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**Revised Notice of Wildlife Corridor Study Teleconference
Workshop
Review of Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions
for the Carrizo Energy Solar Farm Project
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The California Energy Commission Staff will conduct a workshop via teleconference to review the results of Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions of the wildlife corridor study related to the proposed Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (CESF) Project and other solar energy facilities proposed in the area. The teleconference workshop will provide an opportunity for agencies, the three solar developers in the Carrizo Plain, the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the Draft Summary of Results of the Baseline Modeling, and to participate in the process of conducting the study. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The teleconference workshop date, time and contact information are as follows:

**Thursday, April 2, 2009
10:00 AM - Noon or earlier (when completed)**

Availability of San Luis Obispo County Facilities

For those with limited internet access, the San Luis Obispo County Planning Department and Supervisor Patterson have set up a conference room with connection to the WebEx (audio and video) workshops to enable your participation in this process. The conference room is located on the 4th floor of the County Government Center at 1055 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo. Please arrive before 10:00 AM to check in with the front desk (to the right of the elevators), and to receive further directions.

Primary Audio and Video Access Information

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1. Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the **unique meeting number: 923 917 736**
2. When prompted, enter your information and the following **meeting password: cec1234!**
3. After you log in, a prompt will appear on-screen asking you to provide your phone number. In the Number box, type your area code and phone number and click OK in order to receive a call back on your phone for the audio of the meeting.

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3. After you login, a prompt will ask for your phone number. CLICK CANCEL.
4. Instead call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your screen after you log in.

TELEPHONE ONLY (NO COMPUTER ACCESS):

Call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) and when prompted, enter the unique meeting number above.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

For help with problems or questions trying to join or attend the meeting, please call WebEx Technical Support at 1-866-229-3239.

System Requirements: To see if your computer is compatible, visit

<http://support.webex.com/support/system-requirements.html>

Meeting Preparation: The playback of UCF (Universal Communications Format) rich media files requires appropriate players. To view this type of rich media files in the meeting, please check whether you have the players installed on your computer by going to <https://energy.webex.com/energy/systemdiagnosis.php>

Purpose

The purpose of this teleconference workshop is to facilitate understanding and to respond to questions related to the Task 1 modeling results representing the existing environment (baseline conditions) in the Carrizo Plain for the three wildlife focal species, the San Joaquin kit fox, pronghorn antelope and tule elk. The Wildlife Corridor Study and this workshop is being conducted in coordination with the CESF applicant, applicants for Solar First's (previously Optisolar's) proposed Topaz Solar Farm and SunPower's proposed California Valley Solar Ranch, the public, interveners in the CESF proceeding, and local, state and federal agencies. The agenda for the teleconference workshop is as follows:

1. To present the results of the Task 1 – Model Baseline Conditions of the Wildlife Corridor Study; and
2. To receive comments and respond to questions regarding the Task 1 draft summary report.

The Task 1 draft summary report will be posted on the Energy Commission's website by March 25, 2009, as well as distributed by email directly to the Working Group.

Comments received during the teleconference workshop will be considered to guide subsequent tasks of the study. Written comments are welcome and are requested to be provided by no later than April 8, 2009 to John Kessler, Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead or by email to jkessler@energy.state.ca.us.

Background

On October 25, 2007, Carrizo Energy, LLC submitted an Application For Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 177 megawatt (MW) net solar thermal power plant in eastern San Luis Obispo County, California. The 640-acre proposed project site is located immediately adjacent to California State Route 58 (SR-58/Carrisa Highway), approximately three miles west of Simmler. On December 19, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete which initiated the Energy Commission staff's independent review of the proposed project. The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and deciding whether to approve applications

for construction and operation of thermal power plants in California with a capacity of 50 MW or greater.

On November 21, 2008, Energy Commission staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment containing staff's initial engineering and environmental evaluation of the CESF project. As noted above, two other large solar facilities have been proposed in the area. All three projects have the potential for cumulative biological resources impacts, which staff will be addressing in part, through information from the Wildlife Corridor Study. In order to insure mitigation of the CESF and the other project's potential adverse impacts to a level that is less than significant for Biological Resources, the Energy Commission staff, is working with the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Luis Obispo County, the CESF applicant, First Solar and SunPower to assess habitat quality and connectivity issues in the Carrizo Plains. Staff intends to use the results of the Wildlife Corridor Study to develop a suite of mitigation measures that would mitigate the CESF project's direct and cumulative contributions to biological resource impacts to less than significant, and incorporate these recommendations in the Final Staff Assessment.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Elena Miller, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Questions and Access to Information

General information and documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo>. Please direct all news media inquiries to Susanne Garfield, Assistant Director for Media and Public Communications, at (916) 654-4989 or email mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. For general or technical questions on the subject matter, please contact John Kessler, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679 or email jkessler@energy.state.ca.us. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice. Please include "Docket No. 07-AFC-8" in referring to the case.

Date: March 26, 2009

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Proof of Service List
Wildlife Corridor Working Group (by email)
Mail Lists: 7270, 7271, 7272, 7273



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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE CARRIZO ENERGY
SOLAR FARM PROJECT**

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Hilarie Anderson, declare that on March 26, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Revised Notice of Wildlife Corridor Study Teleconference Workshop. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: **[<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo/index.html>]**. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

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sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

by personal delivery or by depositing in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list above to those addresses **NOT** marked "email preferred."

AND

For filing with the Energy Commission:

sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (**preferred method**);

OR

depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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

Original Signature in Dockets
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