

Applicant's Environmental Document for the Tule Wind Project September 2010

Note:

The Applicant's Environmental Document (AED) for the Tule Wind Project (Iberdrola Renewables 2010) was prepared simultaneously with preparation of the ECO Substation, Tule Wind, and ESJ Gen-Tie Projects EIR/EIS. Iberdrola Renewable's environmental consultant (HDR) provided the EIR/EIS team with intermittent updates during preparation of the EIR/EIS; the primary version referenced for EIR/EIS preparation was provided in June 2010.

The AED was reviewed to develop the project description and to gather information regarding the existing setting and the policies and regulations applicable to the Tule Wind Project. The EIR/EIS team provided an independent review of the project's potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures.

It should be noted that the AED posted online, dated September 2010, provided slightly revised Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and new Project Design Features for fire safety. These APMs and Project Design Features are incorporated in Table B-12, Tule Wind Project Applicant Proposed Measures, of the EIR/EIS (see Section B of the EIR/EIS).

In addition, Appendix J of the AED, which is the Fire Protection Plan, was finalized and approved by the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District on November 3, 2010, and is provided online. This document provided minor changes to wording to the Project Design Features for fire safety presented in the September 2010 version of the AED. These changes are incorporated in Table B-12, Tule Wind Project Applicant Proposed Measures, of the EIR/EIS (Section B).