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Notice of Public Workshop for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-04)

The workshop will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2012
Starting at 8:30 AM

University of California at Riverside, Palm Desert Campus
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, "B" Building, Rooms B114 - B117
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(wheelchair accessible, map attached)

To participate in the meeting by telephone:
WebEx call-in toll-free number: 1-866-469-3239
Webex meeting number: 928 711 994
WebEx meeting password: meeting@830

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to allow staff, the applicant, intervenors, interested agencies, and the public the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the Rio Mesa SEGF project. The primary areas anticipated to be discussed are Biological Resources and Alternatives, however, other topic areas or issues related to staff review of the proposed project may also be discussed. All interested parties, interested agencies, and members of the public are invited to participate. Technical or schedule questions should be directed to Pierre Martinez, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-3765, or by e-mail at pierre.martinez@energy.ca.gov.

Summary of the proposed Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility Project

As currently proposed, the Rio Mesa SEGF would comprise two solar fields and associated facilities encompassing a total of approximately 3,805 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, the two power plants, solar fields, and associated facilities would be located on land leased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The project gen-tie line, emergency and construction electrical power supply line, and primary access road would be located on federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). If approved, each solar plant would generate 250 megawatts (MW), for a total net output of 500 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.

Purpose of the Preliminary Staff Assessment

The PSA contains the California Energy Commission staff's independent, objective evaluation of the proposed Rio Mesa SEGF project. The PSA examines engineering, environmental, public health, and safety aspects of the proposed Rio Mesa SEGF project, based on the information provided by the applicant, government agencies, interested parties, intervenors, and other sources available at the time the PSA was prepared. PSA Part A, which was published on September 28, 2012, includes staff's environmental and engineering evaluation in the following areas: Air Quality, Hazardous Materials Management, Noise and Vibration, Public Health, Socioeconomics, Water Supply, Soil and Surface Water, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Visual Resources, Waste Management, Worker Safety and Fire Protection, Facility Design, Geology and Paleontology, Efficiency, Reliability, and Transmission System Engineering. PSA Part B, which was published on October 15, 2012, contains staff's analysis on Alternatives, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Land Use.

Participation

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, 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 publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lou Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at (916) 654-5146 or via email at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting the Project Manager, Pierre Martinez, at (916) 651-3765.

If you wish to provide written comments on the project, please submit comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number 11-AFC-04 for the Rio Mesa SEGF project in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. If you wish to submit comments electronically, please provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to docket@energy.ca.gov. Please include your name or organization's name in the file name. If you are preparing non-electronic written comments, please mail or hand deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 11-AFC-04
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted on the project website.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent per the instructions above. You can subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listserves>. By being on this e-mail list, you

will receive all project related notices and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

The status of the project, an electronic copy of staff reports, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>.

News media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Communications Office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Date: 11/2/2012

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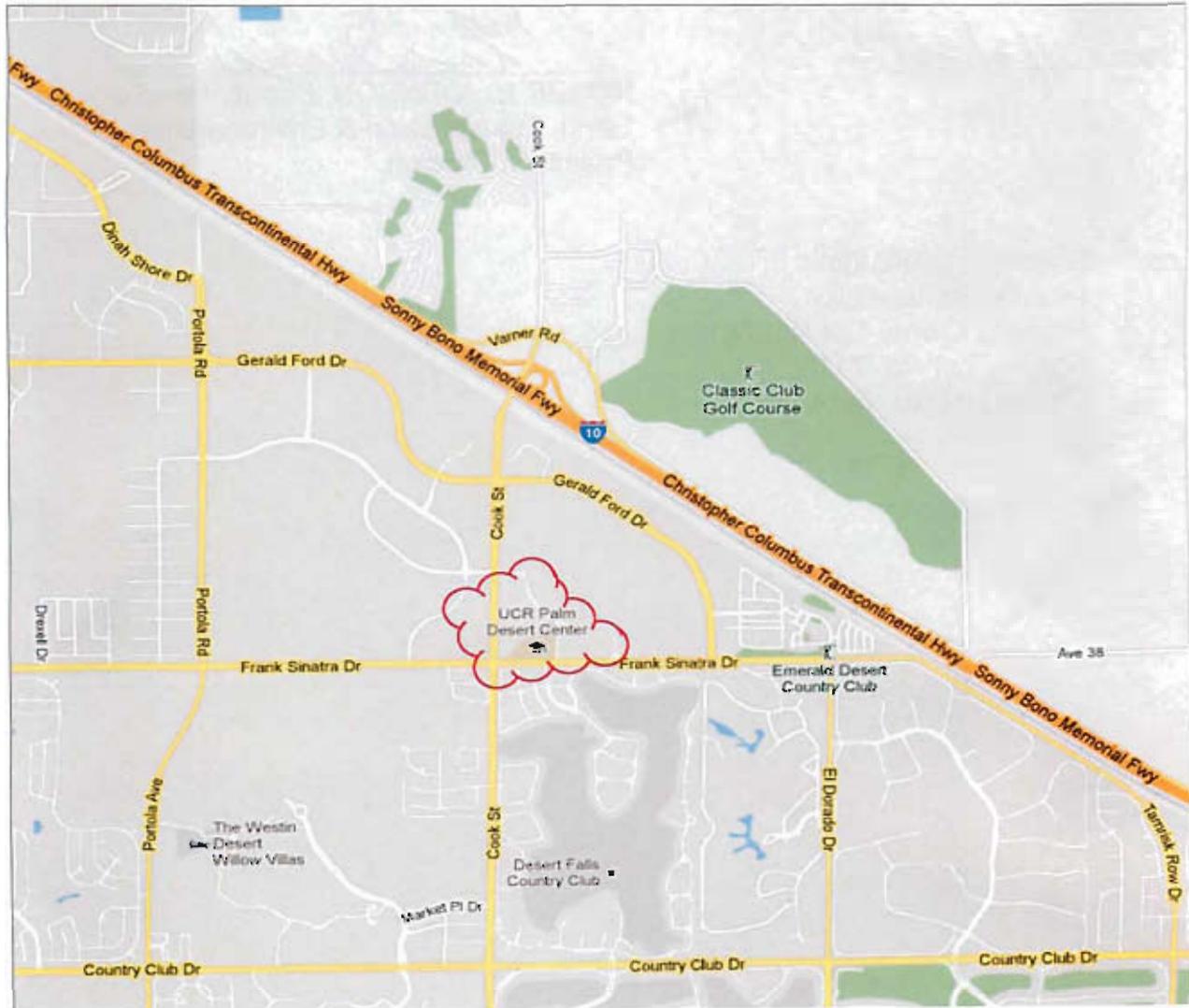
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cc: Docket (11-AFC-04)
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**ENERGY COMMISSION PUBLIC WORKSHOP
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2. COMPUTER LOG-ON WITH A DIRECT PHONE NUMBER:

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- After you login, a prompt will appear on-screen for you to provide **your** phone number.
- In the **Number box**, type your area code and phone number and click **OK**.
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- After you login, a prompt will ask for your phone number. Click **CANCEL**.
- Instead call 1-866-469-3239. When prompted, enter **928 711 994** and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your computer screen after you login.



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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
RIO MESA SOLAR ELECTRIC
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**DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-04
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Alicia Campos, declare that on **November 2, 2012**, I served and filed a copy of the attached document **Notice of Public Workshop for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (11-AFC-04)**, dated **November 2, 2012**. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riomesa/index.html>.

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

For service to all other parties:

- Served electronically to all e-mail addresses on the Proof of Service list;
- Served by delivering on this date, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses marked **"hard copy required"** or where no e-mail address is provided.

AND

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- by sending electronic copies to the e-mail address below (preferred method); **OR**
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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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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, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Originally Signed By:

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