

**California Energy Commission
Energy Facilities Siting &
Environmental Protection Division**
REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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Project Title: Carlsbad Energy Center Project

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NAME: Heather Blair, Aspen Environmental Group	TIME:	DATE: December 2008 – January 2009
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WITH: Marci L. Koski, Ph.D, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, USFWS Carlsbad Office William Pasnokas, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, CDFG South Coast Region	PHONE: USFWS = 760.431.9440 ext. 304 CDFG = 858.467.4218
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SUBJECT: CECP – Potential impacts from desalination

COMMENTS:

In response to Dr. Koski's question regarding how often the pumps from Units 4 and 5 are non-operational (see Dec 2008 ROC), I informed her based on my conversation with the applicant, that there are 4 pumps that service Units 4 and 5 and at least 2 of these pumps are always operating. So, there would always be sufficient water available to CECP from the discharge of Units 4 and 5. In other words, CECP would never withdraw water for its own use.

I proposed a condition that would require coordination with resource agencies in the event Units 4 and 5 cease to operate and CECP would withdraw water for project-specific use.

Based on this information, Dr. Koski stated that no mitigation is required and agreed with the proposed condition. An excerpt from her email is as follows (Mr. Paznokaz [CDFG] also copied):

"...Thanks for providing the below information. I am fine with including a condition stating that if all units are retired, future coordination with the resource [agencies] will be required to assess the potential need to mitigate for impingements. Until all units are retired and the CECP will need to withdraw its own water, I don't see the need for mitigation at this time."

Mr. Paznokas concurred with Dr. Koski's statement via email on 1/5/09.

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