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SOLANO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF August 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission was held Thursday, August 13, 2009 in the Solano County Administration Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 675 Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Schoch, Commissioners Stockard, Potter, Baldwin, Baumler, Seiden and Vancil

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Cavanagh

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Leland, Resource Management, Lee Axelrad, County Council, Diane Buschman, Resource Management

Items 1, 2 & 3: Chairman Schoch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Item 4. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2009
The minutes of May 14, 2009 were approved.

Item 5. Presentation by Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Jim Leland, Resource Management, reminded those present that Item 5 of the agenda was a presentation and not an action item. He invited those wishing to make comments to do so during the public comment period immediately following this item. Lee Axelrad, County Counsel, added that the fact that SMUD was making a presentation before the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) did not constitute a waiver or acquiescence by either the ALUC or SMUD with respect to any issues concerning the proposed project.

Jim Field, PE, SMUD, briefly described the history of phase one and two of the Solano Wind Project. He stated that Phase 3 which will add between 35 to 85 wind turbine generators was a critical project for SMUD. The project represents an added capacity of 128 megawatts and combined with phase 1 and 2 will provide a total of 230 megawatts of renewal wind energy. Because after 2010 some of SMUD's existing contracts for renewable resources will

begin to expire, Mr. Field stated that the project was essential to reaching SMUD's renewal portfolio standard goal of 33% by 2020. He added that during operation it was estimated that the project would offset over 60,000 metric tons of carbon emissions annually.

Mr. Field also described the project location, features, chronology and issues. The project would lie within the Solano County Wind Resource Area (WRA) and would be adjacent to existing wind projects also in the WRA. Phase 3 would represent an addition of 5 to 10 percent to the existing population of wind turbine generators. The project would lie approximately 12 to 14 miles from Travis AFB. Project issues included addressing aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, biological resources, and radar issues at Travis AFB. Mr. Field stated that SMUD would respond to the Solano County ALUC letter by the end of August. It would continue to seek a common understanding and an acceptable resolution to radar performance concerns with Travis AFB, the Air Force, Department of Defense, the Solano County Planning Commission and the ALUC.

Item 6 Public Comment

Mr. Ben Doyle, JDA Aviation, stated that his consulting firm was working with SMUD and NextEra Energy Resources to resolve the current air space issues. He directed the Commission's attention to a letter dated 8/7/09 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to NextEra Energy Resources that contained the following statement: "This aeronautical study revealed that the structure would have no substantial adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace by aircraft or on the operation of air navigation facilities". He concluded by saying while there were still issues to be resolved he and NextEra Energy Resources will continue to work with the Air Force to address each of Travis AFB's concerns.

There being no further discussion the Airport Land Use Commission entered into a closed session.

Item 7. Closed Session

Item 8. Announcement from Closed Session

Item 9. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission will be held on **Thursday, September 10, 2009**, in the Solano County Administration Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 675 Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533