

Memorandum

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Subject: **Calico Solar Project Amendment (08-AFC-13C)**

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Status Update / Issues Statement

The Calico Solar Project Amendment Committee has identified that: "All parties are encouraged to identify in an Issues Statement concerns or questions related to project milestones, deliverables (e.g., documents that might include but are not limited to Applicant studies and reports and the Staff Assessment), and workshops."

Staff Analysis

Staff is currently working on our analysis within the various technical sections. As information is submitted, staff is reviewing as appropriate and incorporating into our analysis. Staff requests an update from the applicant on the following items:

- What is the status of the supplemental report for the roadway that is south of the railroad tracks that connect to the most western parcel in Phase 1?
- When will Applicant provide a modified project description for the project? Staff is expecting a description of the Suncatcher and ancillary features, and a separate description of the PV and ancillary features. This should include maps showing the overall project and breaking the project into CEC jurisdiction and non-jurisdiction.
- K-Road has provided a project comparison chart to the BLM with a breakdown of the approved versus proposed project for each technical section. Staff requests a copy be provided to staff and docketed.
- Staff requests Applicant provide an update on the CPUC access issue. Are there any updates in regard to access across the BNSF railroad tracks to the northern project site?

Committee Direction Requested

Staff's purpose is to complete a thorough and independent analysis of the Calico Amendment. Our goal is to prepare a legally defensible document that also meets the needs of the Calico Committee and is in a format and contains all the expected information necessary for the Committee to ultimately prepare a Presiding Member's Proposed Decision or other decision document

Staff requests clarification on the following points to insure our document meets the Committees needs:

- 1, Is staff the lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PV portion of the project?
2. How does the Committee prefer Staff prepare the document—i.e., one document or two documents? Should Staff separate the conditions of certification for the PV portion and Suncatcher part of the project?
3. Should Staff draft an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per CEQA for the PV portion of the project? Or, does this analysis fall under our certified regulatory authority and guidelines?
4. The Committee is asking for an alternatives analysis for the Amendment. Staff does not typically do an alternatives analysis for an amendment. Staff is requesting the Committee be more specific in their directive. Should the Alternative analysis include: site layout?, project location?, technology?, other?. Should the analysis be of both the PV and Suncatcher portions of the project or just the PV portion?



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AMENDMENT**

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