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Re: Imperial Valley Solar Project Hearings July 26 and 27 – Remote Access available in El Centro

The California Energy Commission will be conducting hearings on the Imperial Valley Solar Project (project formerly known as SES Solar Two) on July 26 and, if needed, on July 27. Unfortunately, due to the absence of a state budget, the hearings will be conducted in Sacramento, rather than in El Centro as previously planned.

However, in an effort to allow interested citizens to gather and participate in the hearing, the Commission’s Public Adviser will provide access to the Sacramento hearing at San Diego Gas and Electric’s Renewable Energy Resource Center at 1425 W. Main Street in El Centro California. Remote access to the Commission’s hearings will be provided.

This same access is also available by your own telephone and computer line. View this link for information on individual remote access to the hearing: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solartwo/notices/2010-07-26-27_Evidentiary_Hearing_Revised_Schedule.pdf

The hearings will cover the following topics: water, soil, biological resources, alternatives and air quality. A hearing on cultural resources is currently scheduled for August 16.

The hearings will begin on July 26 at 10 a.m. and, if needed, on July 27 at 9 a.m.. There will be a time for public comment at 5:30 p.m. on July 26 and at the end of the hearing on July 27 if a hearing is held that day. It is likely that the July 27 hearing will be held, but you should call (916) 764-5710 on July 26 to confirm the next day’s hearing.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Jennings, CEC Public Adviser at (916) 654-4489 (office) or at (916) 764-5710 (cell).