

North Fork Bioenergy Project Meeting January 9, 2013

Present: Steve, Matt, Elissa, Tad, Fred, Dan

1. Policy environment – any changes or updates?

PUC has put out a memo on implementation of SB 1122. They are setting the schedule for comments on implementing the policy. The 1st Q they'll be receiving comments. The 2nd quarter they'll make their decision. Probably the procurement process won't start until the 3rd or 4th Quarter. We should still plan for a 3rd Q auction process. We need to keep an eye out for comment period opening up so we can have input. Christa and Julia are keeping an eye on that.

2. CUP and Permits – status and next steps

Rod, Dan and Fred have been discussing the site plan maps that are required for the CUP application. That should be in shortly. Matt and Fred are starting to fill out the CUP application and an expanded version of the environmental checklist, particularly the project description. That will help answer questions for other agencies that are reviewing the application. They would like to get it in within the next 2 weeks. The CDC will be the applicant.

Fees – the initial \$1700 (approx.) is not covered by the WBUG grant, but it could possibly be paid under the SNC grant. Steve will take a look at whether that can be done. There are additional fees that come later on, but it will be a few months. Elissa will check into waiver of fish and game fees.

Nothing else can be done in this area until the CUP is filed – that triggers the CEQA and all of the other permits are based on that (like the air district). Stormwater permit will not be needed for the operation of the facility, but only when the construction begins. The only other pre-construction permit is the air permit.

3. Interconnection – status and next steps

The WBUG team is still waiting to hear from Dan, Greg, and Zach to make this decision. The current language of the FIT program looks like we'll need to go forward with the distribution line. The applications for the fast track and the SIS are identical, so the WBUG team is ready for either of those. They have most of the information, but need a little more info from Greg and Zach about gasifier and engine. Elissa will try to set up a meeting for Matt, Rod, Dick, Greg, Zach and Dan. 1st meeting just get agreement on distribution connection. We can have another meeting later about whether to do fast track or SIS.

4. Other WBUG tasks – status and next steps

None.

5. Financing

- a. Working Capital
- b. No. CA Community Loan Fund offer
- c. Other needs associated with financing

Elissa will set up meeting with Zach, Greg and Dan about this.

6. Communication and Outreach

Comments on the 11/30 workshop were very positive. Chip wrote an article for the Community Alliance that was very positive. Elissa will send out article and survey. Dan will post article on the CDC website. The next workshop maybe should include a field trip. There are other things to coordinate: Steve was targeting March 1st for the release of the final documents. They want to integrate the SFCC as well. The SNC grant requires two public meetings. Elissa will continue to coordinate with Steve on this.

7. Steve gave a presentation to the Society of American Foresters that was well received. He has been invited to talk to the Central Valley Tea Party Action meeting. He'll also be speaking at 'Defend Rural America'. One of the issues with the Tea Party is the subsidizing by tax dollars.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1/23rd 8:30 – 9:30.