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RE: CHANGE TO SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Docket No. 06-OII-1, Developing Statewide Avian Guidelines)

The California Energy Commission, working with the California Department of Fish and Game, interested stakeholders, and members of the public, is developing statewide guidelines to help reduce the impacts of wind energy development on birds and bats. On July 12, 2006, the Renewables Committee issued a notice announcing the selection of a Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and providing information on the qualifications of each member.

Due to the work generated by the guidelines and because of the constrained availability of in-house staff with the requisite technical expertise, Commission staff has been unable to fully support and provide the resources necessary for this project. As a consequence, additional outside support is needed to assist in the preparation of products in conformance with the project schedule. Staff has therefore requested that the Renewables Committee approve removing Dick Anderson from the SAC and hiring him as a consultant to draft and review sections of the guidelines. Mr. Anderson's expertise in California wind-avian interactions will greatly assist staff in its work and significantly contribute to the quality of the final product. At this time, a replacement on the SAC is not anticipated because the eight remaining members continue to provide the expert advice and scientific review necessary to develop the guidelines.

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