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<i>Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division</i>	Project Title: Carrizo Energy Solar Farm	
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NAME: Beverly E. Bastian	Date 7/29 and 7/30/08	Time 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM

WITH: Jeremy Hollins, Architectural Historian, URS (applicant's environmental consultant)

SUBJECT: Modification of the Scope of the Information Requested in Staff's Cultural Resources Round 3 Data Request #101

On 7/29/08, Mr. Hollins called staff to clarify the details of the additional research staff requested in Data Request # 101. He first asked about the 1941 agricultural survey map referenced by the Data Request. Staff agreed to provide the source of the map and also to try to send him a copy so he could compare the list of properties he had already recorded with the list that staff compiled from the 1941 map. Additionally, Mr. Hollins explained the following about the eight previous recordations he completed for the CESF project:

- They represent all the built environment resources located within 0.5 miles of the CESF project's location, so he would not have recorded any of the farms on staff's list that are farther away.
- The King and Cavanaugh properties received more detailed recordation in the field because he had on-site access to them. The six other previously recorded resources were recorded from the vantage point of public roads and so have less detail.
- The field work to record the additional properties about which staff requested information could be accomplished fairly soon, but the archival research on those properties would take longer due to the need to work within the office hours of the holders of the relevant records.

On 7/30/08, via e-mail, staff sent Mr. Hollins an electronic copy of the 1941 agricultural survey map. After reviewing that map, Mr. Hollins called staff to report that only two resources were on both staff's list of ten resources and the list of eight resources he had previously recorded, so staff's Data Request would entail new recordation of eight resources.

In light of this, and considering the access limitations Mr. Hollins had explained in his previous telephone call, staff agreed to modify the scope of the information requested in Data Request # 101.

Modification 1:

The list of farms for which staff requests information is reduced to the following:

- a. Werdon Property T29S R17E Section 11 SE
- b. Coopers Property T29S R18E Section 24 NE (near section line) on Bitterwater Rd.
- c. Van Metre Property T29S R18E Section 24 SE on Bitterwater Rd.
- d. Lewis Property T29S R18E Section 30 SE and Section 29 NW
- e. Travers Property T30S R18E Section 4 SE
- f. Cavanaugh Property (different from Cavanaugh ranch on the proposed laydown area)

T30S R18E Section 1 SW



g. Farm (no name or building indicated) in T29S R18E, middle of Section 22 at the jog in the road (This farm is shown on 1966 USGS quadrangle map, and staff's field observation of it suggests it dates to the Period of Significance despite not being shown on the 1941 map.)

h. "Red Tank" T30S R18E Section 3 NW (shows on 1941 map as a well with an associated building; not clear if it is a farm)

Modification 2:

The field recordation of these resources is limited to reconnaissance-level observation only, from public roads, but staff requests the following, if possible:

- List of buildings and structures, particularly those, if any, related to wheat farming, such as conveyor equipment, storage tank-silos, and raised-platform barns. (For guidance, see Marijean Eichel's M.A. 1971 M.A. thesis, p. 37, for a description of the characteristic buildings and structures of a wheat-farming farmstead in the northern Carrizo Plain.);
- Representative photography of as many buildings and structures at each farm as possible
- Observations regarding added buildings and structures unrelated to wheat farming, and removals, if discernible, of buildings and structures related to wheat farming;
- Evaluation of these resources that considers their potential as contributors to a cultural landscape (historic district), potentially significant under California Register of Historical Resources Criterion A, with a Period of Significance of 1900-1967, and a primary theme of dryland wheat farming;
- Staff suggests some guidelines for the evaluation of the integrity of these resources with respect to the Period of Significance and their ability to exemplify the primary theme of wheat farming under Criterion A. The requirements for integrity of materials, workmanship, and design under Criterion A are not as stringent as they would be under Criterion C. For properties contributing to a northern Carrizo Plain cultural landscape potentially significant under Criterion A, disuse and dilapidation are not disqualifying impairments, even to the point of being structurally unsound, but not to the point of total collapse. If the preponderance of buildings and structures at each of these farms is able to convey the theme of wheat farming, the farm has sufficient integrity to be a contributor to the potential cultural landscape under Criterion A. Either the addition of a number of other buildings and structures unrelated to wheat farming at any of these farms, however, or the absence/removal of wheat-farming-related buildings and structures, would constitute a lack of integrity under Criterion A.

Modification 3:

Mr. Hollins should submit to staff as complete as possible DPR 523 "Primary" and "Building, Structure, and Object" forms for these resources, with attached representative photographs. But detailed recordations equivalent to that for the King and Cavanaugh properties are not expected.

Modification 4:

Staff only needs historical information about the listed farms that predates 1967.

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