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## **Notice of Siting Committee Workshop for the Palomar Energy Center Project (01-AFC-24C) to Allow the Use of Raw Water as a Back-up to Recycled Water**

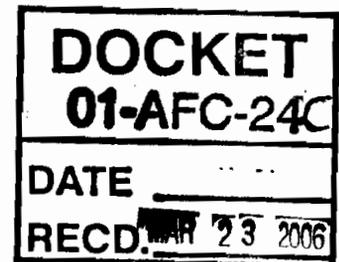
The California Energy Commission Siting Committee will conduct a workshop to discuss the amendment petition filed by Palomar Energy, LLC. Palomar is seeking approval to allow the project to utilize the City of Escondido's back-up raw water supply when recycled water is unavailable due to maintenance or events beyond the City's control.

The Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish a preliminary analysis the week of March 27, 2006. Following the workshop, staff will consider the comments it receives and will publish its final analysis and recommendation.

A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will be held at the Energy Commission business meeting on April 12, 2006, if possible.

The workshop will be held:

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006**  
9 a.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room B  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)  
(Map Attached)



**To participate in the meeting by telephone,  
please call 888-324-9621 by 9 a.m.  
Passcode: 67470 Call Leader: Connie Bruins**

### **Purpose**

The Palomar Energy Center is currently required to use recycled water for cooling tower makeup, process water, landscape irrigation and all other non-potable uses. There are no back-up provisions in the event that the recycled water supply is interrupted. Discussions at the workshop will include which stipulations or provisions (if any) would be imposed on the project owner if raw water were to be permitted as a back-up water supply.

## Background

The Palomar Energy Project is a 546-megawatt combined-cycle power plant located in the City of Escondido in San Diego County. The project was certified by the Energy Commission on August 6, 2003, and is currently in the commissioning phase of construction. Commercial operation is expected in April 2006.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topic should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2006. Please include the docket number 01-AFC-24C and Palomar Energy Center Project in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail to:

Connie Bruins, Compliance Project Manager  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS# 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or your organization's name in the e-mail. Those submitting comments via e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format, or as a Portable Document (PDF), to: [cbruins@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:cbruins@energy.state.ca.us). **One original paper copy** must also be provided.

Participants may also provide the original with 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

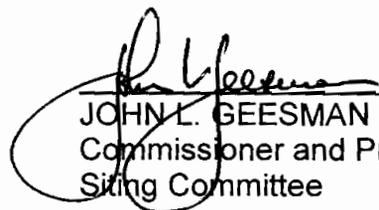
## Public Participation

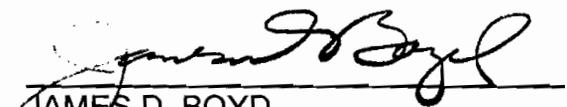
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Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at [energja@energy.ca.gov](mailto:energja@energy.ca.gov).

For technical questions on the subject matter, please call Connie Bruins, Compliance Project Manager at (916) 654-4545.

Dated:

  
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JOHN L. GEESMAN  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
Siting Committee

  
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JAMES D. BOYD  
Commissioner and Associate Member  
Siting Committee

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