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ENERGY
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL
HEARING & SITE VISIT**

**STARWOOD-MIDWAY ENERGY PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
DOCKET NO. 06-AFC-10**

The California Energy Commission is the State agency granted exclusive authority to review and license proposals to construct and operate large electric power plants. On November 17, 2006, Starwood Power-Midway, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 120 megawatt simple-cycle (peaking) power plant, the Starwood-Midway Energy Project (Starwood Midway), in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. A Committee of the Commission will begin the regulatory review process by conducting a Public Informational Hearing and Site Visit as described below:

Purpose of Hearing: The Informational Hearing and Site Visit are the initial steps of the Commission's year-long public power plant evaluation process, which contains requirements equivalent to those under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to review all relevant environmental and engineering aspects of the proposed project.

At the Informational Hearing, members of the general public, landowners, and representatives of other governmental agencies will have an opportunity to obtain information and offer comments on the proposal. The Applicant will explain its plans for developing the proposed site and related facilities. The Energy Commission staff will explain the regulatory review process and staff's role as independent experts in analyzing the project. The Applicant and the staff will also discuss possible issues that may be significant during the remainder of the proceeding.

Site Visit Date & Place: The Informational Hearing will be preceded by a tour of the proposed site. Persons intending to attend the Site Visit should gather at the Mendota Community Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m. The Applicant will provide bus transportation.

**Wednesday, February 7, 2007
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

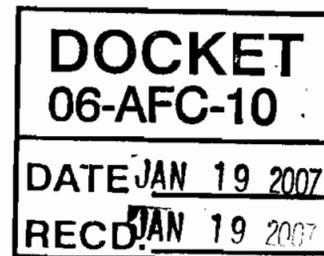
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195 Smoot Avenue
Mendota, California 93640**

Reservations Required: Persons planning to attend the Site Visit should make a reservation for bus transportation with the Commission's Public Adviser at 916-654-4489 or toll free at 800-822-6228 or via e-mail [pao@energy.state.ca.us] no later than Monday, February 5, 2007.

**Informational Hearing
Date & Place:** **Wednesday, February 7, 2007
Beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

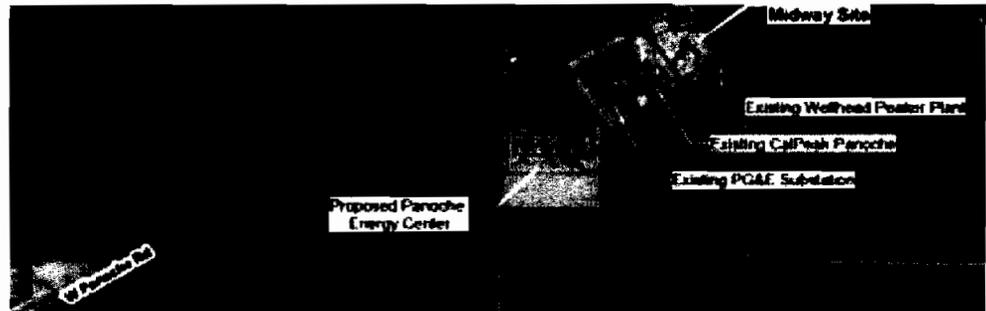
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(Map Attached)

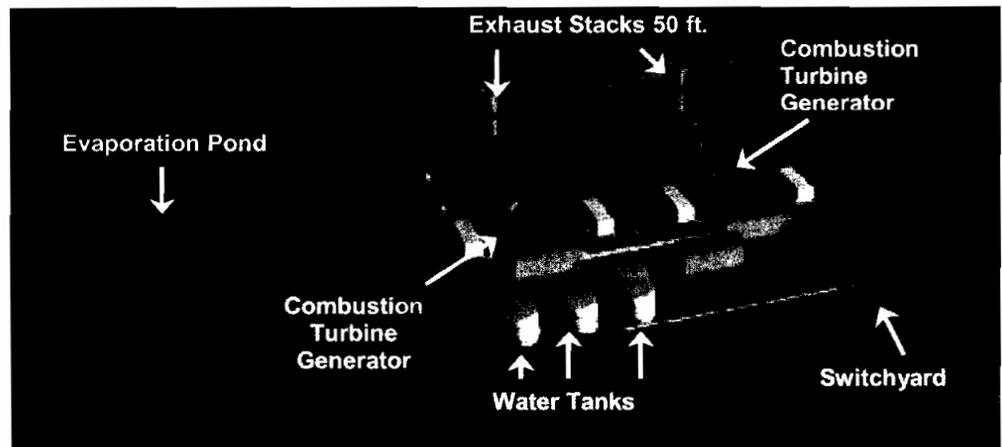


The proposed Starwood Midway project would be a simple-cycle power plant with an output of 120 megawatts (MW). The proposed Starwood Midway project is designed as a peaking facility to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand, generally during summer daytime hours.

The proposed Starwood Midway plant site, approximately 5.6 acres within a 128-acre parcel, is located approximately 2 miles northeast of the intersection of West Panoche Road and Interstate 5 (I-5), in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. This currently Williamson Act parcel is zoned AE-20 (agriculture use) and is located in a predominantly agricultural area. The existing parcel is currently occupied by CalPeak Power and used to store equipment for the CalPeak Panoche peaking power plant located directly southwest and adjacent to the proposed Starwood Midway plant site.



The generating facility would include two Pratt & Whitney FT8-3 SwiftPac natural gas-fired Combustion Turbine Generators (CTGs), a step-up transformer (13.8/115 kV), air emissions control equipment, an aqueous ammonia storage tank, natural gas fuel system, compressed air system, waste water system, site stormwater drainage system, and a lined evaporation pond.



The proposed Starwood Midway project would interconnect with 300 feet of new tap line to the 115 kV bus at PG&E's Panoche Substation via the existing CalPeak Panoche generator tie line. Natural gas will be delivered to the proposed Starwood Midway plant site by approximately 600 feet of new gas line from the existing CalPeak Panoche Peaker. The Starwood Midway facility is projected to consume approximately 136 acre-feet/year of water annually for combustion turbine water injection, inlet air cooling, and plant service water. Several water supply options are being considered, including low quality groundwater from an existing CalPeak Panoche Peaker Plant well, wastewater from nearby agricultural irrigation activities, and a new well to tap deeper groundwater supplies.

Process wastewater would be conveyed by gravity to an evaporation pond on the east side of the plant site. Residue from the evaporation pond would be disposed at a licensed landfill.

Air emissions would be controlled using best available control technology. The two combustion turbine generators would be equipped with water injection to the combustors for reducing production of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), a selective catalytic reduction system with ammonia injection to further reduce NOx emissions and an oxidation catalyst to reduce carbon monoxide (CO) emissions. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will conduct a New Source Review and provide the Energy Commission with a Determination of Compliance reviewing the proposed project's compliance with District rules and regulations.

If licensed by January 2008, construction of the project would begin construction in June 2008 and the facility would be in commercial operation by May 2009.

More Information:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood]

In order to assist participants in understanding the project, the Commission Staff will prepare and file by February 1, 2007, an **Issue Identification Report** summarizing the potential major issues in the proceeding. Copies of this document may be obtained by calling the Commission's Project Manager, or through the Commission's Web Site at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood]

The environmental and engineering details of the proposed project are contained in the Application for Certification (AFC). Copies of the AFC are available locally at Fresno County Library Central Headquarters 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno CA 93721, Fresno County Library Mendota Branch 667 Quince Street, Fresno CA 93640, Fresno County Library Firebaugh Branch 1315 O Street, Firebaugh CA 93622.

Public Participation:

800-822-6228
(toll free in California)
916-654-4489

Members of the public may participate in all phases of the licensing process in a variety of ways. If you need information concerning public participation, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489 or, toll free in California, at 800-822-6228, or by e-mail at: [pao@energy.state.ca.us].

Information concerning the status of the project, notices and other relevant documents are available on the Commission's Web Site at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood]

Special Accommodation:

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in the Informational Hearing and/or Site Visit, please contact Lou Quiroz at least five (5) days before the hearing at 916-654-5146 or email at: [lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us]

Contacts:

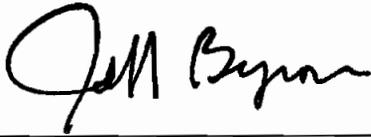
Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to the Energy Commission Staff's Project Manager, Che McFarlin, at 916-651-0965 or e-mail: [cmcfarli@energy.state.ca.us]

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Garret Shean, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or e-mail at: [gshean@energy.state.ca.us]

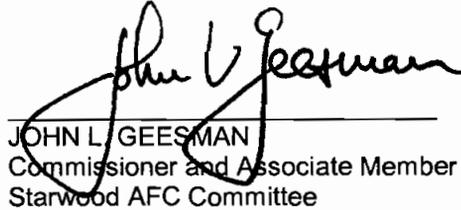
Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at 916-654-4989 or by e-mail at: [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]

Dated: January 19, 2007

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



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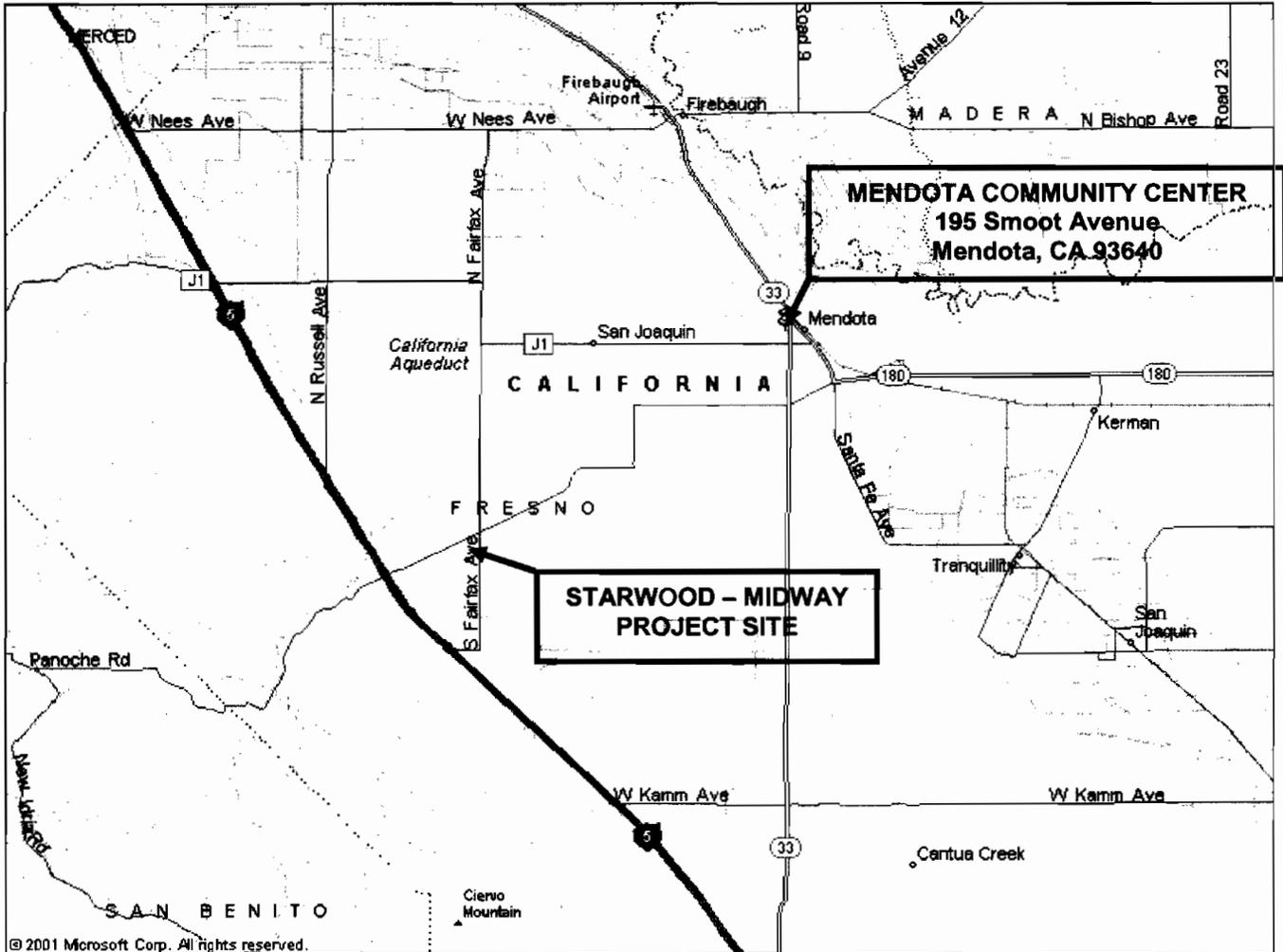


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February 7, 2007
10:00 a.m. – Site Visit
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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *STARWOOD POWER*
PLANT

Docket No. 06-AFC-10
PROOF OF SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS: All parties shall

- 1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies OR
- 2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the web address below, AND
- 3) all parties shall also send a printed OR electronic copy of the documents that shall include a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service:

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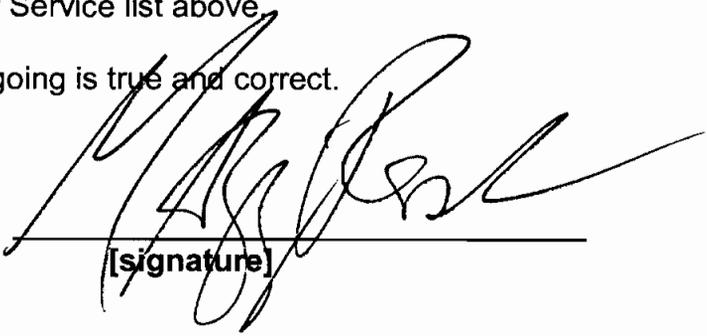
DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on January 19, 2007, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Informational Hearing and Site Visit, in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210. All electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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