

**AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER JULY 6, 2010  
RIVERSIDE SPECIAL MEETING**

A special scheduled meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission was held on July 6, 2010 at the Riverside County Administrative Center, Board Chambers.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Simon Housman, Chairman  
Dan Olson (alternate for Rod Ballance)  
Arthur Butler  
John Lyon  
Robin Lowe  
Greg Pettis

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Glen Holmes

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ed Cooper, Director  
John Guerin, Principal Planner  
Russell Brady, Contract Planner  
Barbara Santos, ALUC Secretary  
Anna Wang, ALUC Counsel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Howard Balentine, Solar Millennium  
Richard Denewiler, Other Interested Person  
Elizabeth Ingram, Solar Millennium, LLC  
Douglas Moss, AECOM/Aeropacific Consulting

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I. **AGENDA ITEM 2.1: ZAP1006BL10 – Palo Verde Solar I, LLC** – California Energy Commission Docket No. 09-AFC-6. The project proposes to construct a nominal 1,000 megawatt solar thermal electric generating facility on 9,400 acres of BLM managed land, including four units of north-south oriented tracking parabolic trough mirrors, four 120-foot tall air-cooled condensers, a 230 kV transmission line with maximum 145-foot tall monopoles, and a four-inch diameter 9.8-mile long natural gas pipeline. (Blythe Airport: Zones C, D, and E).

II. **MAJOR ISSUES**

1. The feasibility of a route alignment for the gen-tie lines that is farther from the westerly end of the runway and located at a higher elevation closer to the mountains, such that the terrain becomes the primary constraint, should be explored.
2. The continuance from June is understood and expected to be the final continuance, and is for the purpose of having an opportunity to review the independent studies requested by California Energy Commission staff in response to issues initially raised by ALUC staff (glint/glare and the location and velocity of the thermal plume as potential flight hazards) At press time, the independent studies are not yet available for public review.

III. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) weigh the evidence regarding each issue and direct staff to forward a letter to the California Energy Commission (CEC) advising the CEC of ALUC's concerns and recommendations, if any, regarding that issue. (See "checklist for discussion".) Furthermore, ALUC may then proceed to offer an opinion regarding the compatibility of the project by selecting either (1) or (2) below:

- (1) The project will not individually constitute, or cumulatively contribute to, a hazard to flight, as the recommended conditions, together with such additional conditions as may be necessary to comply with Federal Aviation Administration letters of determination, are sufficient to mitigate hazards and impacts to below a level of significance.

or:

- (2) The project may individually constitute, or cumulatively contribute to, a hazard to flight, and the available information is not sufficient to demonstrate that the recommended conditions are sufficient to mitigate such hazards to below a level of significance; therefore, it is recommended that the portion of the project within the airport influence area be excluded or relocated to a site outside the airport influence area boundary.

IV. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project proposes to construct a nominal 1,000 megawatt solar thermal electric generating facility on 9,400 acres of BLM managed land, including four units of north-south oriented tracking parabolic trough mirrors, four 120-foot tall air-cooled condensers, a 230 kV transmission line with maximum 145-foot tall monopoles, and a four-inch diameter 9.8-mile long natural gas pipeline.

V. **MEETING SUMMARY**

The following staff presented the subject proposal:

ALUC Staff Planner: John Guerin at (951) 955-0982, or e-mail at [jguerin@rctlma.org](mailto:jguerin@rctlma.org). or Russell Brady at (951) 955-0549, or e-mail at [rbrady@rctlma.org](mailto:rbrady@rctlma.org).

The following spoke in favor of the project:

Howard Balentine, Solar Millennium, 1220 Avenida Acaso, Camarillo, CA 93012

Elizabeth Ingram, Solar Millennium, 1625 Shattuck Ave, Suite 270, Berkeley, CA 94709

Douglas Moss, AECOM/Aeropacific Consulting, 3858 Carson Street #120, Torrance, CA 90503

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The following spoke in neutral of the project:

Richard Denewiler, Other Interested Person, 27280 Yorba Linda CT, Sun City, CA 92586

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

**VI. ALUC COMMISSION ACTION**

Direct preparation of a letter to the California Energy Commission

**VII. CD**

The entire discussion of this agenda item can be found on CD and referenced by the meeting time listed below. For a copy of the CD, please contact Barbara Santos, ALUC Commission Secretary, at (951) 955-5132 or E-mail at [basantos@rctlma.org](mailto:basantos@rctlma.org).

ITEM 2.1: TIME IS 1:07 P.M.

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I. **3.0 ORAL COMMUNICATION ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA**

John Guerin, ALUC Staff reported the City of Perris Planning Manager, Brad Eckhardt was killed in a motorcycle accident on July 4<sup>th</sup> and requested the Commission adjourn the meeting in his memory.

II. **4.0 COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

None

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Housman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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