## **Introduced by Senator Peace**

December 15, 1998

An act to amend Section 66645 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 25519, 25520, 25520.5, 25522, 25524.5, 25528, 25531, 25540, 25540.1, and 25540.4 of, and to repeal Sections 25502, 25502.3, 25503, 25504, 25504.5, 25505, 25506, 25506.5, 25507, 25508, 25509, 25509.5, 25510, 25511, 25512, 25512.5, 25513, 25513.3, 25514, 25514.3, 25514.5, 25515, 25516.1, 25516.5, 25516.6, and 30413 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to energy conservation.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 110, as introduced, Peace. Energy conservation: power facility and site certification: notice of intention.

Existing law, the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation Development Act, and requires the Conservation Resources and Development Commission to certify sufficient sites and related facilities that are required to provide a supply of electric power sufficient projected demand for accommodate electric statewide, and prescribes procedures for the certification of a person proposing to construct a power facility, as specified. The act, among other things, requires each person proposing to construct a thermal powerplant or electric transmission line on a site to submit to the commission a notice to file an application for the certification of the site and related facility or facilities. The act requires the notice of intention to file an application to contain specified information relating to the SB 110 -2-

proposed facility, and prescribes procedures for the content and review of a notice of intention to file an application.

This bill would eliminate those provisions requiring the submission of the notice of intention to file an application for the certification of a power facility to the commission, and the provisions prescribing procedures for the content and review of a notice, as specified. The bill would also make various related conforming changes.

Existing law requires the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to analyze each notice of intention to file an application for certification of a site and related facilities within the Suisun Marsh or the area of jurisdiction of the commission, and to forward to the State Energy and Resources Conservation and Development Commission a written report on the suitability of the proposed site and related facilities specified in that notice.

This bill would delete those provisions requiring the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to analyze each notice, and report to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66645 of the Government Code 2 is amended to read:
- 3 66645. (a) In addition to the provisions of Sections
- 4 25302, 25500, <del>25507, 25508, 25514, 25516.1,</del> 25519, 25523,
- 5 and 25526 of the Public Resources Code, the provisions of
- 6 this section shall apply applies to the commission and the 7 State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
- 8 Commission with respect to matters within the statutory
- 9 responsibility of the latter.
- 10 (b) After one or more public hearings, and prior to 11 January 1, 1979, the commission shall designate those
- 12 specific locations within the Suisun Marsh, as defined in
- 13 Section 29101 of the Public Resources Code, or the area
- 14 of jurisdiction of the commission, where the location of a
- 15 facility, as defined in Section 25110 of the Public

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Resources Code, would be inconsistent with this title or Division 19 (commencing with Section 29000) of the 3 Public Resources Code. The following locations, however, shall not be so designated: (1) any property of a utility that is used for such a facility or will be used for 5 the reasonable expansion thereof; (2) any site for which 6 a notice of intention to file an application for certification has been filed pursuant to Section 25502 of the Public Resources Code prior to January 1, 1978, and is 9 subsequently approved pursuant to Section 22516 of the 10 Public Resources Code; and (3) and (2) the area east of Collinsville Road that is designated for water-related 12 13 industrial use on the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan Map. 14 Each designation made pursuant to this section shall 15 include a description of the boundaries of those locations, the provisions of this title or Division 19 (commencing 16 with Section 29000) of the Public Resources Code with 17 which they would be inconsistent, and detailed findings concerning the significant adverse impacts that would 19 result from development of a facility in the designated area. The commission shall consider the conclusions, if 21 22 any, reached by the State Energy 23 Conservation and Development Commission in its most 24 recently promulgated comprehensive report issued pursuant to Section 25309 of the Public Resources Code. 25 The commission also shall request the assistance of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission in carrying out the requirements of this section. The commission shall transmit a copy of its report 30 prepared pursuant to this subdivision to the State Energy 31 Resources Conservation and Development Commission. 32

The commission shall revise and update the designations specified in subdivision (b) not less than once every five years. The provisions of subdivision (b) shall not apply to any sites and related facilities specified 36 in any notice of intention to file an application for certification filed pursuant to Section 25502 of the Public Resources Code prior to designation of additional locations made by the commission pursuant to this subdivision.

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1 the State (d) Whenever Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission exercises its 3 siting authority and undertakes proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 5 25500) of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code with respect to any thermal powerplant or transmission line to 6 be located, in whole or in part, within the Suisun Marsh or the area of jurisdiction of the commission, 8 9 commission shall participate in those proceedings—and shall receive from the State Energy Resources 10 Conservation and Development Commission any notice of intention to file an application for certification of a site 12 and related facilities within the Suisun Marsh or the area 13 14 of jurisdiction of the commission. The commission shall analyze each notice of intention and, prior to 15 commencement of the hearings conducted pursuant to 16 Section 25513 of the Public Resources Code, shall forward 17 to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission a written report on the 19 20 suitability of the proposed site and related facilities specified in that notice. The commission's report shall 21 22 contain a consideration of, and findings regarding, the 23 following: 24

- (1) If it is to be located within the Suisun Marsh, the consistency of the proposed site and related facilities, with the provisions of this title and Division 19 (commencing with Section 29000) of the Public Resources Code, the policies of the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan (as defined in Section 29113 of the Public Resources Code) and the certified local protection program (as defined in Section 29111 of the Public Resources Code) if any.
- (2) If it is to be located within the area of jurisdiction of the commission, the consistency of the proposed site and related facilities with the provisions of this title and the San Francisco Bay Plan.
- (3) The degree to which the proposed site and related facilities could reasonably be modified so as to be consistent with this title, Division 19 (commencing with

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Section 29000) of the Public Resources Code, the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan, or the San Francisco Bay Plan.

- (4) Such other matters as the commission deems appropriate and necessary to carry out Division 19 (commencing with Section 29000) of the Public Resources Code.
- 7 SEC. 2. Section 25502 of the Public Resources Code is 8 repealed.
  - 25502. Each person proposing to construct a thermal powerplant or electric transmission line on a site shall submit to the commission a notice of intention to file an application for the certification of the site and related facility or facilities. The notice shall be an attempt primarily to determine the suitability of the proposed sites to accommodate the facilities and to determine the general conformity of the proposed sites and related facilities with standards of the commission and assessments of need adopted pursuant to Sections 25305 to 25308, inclusive. The notice shall be in the form prescribed by the commission and shall be supported by such information as the commission may require.
  - Any site and related facility once found to be acceptable pursuant to Section 25516 is, and shall continue to be, eligible for consideration in an application for certification without further proceedings required for a notice under this chapter.
  - SEC. 3. Section 25502.3 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
  - 25502.3. Except as provided in Section 25501.7, any person proposing to construct a facility excluded from the provisions of this chapter may waive such exclusion by submitting to the commission a notice of intention to file an application for certification, and any and all of the provisions of this chapter shall apply to the construction of such facility.
- 36 SEC. 4. Section 25503 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 38 25503. Each notice of intention to file an application 39 shall contain at least three alternative sites and related 40 facilities, at least one of which shall not be located in

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1 whole or in part in the coastal zone. In addition, the
2 alternative sites and related electrical facilities may be
3 proposed from an inventory of sites which have
4 previously been approved by the commission in a notice
5 of intent or may be proposed from sites previously
6 examined.

7 SEC. 5. Section 25504 of the Public Resources Code is 8 repealed.

25504. The notice of intention shall include a statement by the applicant describing the location of the proposed sites by section or sections, range and township, and county; a summary of the proposed design criteria of the facilities; the type or types of fuels to be used; the methods of construction and operation; the proposed location of facilities and structures on each site; a preliminary statement of the relative economic, technological, and environmental advantages and disadvantages of the alternative site and related facility proposals; a statement of need for the facility and information showing the compatibility of the proposals with the most recent electricity report issued pursuant to Section 25308; and any other information that an electric utility deems desirable to submit to the commission.

SEC. 6. Section 25504.5 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25504.5. An applicant may, in the notice, propose a site to be approved which will accommodate a potential maximum electric generating capacity in excess of the capacity being proposed for the initial approval of the commission. If such a proposal is made, the notice shall include, but not be limited to, in addition to the information specified in Section 25504, all of the following:

- (a) The number, type, and energy source of electric generating units which the site is proposed ultimately to accommodate and the maximum generating capacity for each unit.
  - (b) The projected installation schedule for each unit.
- 39 (e) The impact at the site when fully developed, on the 40 environment and public health and safety.

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(d) The amount and sources of cooling water needed at the fully developed site.

- (e) The location and specifications of auxiliary facilities planned for each state of development including, but not limited to, pipelines, waste storage facilities, fuel storage facilities, switchyards, coolant lines, eoolant outfalls, and cooling ponds, lakes, or towers.
- SEC. 7. Section 25505 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 25505. Upon receipt of a notice, the commission shall cause a summary of the notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the sites and related facilities, or any part thereof, designated in the notice are proposed to be located. The commission shall also transmit a copy of the notice to the Public Utilities Commission, for sites and related facilities requiring a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and to other federal, state, regional, and local agencies having an interest in matters pertinent to the proposed facilities at any of the alternative sites. A copy of the notice shall also be transmitted to the Attorney General.
- 23 SEC. 8. Section 25506 of the Public Resources Code is 24 repealed.
  - 25506. The commission shall request the appropriate local, regional, state, and federal agencies to make comments and recommendations regarding the design, operation, and location of the facilities designated in the notice, in relation to environmental quality, public health and safety, and other factors on which they may have expertise.
- 32 SEC. 9. Section 25506.5 of the Public Resources Code 33 is repealed.
- 34 <u>25506.5.</u> The commission shall request the Public 35 <u>Utilities Commission, for sites and related facilities</u> 36 requiring a certificate of public convenience and 37 necessity, to make comments and recommendations 38 regarding the design, operation, and location of the

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economic, financial, rate, system reliability, and service implications of the proposed facilities.

SEC. 10. Section 25507 of the Public Resources Code 4 is repealed.

25507. (a) If any alternative site and related facility proposed in the notice is proposed to be located, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone, the commission shall transmit a copy of the notice to the California Coastal Commission. The California Coastal Commission shall analyze the notice and prepare the report and findings prescribed by subdivision (d) of Section 30413 prior to commencement of hearings pursuant to Section 25513.

(b) If any alternative site and related facility proposed in the notice is proposed to be located, in whole or in part, within the Suisun Marsh, or within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the commission shall transmit a copy of the notice to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission shall analyze the notice and prepare the report and findings prescribed by subdivision (d) of Section 66645 of the Government Code prior to commencement of hearings pursuant to Section 25513.

SEC. 11. Section 25508 of the Public Resources Code 26 is repealed.

25508. The commission shall cooperate with, and render advice to, the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission in studying applications for any site and related facility proposed to be located, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone, the Suisun Marsh, or the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission if requested by the California Coastal Commission or the San Francisco Bay 36 Conservation and Development Commission, as the case may be. The California Coastal Commission or the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as the case may be, may participate in public hearings on the notice and on the application for site and \_\_9\_\_ SB 110

related facility certification as an interested party in such proceedings.

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SEC. 12. Section 25509 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25509. Within 45 days of the filing of the notice, the commission shall conduct public informational presentations in the county or counties in which the proposed sites and related facilities are located. The place of such public informational presentations shall be as close as practicable to the proposed sites. Such presentations shall be for the purpose of setting forth the electrical demand basis for the proposed site and related facility and providing knowledge and understanding of the proposed facilities and sites.

SEC. 13. Section 25509.5 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25509.5. No sooner than 15 days after the conclusion of the presentations pursuant to Section 25509, the commission shall commence nonadjudicatory hearings. Such hearings shall identify issues for adjudication in hearings pursuant to Section 25513, issues which may be eliminated from further consideration in the notice proceedings, and issues which should be deferred to the certification proceeding. Any person may participate to the extent deemed reasonable and relevant by the presiding member of the commission in any such hearing. In scheduling such hearings the presiding member shall confer with the public adviser to provide that the hearing dates and locations are as convenient as possible for interested parties and the public. Such hearings shall be conducted in order to accomplish all of the following purposes:

- (a) To set forth the electrical demand basis for the proposed site and related facility.
- (b) To provide knowledge and understanding of proposed facilities and sites.
- (e) To obtain the views and comments of the public, parties, and concerned governmental agencies on the environmental, public health and safety, economic,

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social, and land use impacts of the facility at the proposed 2 sites.

(d) To solicit information regarding reasonable alternative sources of the electric generating capacity or energy to be provided by alternative sites and related facilities, or combinations thereof, which will better carry out the policies and objectives of this division.

SEC. 14. Section 25510 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25510. After the conclusion of such hearings, and no later than 150 days after filing of the notice, the commission shall prepare and make public a summary and hearing order on the notice of intention to file an application. The commission may include within the summary and hearing order any other alternatives proposed by the commission or presented to the commission at a public hearing prior to preparation of the summary and hearing order. The summary and hearing order shall be published and made available to the public and to interested local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

SEC. 15. Section 25511 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25511. The commission shall review the factors related to safety and reliability of the facilities at each of the alternative sites designated in the notice. In addition to other information requested of the applicant, the commission shall, in determining the appropriateness of sites and related facilities, require detailed information on proposed emergency systems and safety precautions, plans for transport, handling and storage of wastes and fuels, proposed methods to prevent illegal diversion of nuclear fuels, special design features to account for seismic and other potential hazards, proposed methods to control density of population in areas surrounding 36 nuclear powerplants, and such other information as the commission may determine to be relevant to the reliability and safety of the facility at the proposed sites. The commission shall analyze the information provided by the applicant, supplementing it, where necessary, by

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onsite investigations and other studies. The commission 2 shall determine the adequacy of measures proposed by 3 the applicant to protect public health and safety, and shall 4 include its findings in the final report required by Section 5 <del>25514.</del>

- SEC. 16. Section 25512 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 8 25512. The summary and hearing order shall be based 9 upon the record of the proceeding including statements or documents presented during any hearing or 10 informational presentation on the notice, the comments transmitted by the Public Utilities Commission and local, 12 13 regional, state, and federal agencies and the public to the commission, and independent studies conducted by the 14 15 commission's staff.

The summary and hearing order shall:

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- (a) Identify those issues for consideration in hearings 18 pursuant to Section 25513.
  - (b) Identify those issues which may be eliminated from further consideration in the notice of intention proceedings.
  - (c) Identify those issues which should be deferred to the certification proceeding.
  - (d) Contain proposed findings on matters relevant to the provisions of Section 25514.
  - (e) Specify dates for the adjudicatory hearings.
- 27 SEC. 17. Section 25512.5 of the Public Resources Code 28 is repealed.
- 29 25512.5. Within 15 days of the publication of the 30 summary and hearing order, a copy will be distributed to 31 any person who requests such copy.
- 32 SEC. 18. Section 25513 of the Public Resources Code 33 is repealed.
- 34 25513. No earlier than 30 days after distribution of the 35 summary and hearing order, the commission shall 36 commence adjudicatory hearings pursuant to the hearing 37 order.
- Section 25513.3 of the Public Resources Code 38 SEC. 19. 39 is repealed.

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25513.3. Notwithstanding Sections 11425.30 and 1 2 11430.10 of the Government Code, unless a party demonstrates other statutory grounds for disqualification, a person who has served as investigator or advocate in an 4 adjudicative proceeding of the commission under this 5 code may serve as a supervisor of the presiding officer or 6 assist or advise the presiding officer in the same 8 proceeding if the service, assistance, or advice occurs 9 more than one year after the time the person served as investigator or advocate, provided the content of any 10 advice is disclosed on the record and all parties have an 12 opportunity to comment on the advice.

- SEC. 20. Section 25514 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 25514. After conclusion of the hearings held pursuant to Section 25513 and no later than 300 days after the filing of the notice, a final report shall be prepared and distributed. The final report shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
- (a) The findings and conclusions of the commission regarding the conformity of alternative sites and related facilities designated in the notice or considered in the notice of intention proceeding with both of the following:
- (1) The 12-year forecast of statewide and service area electric power demands adopted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 25305, except as provided in Section 25514.5.
- (2) Applicable local, regional, state, and federal standards, ordinances, and laws, including any long-range land use plans or guidelines adopted by the state or by any local or regional planning agency, which would be applicable but for the exclusive authority of the commission to certify sites and related facilities; and the standards adopted by the commission pursuant to Section 25216.3.
- 36 (b) Any findings and comments submitted by the 37 California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 25507 and subdivision (d) of Section 30413.
- 39 (c) Any findings and comments submitted by the San 40 Francisco Bay Conservation and Development

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Commission pursuant to Section 25507 of this code and 2 subdivision (d) of Section 66645 of the Government 3 Code.

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- (d) The commission's findings on the acceptability and relative merit of each alternative siting proposal designated in the notice or presented at the hearings and reviewed by the commission. The specific findings of relative merit shall be made pursuant to Sections 25502 to 25516, inclusive. In its findings on any alternative siting proposal, the commission may specify modification in the design, construction, location, or other conditions which will meet the standards, policies, and guidelines established by the commission.
- (e) Findings and conclusions with respect to the safety and reliability of the facility or facilities at each of the sites designated in the notice, as determined by the commission pursuant to Section 25511, and any conditions, modifications, or criteria proposed for any site and related facility proposal resulting from the findings and conclusions.
- SEC. 21. Section 25514.3 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 25514.3. In specifying any modifications, conditions, 24 or criteria pursuant to Section 25514, for sites and related facilities requiring a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the commission shall request the comments and recommendations of the Public Utilities Commission on the economic, financial, rate, system reliability, and service implications of such modifications, conditions, or eriteria.
- 31 Section 25514.5 of the Public Resources Code SEC. 22. 32 is repealed.
- 25514.5. In considering the acceptability of a site 33 34 proposed to accommodate ultimately additional 35 power-generating capacity, the commission, in determining, pursuant to Sections 25514 and 25512, the 37 conformity of the facilities proposed in the notice with the 12-year forecast of statewide and service area electric 38 power demands adopted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 25305, shall base its determination only on such

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initial facilities as are proposed for operation within the forthcoming 12-year period. Additional facilities projected to be operating at the site at a time beyond the forthcoming 12-year period shall not be considered in the determination of conformity with the electric power demand forecast.

7 SEC. 23. Section 25515 of the Public Resources Code 8 is repealed.

25515. No later than 30 days after the final report is distributed, a hearing or hearings on the final report shall be commenced. Such hearings shall be concluded within 15 days of their commencement.

SEC. 24. Section 25516 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25516. The approval of the notice by the commission shall be based upon findings pursuant to Section 25514. The notice shall not be approved unless the commission finds at least two alternative site and related facility proposals considered in the commission's final report as acceptable. If the commission does not find at least two sites and related facilities acceptable, additional sites and related facilities may be proposed by the applicant which shall be considered in the same manner as those proposed in the original notice.

If the commission finds that a good faith effort has been made by the person submitting the notice to find an acceptable alternative site and related facility and that there is only one acceptable site and related facility among those submitted, the commission may approve the notice based on the one site and related facility. If a notice is approved based on one site and related facility, the commission may require a new notice to be filed to identify acceptable alternative sites and related facilities for the one site and related facility approved unless suitable alternative sites and related facilities have been approved by the commission in previous notice of intention proceedings.

If the commission finds that additional electric generating capacity is needed to accommodate the electric power demand forecast pursuant to subdivision

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(e) of Section 25305 and, after the commission finds that a good faith effort was made by the person submitting the 3 notice to propose an acceptable site and related facility, it fails to find any proposed site and related facility to be acceptable, the commission shall designate, at the request of and at the expense of the person submitting the notice, a feasible site and related facility for providing the needed electric generating capacity.

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SEC. 25. Section 25516.1 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25516.1. If a site and related facility found to be acceptable by the commission pursuant to Section 25516 is located in the coastal zone, the Suisun Marsh, or the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, no application certification may be filed pursuant to Section 25519 unless the commission has determined, pursuant to Section 18 25514, that such site and related facility have greater relative merit than available alternative sites and related facilities for an applicant's service area which have been determined to be acceptable by the commission pursuant to Section 25516.

SEC. 26. Section 25516.5 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25516.5. On a notice which proposes an expanded ultimate electric generating capacity for a site, the commission may, based upon findings pursuant to Section 25514, either approve the notice only for the initial facility or facilities proposed for operation within the forthcoming 12-year period or may approve the notice for the initial facility or facilities and find the site acceptable for additional generating capacity of the type tentatively proposed. The maximum allowable amount and type of such additional capacity shall be determined by the commission.

If a notice is approved which includes a finding that a particular site is suitable to accommodate a particular additional generating capacity, the site shall be designated a potential multiple-facility site. The commission may, in determining the acceptability of a SB 110 — 16—

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1 potential multiple-facility site, specify conditions or 2 criteria necessary to insure that future additional facilities 3 will not exceed the limitations of the site.

SEC. 27. Section 25516.6 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

25516.6. (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this division, the commission shall issue its written decision on the notice not later than 12 months after the notice is filed, or at any later time as is mutually agreed upon by the commission and the applicant.

(b) The commission shall determine, within 45 days after it receives the notice, whether the notice is complete. If the commission determines that the notice is complete, the notice shall be deemed filed for the purpose of this section on the date that this determination is made. If the commission determines that the notice is incomplete, the commission shall specify, in writing, those parts of the notice which are incomplete and shall indicate the manner in which it can be made complete. If the applicant submits additional data to complete the notice, the commission shall determine, within 30 days after receipt of that data, whether the data is sufficient to make the notice complete. The notice shall be deemed filed on the date the commission determines the notice is complete if the commission has adopted regulations specifying the informational requirements for a complete notice, but if the commission has not adopted regulations, the notice shall be deemed filed on the last date the commission receives any additional data that completes the notice.

31 SEC. 28. Section 25519 of the Public Resources Code 32 is amended to read:

25519. (a) In order to obtain certification for a site and related facility, an application for certification of such site and related facility shall be filed with the commission. Such The application shall be in a form prescribed by the commission—and shall be for a site and related facility which has been found to be acceptable by the commission pursuant to Section 25516, or for an additional facility at a site which has been designated a potential

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multiple-facility site pursuant to Section 25514.5 and found to be acceptable pursuant to Sections 25516 and 3 25516.5. An application for an additional facility at a potential multiple-facility site shall be subject to the 5 conditions and review specified in Section 25520.5.—An 6 application may not be filed for a site and related facility, if there is no suitable alternative for the site and related 8 facility which was previously found to be acceptable by the commission, unless the commission has approved the 10 notice based on the one site as specified in Section 25516.

(b) The commission, upon its own motion or in response to the request of any party, may require the applicant to submit any information, document, or data, 14 in addition to the attachments required by subdivision 15 (i), which it determines is reasonably necessary to make 16 any decision on the application.

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- (c) The commission shall be the lead agency as 18 provided in Section 21165 for all projects which that require certification pursuant to this chapter and for 20 projects which that are exempted from such certification 21 pursuant to Section 25541. Unless the commission's 22 regulatory program governing site and facility 23 certification and related proceedings are certified by the 24 Resources Agency pursuant to Section 21080.5, 25 environmental impact report shall be completed within after receipt of the application. If vear commission prepares a document or documents in the place of an environmental impact report or negative regulatory declaration under a program 30 pursuant to Section 21080.5, any other public agency 31 which must make a decision which is subject to the 32 California Environmental Quality Act. Division 33 (commencing with Section 21000), on a site or related 34 facility, shall use the document or documents prepared by the commission in the same manner as they would use 35 36 an environmental impact report or negative declaration prepared by a lead agency.
  - (d) If the site and related facility specified in the application is proposed to be located in the coastal zone, the commission shall transmit a copy of the application to

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the California Coastal Commission for its review and comments.

- (e) If the site and related facility specified in the application is proposed to be located in the Suisun Marsh or the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the commission shall transmit a copy of the application to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission for its review and comments.
- (f) Upon receipt of an application, the commission shall forward the application to local governmental agencies having land use and related jurisdiction in the area of the proposed site and related facility. Such local agencies shall review the application and comments on, among other things, the design of the 16 facility, architectural and aesthetic features of the facility, access to highways, landscaping and grading, public use of lands in the area of the facility, and other appropriate aspects of the design, construction, or operation of the proposed site and related facility.
- (g) Upon receipt of an application, the commission 22 shall cause a summary of the application to be published 23 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the site and related facilities, or any part thereof, designated in the application, is proposed to be located. The commission shall transmit a copy of the application to each federal and state agency having jurisdiction or special interest in matters pertinent to the proposed site and related facilities and to the Attorney General.
  - (h) The adviser shall require that adequate notice is given to the public and that the procedures specified by this division are complied with.
- (i) For any proposed site and related facility requiring 34 a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the 35 commission shall transmit a copy of the application to the 36 Public Utilities Commission and request the comments and recommendations of the Public Utilities Commission on the economic, financial, rate, system reliability, and service implications of the proposed site and related commission facility. In the event the

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modification of the proposed facility, the commission shall consult with the Public Utilities Commission regarding the economic, financial, rate, system reliability, and service implications of such modifications.

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- (j) The commission shall transmit a copy of the application to any governmental agency not specifically mentioned in this act, but which that it finds has any information or interest in the proposed site and related facilities, and shall invite the comments 10 recommendations of each such agency. The commission shall request any relevant laws, ordinances, or regulations which any such agency has promulgated or administered.
- (k) An application for certification of any site and 14 related facilities shall contain a listing of every federal from which any approval or authorization agency 16 concerning the proposed site is required, specifying the approvals or authorizations obtained at the time of the application and the schedule for obtaining any approvals or authorizations pending.
  - SEC. 29. Section 25520 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 25520. The application shall contain all of the 23 following information and any other information that the commission by regulation may require:
  - (a) A detailed description of the design, construction, and operation of the proposed facility.
- (b) Safety and reliability information, including, in 28 addition to documentation previously provided pursuant to Section 25511, planned provisions for emergency operations and shutdowns.
  - (c) Available site information, including maps descriptions of present and proposed development and, as appropriate, geological, aesthetic, ecological, seismic, water supply, population, and load center data, justification for the particular site proposed.
  - (d) Any other information relating to the design, operation, and siting of the facility that the commission may specify.
- (e) A statement of need providing information 39 showing compatibility of the proposed facility with the

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most recent electricity report issued by the commission pursuant to Sections 25305 to 25308, inclusive, or, where applicable, information pertinent to Section 25523.5 regarding the conformity of a competitive solicitation for new generation resources with the integrated assessment 5 of need for new resource additions determined pursuant 6 to subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 25305 and adopted pursuant to Section 25308, and in effect at the time that the competitive solicitation for new generation 9 10 resources, as described in subdivision (f) of Section 25523, 11 was developed. 12

(f)—A description of the facility, the cost of the facility, the fuel to be used, the source of fuel, fuel cost, plant service life and capacity factor, and generating cost per kilowatt hour.

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- (f) A description of any electric transmission lines, 18 including the estimated cost of the proposed electric transmission line; a map in suitable scale of the proposed routing showing details of the rights-of-way in the vicinity of settled areas, parks, recreational areas, and scenic areas, and existing transmission lines within one mile of the proposed route; justification for the route, and a preliminary description of the effect of the proposed electric transmission line on the environment, ecology, and scenic, historic, and recreational values.
  - SEC. 30. Section 25520.5 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 25520.5. (a) In reviewing an application additional facility at a potential multiple-facility site, the commission shall undertake a reconsideration of its prior 32 determinations in the final report on the notice for the site issued pursuant to Section 25514, based on consider 34 and evaluate current conditions and other reasonable and feasible alternatives to the proposed facility.
  - (b) Within 180 days of the filing of the application for an additional facility at a potential multiple-facility site and after adequate public hearings, the commission shall issue its decision on the acceptability of the proposed facility based on the reconsideration specified in review

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conducted pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section. A negative determination shall be the final The decision of the commission on the application shall be final, and subject to judicial review pursuant to Section 25531. An affirmative determination shall not be a final decision of the commission on the application.

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- (c) The decision of the commission on an application for an additional facility at a potential multiple-facility receiving a favorable determination pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section shall be issued within 24 months after the filing of the application or at such later time as is mutually agreed upon by the commission and the applicant.
- SEC. 31. Section 25522 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 25522. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 25520.5, within 18 months of the filing of an application for certification, or within 12 months if it is filed within one year of the commission's approval of the notice of intent, or at any later time as is mutually agreed by the commission and the applicant, the commission shall issue a written decision as to the application.
- (b) The commission shall determine, within 45 days 24 after it receives the application, whether the application is complete. If the commission determines that the application is complete, the application shall be deemed filed for purposes of this section on the date that this determination is made. If the commission determines that the application is incomplete, the commission shall specify in writing those parts of the application which that are incomplete and shall indicate the manner in which it complete. If be made the applicant submits additional data to complete the application, commission shall determine, within 30 days after receipt of that data, whether the data is sufficient to make the application complete. The application shall be deemed filed on the date when the commission determines the application is complete if the commission has adopted regulations specifying the informational requirements for a complete application, but if the commission has not

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adopted regulations, the application shall be deemed filed on the last date the commission receives any additional data that completes the application.

SEC. 32. Section 25524.5 of the Public Resources Code 5 is amended to read:

25524.5. The commission shall not certify any facility which that adds generating capacity to a potential multiple-facility site in excess of the maximum allowable capacity established by the commission pursuant to the commission finds 10 Section 25516.5, unless exceeding the maximum allowable capacity will not environmental 12 increase adverse impacts or create 13 technological, seismic, or other difficulties beyond those 14 already found acceptable in the commission's findings on 15 the notice for that site pursuant to Sections 25516 and  $16 \quad \frac{25516.5}{}$  by the commission.

SEC. 33. Section 25528 of the Public Resources Code 18 is amended to read:

25528. (a) The commission shall require, 20 condition of certification of any site and related facility, that the applicant acquire, by grant or contract, the right to prohibit development of privately owned lands in the area of the proposed site which that will result in population densities in excess of the maximum population 25 densities which that the commission determines, as to the 26 factors considered by the commission pursuant to Section 27 <del>25511,</del> are necessary to protect public health and safety.

If the applicant is authorized to exercise the right of 29 eminent domain under Article 7 (commencing with 30 Section 610) of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the 31 Public Utilities Code, the applicant may exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire such development rights as the commission requires be acquired.

(b) In the case of an application for a nuclear facility, 35 the area and population density necessary to insure 36 ensure the public's health and safety designated by the commission shall be that as determined from time to time by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, if the commission finds that such determination

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- (c) The commission shall waive the requirements of the acquisition of development rights by an applicant to the extent that the commission finds that existing governmental land use restrictions are of a type necessary sufficient to guarantee the maintenance population levels and land use development over the lifetime of the facility which that will insure ensure the public health and safety requirements set pursuant to this section.
- (d) No change in governmental land use restrictions 13 in such areas designated in subdivision (c) of this section 14 by any government agency shall be effective until approved by the commission. Such approval shall certify 16 that the change in land use restrictions is not in conflict with requirements provided for by this section.
- (e) It is not the intent of the Legislature by the 19 enactment of this section to take private property for public use without payment of just compensation in violation of the United States Constitution or Constitution of California.
- SEC. 34. Section 25531 of the Public Resources Code 24 is amended to read:
- 25531. (a) The decisions of the commission on any application of any electric utility for certification of a site and related facility are subject to judicial review in the 28 same manner as the decisions of the Public Utilities 29 Commission on the application for a Certificate of Public 30 Convenience and Necessity for the same site and related facility.
- (b) No new or additional evidence may be introduced upon review and the cause shall be heard on the record 34 of the commission as certified to by it. The review shall 35 not be extended further than to determine whether the 36 commission has regularly pursued its authority, including a determination of whether the order or decision under review violates any right of the petitioner under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution. 40 The findings and conclusions of the commission

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questions of fact are final and are not subject to review. except as provided in this article. These questions of fact shall include ultimate facts and the findings and conclusions of the commission. A report prepared by, or 5 an approval of, the commission pursuant to Section 25510, 25514, 25516, or 25516.5, or subdivision (b) of Section 6 25520.5. shall not constitute a decision of the commission 8 subject to judicial review.

- (c) Subject to the right of judicial review of decisions 10 of the commission, no court in this state has jurisdiction to hear or determine any case or controversy concerning any matter which was, or could have been, determined in a proceeding before the commission, or to stop or delay 14 the construction or operation of any thermal powerplant except to enforce compliance with the provisions of a 16 decision of the commission.
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 1250.370 of the Code of 18 Civil Procedure:
- (1) If the commission requires, pursuant to subdivision 20 (a) of Section 25528, as a condition of certification of any site and related facility, that the applicant acquire 22 development rights, that requirement conclusively establishes the matters referred to in Sections 1240.030 and 1240.220 of the Code of Civil Procedure in any eminent domain proceeding brought by the applicant to acquire the development rights.
- (2) If the commission certifies any site and related 28 facility, that certification conclusively establishes matters referred to in Sections 1240.030 and 1240.220 of the Code of Civil Procedure in any eminent domain proceeding brought to acquire the site facility.
- (e) No decision of the commission pursuant to Section 34 <del>25516,</del> 25522, or 25523 shall be found to mandate a specific supply plan for any utility as prohibited by Section 25323.
- SEC. 35. Section 25540 of the Public Resources Code 36 37 is amended to read:
  - 25540. If a person proposes to construct a geothermal powerplant and related facility or facilities on a site, the commission shall not require three alternative sites and

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related facilities to be proposed in the notice. Except as otherwise provided, the commission shall issue its findings on the notice, as specified in Section 25514, within nine months from the date of filing of such notice, 5 and The commission shall issue its final decision on the application, as specified in Section 25523, within nine 6 months from the date of the filing of the application for 8 certification, or at such later time as is mutually agreed to 9 commission and the applicant or submitting the notice or application. 10 11

SEC. 36. Section 25540.1 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

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25540.1. The commission shall determine, within 30 14 days after the receipt of a notice or an application for a powerplant, whether geothermal the notice or 16 application is complete. If the notice or application is determined not to be complete, the commission's 18 determination shall specify, in writing, those parts of the notice or application which that are incomplete and shall 20 indicate the manner in which it can be made complete. Within 30 days after receipt of the applicant's filing with the commission the additional information requested by the commission to make the notice or application complete, the commission shall determine whether the subsequent filing is sufficient to complete the notice or application. A notice or An application shall be deemed filed for purposes of Section 25540 on the date the commission determines the notice or application is completed if the commission has adopted regulations specifying the informational requirements for a complete notice or application, but if the commission has not adopted regulations, the notice or application shall be deemed filed on the last date the commission receives any additional data that completes the notice or application.

SEC. 37. Section 25540.4 of the Public Resources Code 35 36 is amended to read:

25540.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) The decision of the commission on an application for an additional facility at a potential multiple facility site shall be issued within three months after the acceptance SB 110 **— 26 —** 

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- (b) In reviewing an application for an additional facility at a potential multiple facility site, the commission may, upon a showing of good cause, undertake a reconsideration of its prior determinations in the final report for the site pursuant to Section 25514 or its decision pursuant to Section 25523 based on current conditions and other reasonable alternatives to the proposed facility. 10 Such reconsideration must be completed within seven months after acceptance of such application for additional facility.
- (c) The commission shall, pursuant to Section 21100.2, 14 provide by resolution or order for completing certifying the environmental impact report within the time limits established by subdivisions (a) and (b). 16
- SEC. 38. Section 30413 of the Public Resources Code 18 is amended to read:
- 30413. (a) In addition to the provisions set forth in 19 20 subdivision (f) of Section 30241, and in Sections 25302, 25500, <del>25507, 25508, 25510, 25514, 25516.1,</del> 25523, and 21 22 25526, the provisions of this section shall apply applies to 23 the commission and the State Energy Resources 24 Conservation and Development Commission 25 respect to matters within the statutory responsibility of 26 the latter.
- (b) The commission shall, prior to January 1, 1978, and 28 after one or more public hearings, designate those specific locations within the coastal zone where the 30 location of a facility, as defined in Section 25110, would prevent the achievement of the objectives of this division; provided. however. that specific locations that are used presently for such facilities and reasonable 34 expansion thereof shall not be so designated. Each such 35 designation shall include a description of the boundaries 36 of those locations, the objectives of this division which affected, and detailed findings would be so 38 concerning the significant adverse impacts that would result from development of a facility in the designated area. The commission shall consider the conclusions, if

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reached by the State any, Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission in its most promulgated comprehensive report issued pursuant to Section 25309. The commission shall transmit a copy of its report prepared pursuant to this subdivision Resources the State Energy Conservation Development Commission.

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- (c) The commission, after it completes its initial designations in 1978, shall, prior to January 1, 1980, and once every two years thereafter until January 1, 1990, revise and update the designations specified in subdivision (b). After January 1, 1990, the commission shall revise and update those its designations not less than once every five years. Those revisions shall be effective on January 1, 1980, or on January 1 of the year following adoption of the revisions. The provisions of subdivision (b) shall not apply to any sites and related facilities specified in any notice of intention to file an application for certification filed with the State Energy Resources 20 Conservation and Development Commission pursuant to Section 25502 prior to designation of additional locations made by the commission pursuant to this subdivision.
- 23 (d) Whenever the State Energy Resources 24 Conservation and Development Commission exercises its siting authority and undertakes proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 25500) of Division 15 with respect to any thermal powerplant or transmission line to be located, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone, the commission shall participate in those proceedings and shall receive from 30 31 Energy Resources Conservation Development Commission any notice of intention to file 32 application for certification of a site and related 33 facilities within the coastal zone. The commission shall 34 35 analyze each notice of intention and shall, prior to 36 completion of the preliminary report required by Section 25510, forward to the State Energy Resources 37 38 Conservation and Development Commission a written report on the suitability of the proposed site and related facilities specified in that notice. The commission's report

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shall contain a consideration of, and findings regarding, all of the following:

- (1) The compatibility of the proposed site and related facilities with the goal of protecting coastal resources.
- (2) The degree to which the proposed site and related facilities would conflict with other existing or planned coastal-dependent land uses at or near the site.
- (3) The potential adverse effects that the proposed site and related facilities would have on aesthetic values.
- (4) The potential adverse environmental effects on fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- (5) The conformance of the proposed site and related facilities with certified local coastal programs in those jurisdictions which would be affected by any such development.
- (6) The degree to which the proposed site and related facilities could reasonably be modified so as to mitigate potential adverse effects on coastal resources, minimize conflict with existing or planned coastal-dependent uses at or near the site, and promote the policies of this division.
- (7) Such other matters as the commission deems appropriate and necessary to carry out this division.
- (e) The commission may, at its discretion, participate 25 fully in other proceedings conducted by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission pursuant to its powerplant siting authority. In the event the commission participates in any public hearings held Resources State Energy Conservation Development Commission, be afforded full it shall opportunity to present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.
- (f) The State Energy Resources Conservation and 34 Development Commission shall forward a copy of all reports it distributes pursuant to Sections 25302 and 25306 36 to the commission and the commission shall, with respect to any report that relates to the coastal zone or coastal zone resources, comment on those reports, and shall in its comments include a discussion of the desirability particular areas within the coastal zone as designated in

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- 1 such reports for potential powerplant development. The 2 commission may propose alternate areas for powerplant 3 development within the coastal zone and shall provide 4 detailed findings to support the suggested alternatives.