



DMG Solar Guidance & BMPs



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Background



- Early Fall 2008 –DMG Solar BMP Subgroup was formed to develop agency-consistent BMPs.
- November 2008 – Governor’s EO established CEC & CDFG requirement to develop BMPs to assist applicants in designing projects to minimize environmental impacts.
- January 2009 – first draft of the BMP document provided to Subgroup for review; developed based on applicable BMPs from BLM’s Wind EIS and from CEC’s draft conditions of certification.
- February, March, & May 2009 – DMG draft solar BMPs sent to Subgroup and/or entire DMG for review



Purpose



- DMG - provide applicants with interagency guidance on types of preliminary data needed for agency review of proposed projects on federal and private lands and provide project design modifications and BMPs to be considered during project development.
- BLM – incorporate BMPs into the Solar PEIS.
- CEC & CDFG – fulfill EO requirement.



Interagency Cooperation



February 2009

- DTRO
- CA State Parks
- BLM
- NPS
- San Bernardino Co.
- Ventura FWO
- CEC

March 2009

- San Bernardino Co.
- Ventura FWO

May 2009

- DTRO
- DOD
- San Bernardino Co.
- BLM
- CEC
- CDFG
- Ventura FWO



Discussion of Agency Comments



- Comments related to making some BMPs more agency-specific.
- Conflicting comments from different agencies.
- Comments on additional species-specific BMPs.

