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San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation & Open Space Plan (SJMSCP)

SJMSCP RESPONSE TO LEAD AGENCY ADVISORY AGENCY NOTICE TO SJCOG, Inc.

To: Eileen Allen, Manager, Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office
From: Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou, Regional Habitat Planner, SJCOG, Inc.
Date: October 10, 2008
Re: **Lead Agency Project Title:** Lodi Energy Center Project
Lead Agency Project Number: 08-AFC-10

Total Acres to be converted from Open Space Use: 4.4 acres

Habitat Types to be Disturbed: Agricultural Habitat Land

Species Impact Findings: Findings to be determined by SJMSCP biologist.

DOCKET 08-AFC-10
DATE OCT 10 2008
RECD. OCT 23 2008

Dear Ms Allen:

SJCOG, Inc. has reviewed application for the Lodi Energy Center Project. Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) proposes to construct, own, and operate an electrical generating plant in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County. The Lodi Energy Center (LEC) would be a natural gas-fired, combined-cycle electrical generating facility rated at a nominal generating capacity of 255 megawatts (MW)¹. The LEC is proposed for a site parcel of approximately 4.4 acres adjacent to the City of Lodi's White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) to the east, treatment and holding ponds associated with the WPCF to the north, the existing 49-MW NCPA Combustion Turbine Project #2 (STIG plant²) to the west, and the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control facility to the south. The project site is on land owned and incorporated by the City of Lodi, and is approximately 6 miles west of the Lodi city center. The city of Stockton is approximately 2 miles to the south. The project site is currently undeveloped and is currently used for equipment storage during upgrades to the WPCF.

The City of Lodi is a signatory to San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Participation in the SJMSCP satisfies requirements of both the state and federal endangered species acts, and ensures that the impacts are mitigated below a level of significance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Although participation in the SJMSCP is voluntary, lead agents should be aware that if project applicants choose against participating in the SJMSCP, they will be required to provide alternative mitigation in an amount and kind equal to that provided in the SJMSCP.

This Project is subject to the SJMSCP. This can be up to a 30 day process and it is recommended that the project applicant contact SJMSCP staff as early as possible. It is also recommended that the project applicant obtain an information package. <http://www.sicog.org>

Please contact SJMSCP staff regarding completing the following steps to satisfy SJMSCP requirements:

- Schedule a SJMSCP Biologist to perform a pre-construction survey *prior to any ground disturbance*
- Sign and Return Incidental Take Minimization Measures to SJMSCP staff (given to project applicant after pre-construction survey is completed)
- Pay appropriate fee based on SJMSCP findings
- Receive your Certificate of Payment and release the required permit

If you have any questions, please call (209) 468-3913.

cc: City of Lodi