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# Central Valley Gas Storage Project Public Meeting Agenda

Princeton High School – Multi-Purpose Center Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

I. Sign-in

#### II. Introductions and Description

- i. Welcome and Introductions
- ii. Overview of CPUC Process and Schedule
- iii. Environmental Process
- iv. Project Description and Objectives
- v. Environmental Issues

#### III Comments from Attending Members of the Public and Agencies

IV. Closing Comments

# Information Repositories

#### Local Libraries:

Colusa Library 738 Market Street Colusa, CA 95932 Princeton Branch Library 232 Prince Street Princeton, CA 95970 Maxwell Branch Library 34 Oak Street Maxwell, CA 95955

Williams Branch Library 901 E Street Williams, CA 95987

Or CPUC Website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/cvgs/CVGS\_Home.htm

## **CEQA Review Schedule**

Comment Submittal: Final MND: CPUC Adoption Final IS/MND: ALJ Proposed Decision: Commission Decision: May 22, 2010 July 2010 August 2010 August/September 2010 October 2010

## Project Overview

Central Valley proposes to convert, construct, and operate the depleted Princeton Gas Field as a natural gas storage facility. The project includes construction, operation, and maintenance of the following components (please see attached map):

- Princeton Gas Storage Field (natural gas storage reservoir)
- Surface facilities, including
  - Compressor station and associated facilities on a 10-acre site (including the installation of an approximate 3,500-foot-long electrical distribution line that would connect the compressor station to an existing 12-kilovolt PG&E line)
  - Remote well pad site on a 3.1-acre site that includes up to 10 injection/withdrawal wells and a 130,000-gallon saltwater storage tank
  - Saltwater disposal well (the existing Central Valley test well will be converted to a saltwater disposal well and connected to the remote well pad by a 800-foot-long, 6inch water drain pipeline)
  - Observation wells (involves conversion of up to three existing wells, drilling one new well, and re-entry into one plugged well)
  - Metering station on a 1-acre site near PG&E Line 400/401
- Natural gas connecting pipelines, including
  - A 1,950-foot-long, dual 16-inch gathering line system to connect the injection/withdrawal wells to the compressor station
  - A 170-foot-long, 8-inch gas pipeline, and use of a meter skid and rental compressor unit for a temporary connection to PG&E Line 172
  - A 14.7-mile-long, 24-inch diameter gas pipeline, which would connect the compressor station to the metering station, plus a 580-foot interconnection with PG&E Line 400/401.

The project would provide natural gas storage by injecting natural gas into the Princeton Gas Field, a depleted natural gas reservoir located approximately 2,200 feet underground. The natural gas would then be withdrawn according to customer demand. Central Valley proposes to inject into the Princeton Gas Field 9 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas in the first year of service (an ultimate working gas capacity of 11 Bcf will be phased in over 2 years).