the Palo Verde Mesa in Riverside County, California, approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Blythe. If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 750 MW and would use heliostats – elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on pylons – to focus the sun's rays on a receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tall solar power tower near the center of each solar field. Each solar plant would utilize approximately 85,000 heliostats.

PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Pierre Martinez, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-3765, or by e-mail at pmartine@energy.ca.gov. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.ca.gov. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or via email at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov at least five days in advance.

News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov. The staff's Data Requests, status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the project web site: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or at the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this Notice.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements from the project website through the List Server. By being on this email list, you will receive all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

Date: _____

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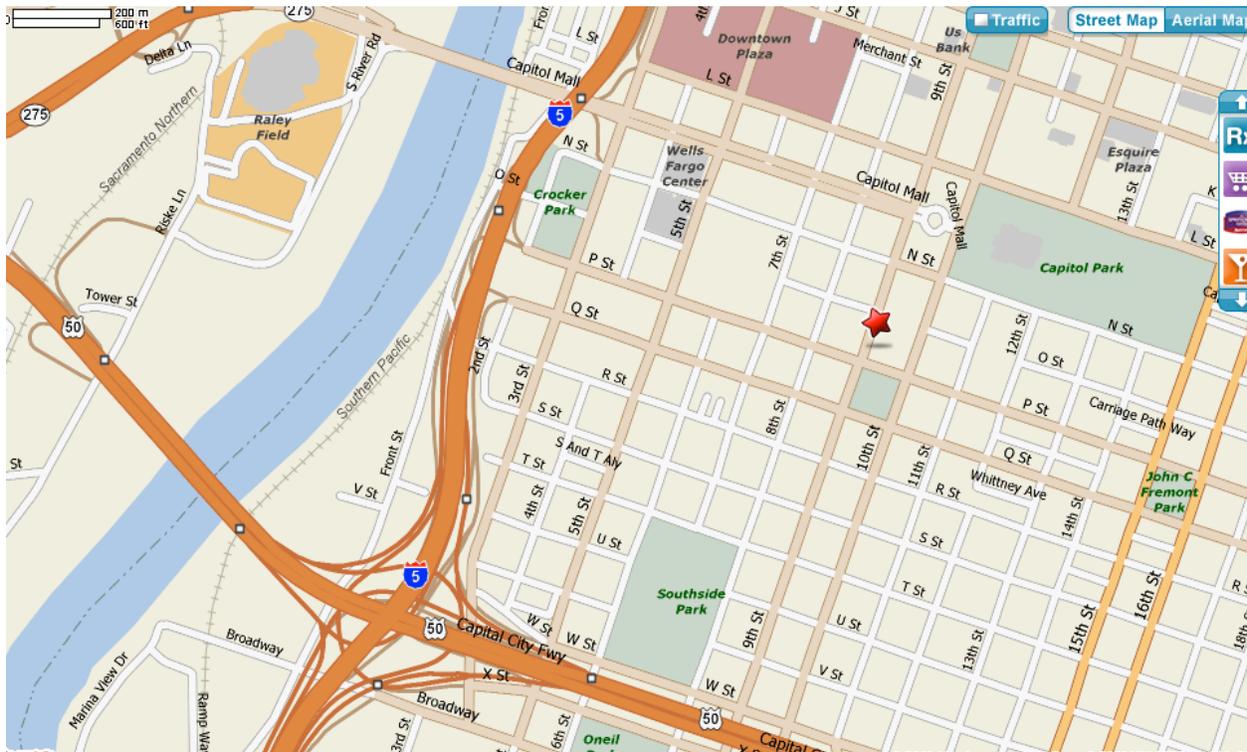
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