



WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Sun Zia Coordination Meeting

October 2, 2015

Draft Minutes

Date: October 2, 2015

Location: Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Board, Advisors and Staff

Bill Dunn, Francie Meyer, Carol DuBois, Steve Turcotte, Chris Postel

Redington District

Andy Smallhouse, Jess Barry, Chris Fletcher, Bob Evans, Charlie Ffolliott, Rachel Thomas, Kim Land

Other Attendees

Peter Else, Lat Celmins (Winkelman/Redington attorney)

Discussion regarding Sun Zia Strategy

According to Lat, the procedures during the line siting committee process will be very strict, similar to a court of law. The Districts need to determine how much coverage and participation will occur. At least one person from each district should attend the meetings in Willcox, Tucson, Casa Grande, and Florence. The first meeting is October 18, notice of intent. Some of the questions or issues are:

- How much coverage will we have, which is a function of cost and resources?
- How much do we participate, take notes, present, etc?
- Need to have the participants/interveners coordinate/cooperate with each other, what are the areas of common interest.
- Need to determine when the attorney will be present.
- This process is strictly siting, does not address financial backing.
- Initially, we approach in general terms or principles on how the project impacts the districts. Later, focus on the environment issues, such as plant, water, erosion, etc. So, present general statements but need detailed reports for evidence.
- The project's viability to generate solar energy in New Mexico and transfer energy to Arizona. Identify the negative impacts on the environment.
- The bias is towards granting the siting; so, what's the impact on the District's natural resources and what's our mitigation position.
- Sun Zia is more vulnerable in the early stages of the siting process; so, need to see what Sun Zia proposes and put our issues on the table now.
- Do the Districts have the financial resources to oppose the project in court?
- The Districts primary goal is to avoid large infrastructure that would negatively impact the environment. Also, to protect our natural resources, such as soil, water, animals, etc.

In conclusion, take the posture that the Districts are fully opposed to the project but go to the meeting to gather intelligence, what do they have to say. We do not have to agree to anything, withdraw our opposition or agree to be neutral. If we meet, the Districts should bring their

Mission Statement and long range plans (general principles). We do not want to get into the details, we're looking for what Sun Zia is proposing.

The Districts will focus on the impact and protection of natural resources and not align with environmental groups. A meeting with Sun Zia was proposed to gather information.

Redington – Chris Fletcher made a motion to meet with Sun Zia. Jess Barry seconded the motion. No further discussion. 2 eyes & 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Winkelman – Steve Turcotte made a motion to meet with Sun Zia. Carol DuBois seconded the motion. No further discussion. 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Francie Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk

Date: October 6, 2015

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____