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Subject: **THE SAN FRANCISCO ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT (04-AFC-1) STATUS REPORT #8**

(NOTE: This Status Report was scheduled for publication on October 8, 2005; however, staff delayed its publication in order to report on the outcome of the PSA Workshop (and the follow up meeting with the applicant) and the anticipated schedule for publication of the Final Staff Assessment.)

Staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the San Francisco Electric Reliability Project (SFERP) on September 13, 2005. It conducted the PSA Workshop on October 18, 2005 to allow the project proponent's representatives, interested agencies, and the public to discuss the staff's conclusions.

The PSA did not identify any contested issues but did note the need for finalizing the Air Quality PM10 and PM2.5 mitigation strategy and the need for final data responses in the areas of Cultural Resources and Soil and Water Resources. In addition, the PSA Workshop discussion identified two new areas where information is needed to complete the FSA, including a revised project description to address a modified surface drainage plan and detailed soil and groundwater samples from the project site.

The following summarizes the outcome of the PSA Workshop regarding information needed to complete the SFERP FSA and the subsequent meeting with the applicant to discuss how and when outstanding information will be completed:

Air Quality: The Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is still needed to complete the FSA. Based on our most recent communication with the District staff on November 17, 2005, we anticipate this will be provided in late November or early December.

Cultural Resources: At the PSA Workshop it was determined that the requested Cultural Resource information had been submitted. Staff has determined this information to be adequate to prepare the FSA.

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Surface Drainage/BCDC Review: Staff received an amended project description from the applicant on November 21, 2005. Staff will be reviewing the proposed drainage system for potential environmental impacts and compliance with all Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards.

The original AFC and Supplement A proposed directing all surface water drainage from the project to the City's combined surface drainage/municipal sewage treatment system. The applicant is now proposing to amend the AFC so that the site's surface drainage will filter though a vegetated drainage swale and empty into the San Francisco Bay. This triggers the requirement for review and comment from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on the suitability of this project at this location. This will not delay the preparation of the FSA.

Soil and Groundwater Contamination: Further characterization of the proposed four-acre SFERP site will be required prior to the start of site mobilization. Although it is desirable to receive this information prior to the publication of the FSA, staff acknowledges there is sufficient data on record to conclude that any groundwater or soil contamination found on the site can be mitigated to a less than significant level through appropriate remediation and risk management actions. Therefore, staff will amend the Conditions of Certification found in the Waste section of the FSA to clarify the mitigation measures that need to be completed before site mobilization can begin. This will not delay the preparation of the FSA.

FSA Publication
The FSA will be published approximately 30 days after receipt of the FDOC, which is anticipated in late November or early December. Therefore, the date for publication of the FSA has not been scheduled, but is presumed to be early January 2006.

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