

Solar Regional Mitigation Planning – Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Pilot Project

Workshop #3
January 30-31, 2013
Hampton Inn Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV

Webinar and Call-In Information:

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Day 1 URL: <http://anl.adobeconnect.com/r1t9kjqjpb7/>

Day 2 URL: <http://anl.adobeconnect.com/r119gga02p2/>

Workshop Objectives: Review methods, tools, and Dry Lake SEZ pilot outcome for 1) establishing regional trends and unavoidable impacts that warrant off-site mitigation; 2) identifying criteria and best-practices for establishing regional mitigation objectives; 3) identifying and prioritizing mitigation projects and locations; 4) identifying mitigation costing options; and 5) using solar monitoring and adaptive management to evaluate mitigation effectiveness.

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 30

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| 7:30 – 8:00 | Registration |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | Workshop Overview and Review of Webcast 1 (Off-Site Mitigation Valuation Methods and Mitigation Structures) and Webcast 2 (Proposed Unavoidable Impacts Warranting Mitigation) – Joe Vieira, BLM; Karen Smith, Argonne |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | BLM Evaluation of Regional Trends and Conditions – Gordon Toevs and Sandra Brewer, BLM |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | BLM Evaluation and Determination of Impacts that Warrant Off-site Mitigation – Mike Dwyer, BLM |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | Breakout Group Discussion on Regional Trends and Unavoidable Impacts that Warrant Off-Site Mitigation |
| 11:45 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:45 | Report from Breakout Sessions on Regional Trends and Unavoidable Impacts that Warrant Off-Site Mitigation |
| 1:45 – 2:45 | Panel: Establishing Regional Mitigation Objectives – (BLM, Southern Nevada District – Fred Edwards, Nevada Department of Wildlife – Brad Hardenbrook; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Brian Novosak; The Wilderness Society – Alex Daue) |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | Break |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | Group Discussion on Establishing Regional Mitigation Objectives |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Summary and Wrap-Up -- Joe Vieira, BLM |

Thursday, January 31

- 8:00 – 8:15 Summary of Day 1 and Overview for Day 2 – Karen Smith, Argonne
- 8:15 – 9:00 Map-Based Discussion on Regional Hot Spots and Potential Locations for Mitigation – Argonne – Lee Walston
- 9:00 – 10:30 Panel: Methods for Identifying and Prioritizing Mitigation Projects and Locations - (Nevada Department of Wildlife – Brad Hardenbrook; BLM – California, Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan [DRECP] – Mike Sintetos; Clark County – Marci Henson; Lincoln County - Mike Baughman; Conservation Planner Consultant – John C. Tull, and The Nature Conservancy – Jim Moore)
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Group Discussion on Priority Setting and Methods for Identifying Mitigation Projects and Locations
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 Introduction to BLM Method and Tool Options for Mitigation Costing – Dave Murphy, Argonne
- 1:30 – 2:15 Panel Discussion on Methods for Valuing Resources for Off-Site Mitigation for SEZs – (Clark County – John Tennert; NRG Solar – Donna McClay; The Nature Conservancy – Joe Fargione)
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 Group Discussion on Options for Mitigation Costing
- 3:30 – 4:15 Use of Long-Term Monitoring to Evaluate Mitigation Effectiveness – Gordon Toevs, BLM
- 4:15 – 4:30 Where Do We Go From Here and Wrap-Up - Joe Vieira, BLM