

NOTES | Monday, 4/23/2007

Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area Scientific Review Committee Conference Call

Notes Prepared by Gina Bartlett, Center for Collaborative Policy
Reviewed and Final SRC Approval on 12 June 2007

Preparing for the Board of Supervisors Meeting April 24, 2007

Chris Bazar will introduce the Scientific Review Committee at the Board meeting, but is not expecting the SRC to make any kind of formal presentation. County staff are requesting authorization to amend the monitoring team contract for one additional year through May 2008. County staff are also requesting that the board direct staff to work with the settling parties and others to identify additional funding sources related to renewable energy and wildlife conservation.

Several members expressed concern that the Board might misinterpret the SRC memo and think that the SRC supports or is recommending a 1-year program budget. For absolute clarity, the SRC supports implementation of the full 3-year monitoring program to ensure continuity in data collection. The SRC would like this to be stated clearly by staff during the Board meeting to eliminate any possible misunderstanding. The SRC requested that the facilitator communicate this to the County staff on behalf of the SRC in preparation for the meeting. The facilitator will email County staff and cc the SRC on this matter.

FPLE Credits

At the 9-11 April 2007 meeting, FPLE presented additional data on its request for the previous removal of high risk turbines as credit for the amended permit requirement to remove Tier 1 and Tier 2 turbines. Since leaving the meeting, SRC member Shawn Smallwood has reviewed the presented material and has some new information, which he will share with the SRC and the County. The SRC would like the County to convey this new information to FPLE so that FPLE has an opportunity to consider and respond. The SRC would like to reach a decision on the FPLE credits at its 8 May 2007 conference call (scheduled 9:30-11:30). To reach a decision of this nature on May 8, FPLE will need to provide any information for consideration to the SRC on May 2. The SRC feels this is an urgent situation that needs to be resolved.

Meeting Materials

To be able to reach decisions, the SRC needs to receive materials at least 3 business days in advance of its meetings. If the SRC is unable to receive information in advance of its deliberations, it will need to defer its decisions to a later meeting to allow adequate time to evaluate and review relevant materials and research.

Agenda Items for 8 May 2007 Conference Call

- Follow-Up from Board Meeting
- FPLE Credits
- Follow-Up from April Meeting
 - o June proposal for blade painting study
 - o Pylon costs
- Mitigation Measures – Continuing the Conversation and Next Steps
- June SRC Agenda

Participants

Joanna Burger, SRC
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