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- BLM, Kanab Field Office, 318 North, 100 East, Kanab, Utah 84741.
- BLM, Moab Field Office, 82 E. Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532.
- BLM, Price Field Office, 125 South, 600 West, Price, Utah 84501.
- BLM, Richfield Field Office, 150 East, 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.
- BLM, St. George Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, Saint. George, Utah 84790.
- BLM, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South, 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.
- BLM, Vernal Field Office, 170 South, 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078.
- BLM, Egan Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC33, Ely, Nevada 89301.
- BLM, Caliente Field Office, U.S. Highway. 93, Building. #1, Caliente, Nevada 89008.
- BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130.
- USFS (Lead Forest Office), Dixie National Forest Office, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

Your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The public scoping will help determine relevant issues that can influence the scope of the environmental analysis, alternatives, and the process for developing the EIS. The BLM and the USFS, other agencies, cooperators, and individuals have preliminarily identified the following issues that will be addressed in the EIS: Socioeconomic impacts; public health and safety; plant and animal species (including special and sensitive status species, desert tortoise and sage-grouse); cultural resources and historic sites; visual intrusions; lands with wilderness characteristics; national scenic and historic trails; wild and scenic rivers; and inventoried roadless areas on National Forests.

Public meetings will also be held during the scoping period. The BLM staff, Western staff, and Project proponents will be available at the public meetings to explain Project details and gather information from interested individuals or groups. The USFS and other cooperating agencies are expected to participate in the public meetings. The BLM, Western, and cooperating agencies will also provide

additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

Because the proposed Project may involve activities and construction in floodplains or wetlands, this NOI also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action, in accordance with DOE regulations for Compliance with Floodplain and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, 10 CFR 1022.12(a). The EIS will include a floodplain/wetland assessment and, if required, a floodplain statement of findings will be issued with the Final EIS or in the RODs issued by Western, the BLM, and the USFS, if any.

The BLM and Western will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Consultation with Native American Tribes will be conducted in accordance with applicable policies, and Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM, USFS, or Western's decisions on the project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM and Western to participate as a cooperating agency.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development Tule Wind Project and San Diego Gas and Electric's East County Substation Project, San Diego County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as a joint environmental analysis document for the Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development Tule Wind Project (Tule Project) and the San Diego Gas and Electric's (SDG&E) East County Substation Project (ECO Project) and by this notice are announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR by close of business on February 16, 2011. The comment period began on December 23, 2010, with publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Recognizing that the public review period began during the holidays, the BLM has decided to extend the 45-day comment period cited in the EPA notice until close of business on February 16, 2011 (55 days total). The BLM and CPUC will hold two joint public informational workshop meetings on the projects; the first in Jacumba, at 7 p.m., on January 26, 2011, at the Jacumba Highland Center on 44681 Old Highway 80, Jacumba, California 91934, and the second in Boulevard, at 7 p.m., on February 2, 2011, at the Boulevard Volunteer Fire Department at 39223 Highway 94, Boulevard, California 91905. The public will be notified in advance of any updates or changes to these public meetings through local media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Tule Wind Project and East County Substation Project by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.
- *E-mail:* [catulewind@blm.gov](mailto:catulewind@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* (951) 697-5299.
- *Mail:* ATTN: Greg Thomsen, BLM California Desert District Office (CDDO), 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046.

Copies of the EIS/EIR are available on the BLM Web site at: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro> and also from the CPUC and the CDDO at the above addresses and in the BLM El Centro

Field Office, 1661 S. 4th Street, El Centro, California 92243.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Greg Thomsen, telephone: (951) 697-5237; address: BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046; or via e-mail to [catulewind@blm.gov](mailto:catulewind@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM has received applications for rights-of-way (ROW) for two separate, but related, proposed projects in eastern San Diego County. Pacific Wind Development (Iberdrola) has submitted an application to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a 200 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility known as the Tule Wind Project. The proposed project site is located on approximately 15,390 acres of land under multiple jurisdictions summarized as follows: Private land—1,040 acres, California State Lands Commission land—619 acres, BLM land—12,133 acres and Tribal land belonging to the Campo/Cuyapaipe/Manzanita Tribes—1,598 acres. The project site is located in the In-Ko-Pah Mountains near the McCain Valley in San Diego County, north of the unincorporated community of Boulevard. The project will consist of approximately 134 wind turbines (1.5 to 3.0 MW each), an overhead and underground 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector system leading to a collector substation, an operations and maintenance facility, and a 138 kV transmission line as the generation tie-in to the existing Boulevard Substation.

The SDG&E has submitted an application to construct the ECO Project, including a 138 kV transmission line that would traverse approximately 1.5 miles of public land managed by the BLM. The ECO Project includes the construction of a 500/230/138 kV substation on private land near the community of Jacumba, a short loop-in to the Southwest Power Link, the 138 kV transmission line mentioned above, a rebuild of the existing Boulevard Substation, and a rebuild of the existing White Star Communication Facility.

The BLM's purpose and need for the Tule and ECO Projects is to respond to Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development and SDG&E applications for a ROW grant to construct, operate, and decommission an energy generation project and a 138 kV transmission line on public lands in compliance with Title V of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1761), BLM ROW regulations, and other applicable Federal laws and regulations. The BLM will decide whether to approve, approve

with modification, or deny issuance of a ROW grant to Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development and SDG&E for the proposed Tule and ECO Projects, respectively. The BLM will take into consideration the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Secretarial Orders 3283 *Enhancing Renewable Energy Development on the Public Lands* and 3285 *Renewable Energy Development by the Department of the Interior* in responding to the Iberdrola and SDG&E applications.

The BLM's proposed action in the EIS/EIR is to authorize the Tule Project and the ECO Project in response to the applications received from Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development and SDG&E, respectively. The BLM will analyze the following alternatives: for the ECO project; the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives; for the Tule Wind Project; the Proposed Action, authorization of the proposed project with a relocation of the 138 kV generation tie-in line, authorization of the proposed project with a reduction in the number of wind turbines, authorization of the 113 wind turbines, but moving them away from critical habitat and areas having wilderness characteristics, and a No Action alternative.

The BLM will use the NEPA process to satisfy the public involvement requirement for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations are being conducted in accordance with BLM and Department of the Interior policy, and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets.

The BLM has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CPUC to conduct a joint environmental review of the Tule/ECO Projects on Federal land managed by the BLM. The CPUC is the CEQA lead agency preparing the EIR and the BLM is the lead agency preparing the EIS. The BLM and CPUC have agreed through the MOU to conduct joint environmental review of the project in a single combined NEPA/CEQA process and document. The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed Tule and ECO Projects' impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources and hazards, land use, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, wilderness characteristics, and other resources. A Notice of Intent to Prepare

an EIS/EIR for the Tule and ECO Projects in San Diego County, California was published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2009 (74 FR 68860). The BLM held two public scoping meetings in Jacumba and Boulevard, California, on January 27 and 28, 2010, respectively. The formal scoping period ended on February 15, 2010. Please note that public comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before December 4, 2010. Pursuant to sections 60.13 or 60.15 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by January 19, 2011.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your