

**RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9)
DATA ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT**

Technical Area: Land Use

Response Date: October 26, 2009

Following are additional information and/or clarifications in response to the specific issues raised in the CEC staff Data Adequacy review. For each specific area where the questions were raised by CEC staff, the applicable section of the CEC Siting Regulations is identified, followed by the "Information Required to Make AFC Conform with Regulations," followed by the supplemental/clarifying information.

DA-LAND-1. Appendix B (g) (3) (C)

Information Required:

AFC section does not provide a written discussion of the legal status of the property to be used for the project site. The BLM uses Master Title Plats (MTPs) as the basis for land records. The MTPs illustrate current federal ownership, agency jurisdiction, and rights reserved to the federal government on private land within a township. Please provide a copy of the applicable MTPs covering the project site.

Response:

Attached are the applicable MTPs covering the Project site with the Project ROW outlined in red (Figure 5.7-9). Existing ROWs that are located within the proposed RSPP Project ROW are the following:

CACA 021596 (existing SCE transmission line with an 80-foot ROW);

R 968 (SCE transmission line with a 200-foot ROW);

CALA 0125334 (Verizon California); and

LA 028634 (former Southern Pacific Railroad).

The Project as proposed will involve the relocation of the existing SCE transmission lines and establishment of a new ROW. The BLM is currently in discussion with Verizon regarding Verizon's abandonment of their ROW (CALA 0125334). The Railroad LA 028634 ROW was abandoned in 1982 and rails were removed in 1998.

In addition, I 0330 RR Sta Grounds is a ROW for a railroad station, and is identified just south of the Project ROW on the MTP. The BLM is currently researching the I 0330 RR Sta Grounds ROW to determine whether this ROW has been abandoned. However, the railroad station no longer exists and has been completely dismantled.

The transmission lines are proposed entirely on BLM lands within the RSPP Project ROW. The water pipeline will run within a Kern County ROW along Brown Road and China Lake Boulevard.

