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**To:** Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA) Scientific Review Committee (SRC)

**From:** Sandi Rivera, Assistant Deputy Director

**Subject:** Draft Repowering Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Repowering Projects (Golden Hills and Patterson Pass)

The APWRA SRC is scheduled to receive an initial presentation on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The PEIR evaluates the potential impacts of repowering in the Alameda County portion of the APWRA, including two individual wind energy repowering projects: Golden Hills and Patterson Pass. The PEIR is intended to identify the anticipated environmental impacts of the conditional use permits that may be approved by Alameda County for current and future repowering wind farm projects.

Since the SRC will receive the PEIR with just before the in-person meeting, Alameda County will arrange for a subsequent conference call meeting so that the SRC may develop consensus input on the DPEIR prior to the close of the comment period on July 21, 2014.

At the June 2014 meeting, the SRC will develop a schedule for reviewing the document and submitting individual comments to the SRC facilitator for compilation and circulating among the SRC and the public. SRC members will have the benefit of reading individual SRC member thoughts prior to the conference call to develop consensus input.

The following questions, similar to the questions from previous EIRs the committee has reviewed, are designed to help guide your development of comments.

**Desired Outcome:** Alameda County is seeking the SRC's scientific expertise and best professional judgment on those aspects of the DEIR related to avian biological resources. The County would like to receive the SRC's consensus comments on key issues it identifies in each of the following topics:

1. **Methodology:** What are the SRC's thoughts on the methodology used in the DEIR for analyzing impacts to avian biological resources?
2. **Assumptions:** What is the SRC's perspective on DEIR assumptions in relation to avian biological resources?
3. **Mitigations:** What is the SRC's assessment of the appropriateness of the avian-related mitigations set out in the draft document?