

**Memorandum**

Date: December 7, 2010  
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From: **California Energy Commission** – John Kessler, Project Manager  
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**Subject: STAFF'S VISUAL RESOURCES SLIDES PRESENTED AT THE  
 DECEMBER 3, 2010 PMPD CONFERENCE –  
 RICE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (09-AFC-10)**

The following are Slides 1 - 7 presented by staff at the December 3, 2010 Rice Solar Energy Project PMPD Conference as used to support discussion of various issues associated with assessing Visual Resource impacts of RSEP. The content of the slides are briefly described as follows:

Slide 1 – Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS) Traffic & Transportation Figure 1 modified in scale to show Joshua Tree National Park and the nearby wilderness areas in proximity to RSEP;

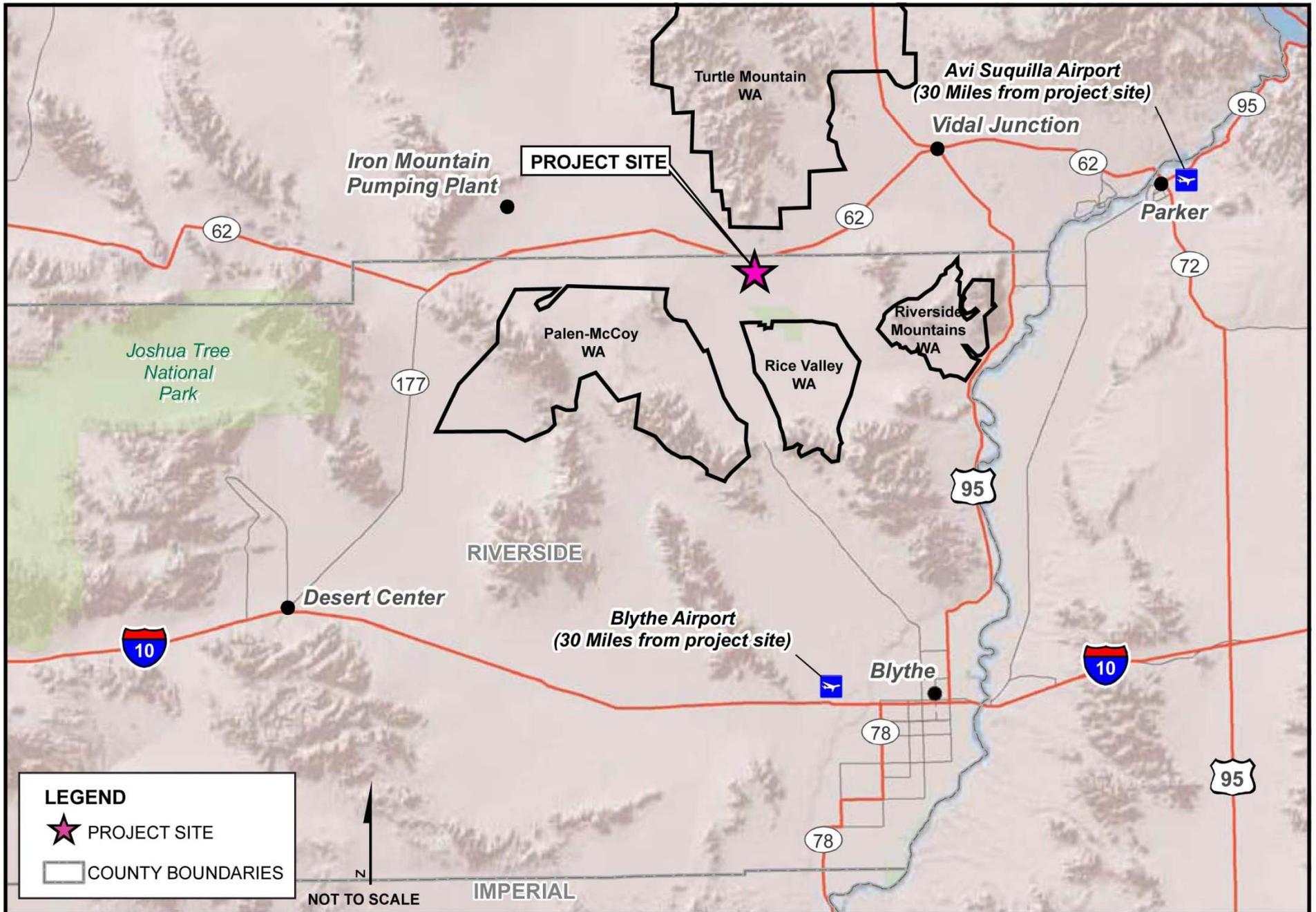
Slide 2 - SA/DEIS Cumulative Impacts Figure 2 showing foreseeable developments in the region near RSEP;

Slides 3 and 4 - Photos of CEC staff counsel Richard Ratliff overlooking the Ivanpah Valley to illustrate that hikers do visit remote areas to capture the scenic beauty;

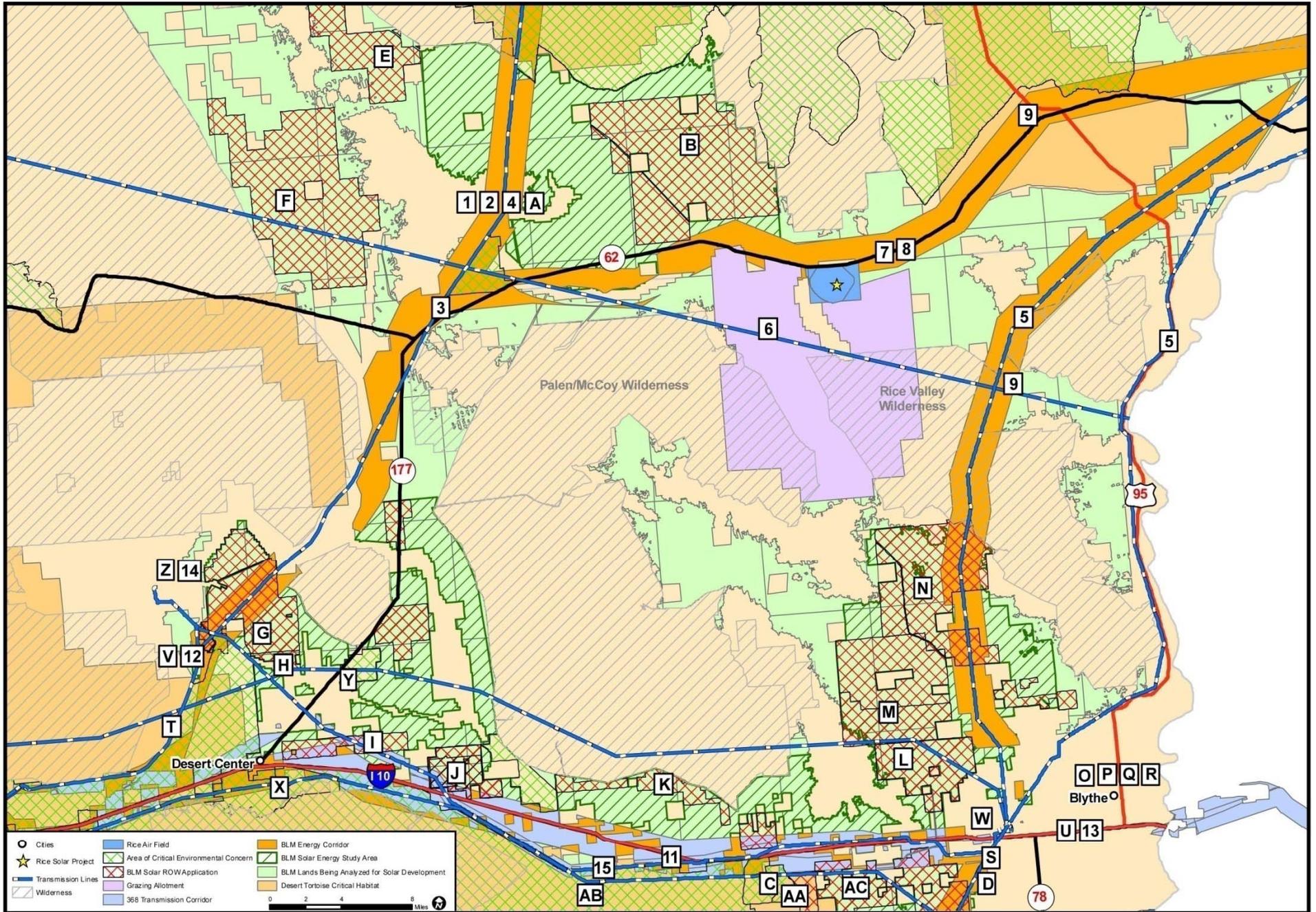
Slides 5 and 6 – Photos of the Solucar facility near Seville, Spain as included in Staff's RSEP PMPD Comments filed November 30, 2010 and referred to as Visual Resources Figures 1 and 2; The photos were taken by staff's Luminance and Lighting Expert, Alan Lindsley, on November 4, 2010.

Slide 7 - Overview of Solucar facility layout to illustrate that the heliostats are limited to one side of the receiver ([http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128\\_3-10228786-54.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10228786-54.html))

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE *RICE SOLAR ENERGY POWER  
PLANT PROJECT***

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Originally Signed by  
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