

**NOTES | 3/1/2010 Conference Call**

**Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area Scientific Review Committee**

Prepared by the Center for Collaborative Policy

Reviewed and approved by the SRC

**SRC Members Present:**

**Joanna Burger**

**Sue Orloff**

**Shawn Smallwood**

**Julie Yee**

**Discussion Topics**

**Preparing for Field Rating Visit**

**Meeting Summary Approval**

**Meeting Outcomes**

- The SRC finalized the data form for the SRC subcommittee field rating visit that will occur the week of March 8.
- SRC members on the call tentatively approved the January meeting summary, contingent on agreement from absent SRC member Jim Estep.

**Action Items**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
Shawn Smallwood	3/5	Finalize draft data form based on meeting input
Brian Karas	3/5	Contact wind companies about derelict turbines

**Next Meeting**

Possible SRC meeting March 29-31

**Preparing for Field Rating Visit**

**Related Documents**

[P150 Draft Field Rating Data Form](#)

**SRC Review of Draft Data Form**

SRC Member Shawn Smallwood, who created a first draft of the data form (P150), said he designed it as a simple check-off form.

Monitoring Team members said the SRC members participating in the visit will have a map book and the dataset on a laptop so data are easily available during their work.

SRC members recommended the following additions to categories listed on the form:

- General Location (a Monitoring Team member participating in the visit will write a general description of the route)

- Check for Monitored (current study, baseline study, or both) or not monitored
- “Near end of row” identified by the number of turbines from the end row
- In or Near Ravine or Canyon: a checkmark will indicate “In;” an “E” will indicate if it is on the edge of a ravine or canyon
- If a turbine is on the edge, a ballpark estimate of the number of meters it is away from the nearest turbine
- Tower Status (intact operational, vacant or broken)
- Near Rocks (artificial or natural)

In addition, one SRC member suggested breaking up the column headings listed on Page 1 into categories, and placing stars to denote the higher priority categories.

SRC members agreed that the field rating visit subcommittee will write a brief note about why subcommittee members think a turbine is safe, if there is sufficient time during the visit.

### **Discussion of Any Additional Issues**

One Monitoring Team member raised the issue of unexpected changes in string configurations. Individual turbines in the string may become vacant or derelict, which could create new gaps. It would be useful to have a list of those gaps from the companies. There may be particular situations where the companies have questions, and they want the SRC to look at those conditions. The focus would be on turbines visited previously where the status has changed. Also, a company might be in the midst of removing derelict turbines, and it would be helpful to know if particular turbines are scheduled for removal.

### **Public Comment**

Renee Culver of NextEra said she would only have information about the current status of NextEra turbines.

### **Next Steps**

- Brian Karas of the Monitoring Team said he would touch bases with company representatives after the call to see if such information could be made available.

## **Meeting Summary Approval**

### **Related Documents**

[P149 SRC Meeting Summary January 2010](#)

The four SRC members on the conference call approved the meeting summary. It was agreed that if the absent SRC member desires changes in the summary, it will be agendized for the next meeting.

## **Wrap Up and Next Steps**

An SRC member asked the Monitoring Team about the status of data sheets for the 48-Hour Search Interval (KB) Study (M32). A Monitoring Team member said they should be available in the next couple days.

**Next In-Person Meeting**

SRC members were asked to hold the dates of March 29-31 for a possible in-person meeting. Sandra Rivera of Alameda County said she does not expect to know if the meeting will occur until about March 15.

**ATTENDEES**

**SRC**

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Sue Orloff  
Shawn Smallwood  
Julie Yee

**Consultants**

Doug Leslie  
Brian Karas  
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**Identified Public**

Renee Culver  
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**Staff**

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