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Mr. Robert Hingtgen,

I would like to add to my comment letter to the Soitec Solar Environmental Impact Report this photograph. It is about 5 miles from the planned project, as you can see the ridge in the far distance where the transmission lines are, This is where the Solar panels would be placed sitting on 750 acres. The sun rises 18 miles north of this area from May until October, These panels will stand upright and follow the sun from day break till sunset, therefore everyone driving down this well used road "Tierra Del Sol" will be blinded by the 2538 panels placed on this one central spot.

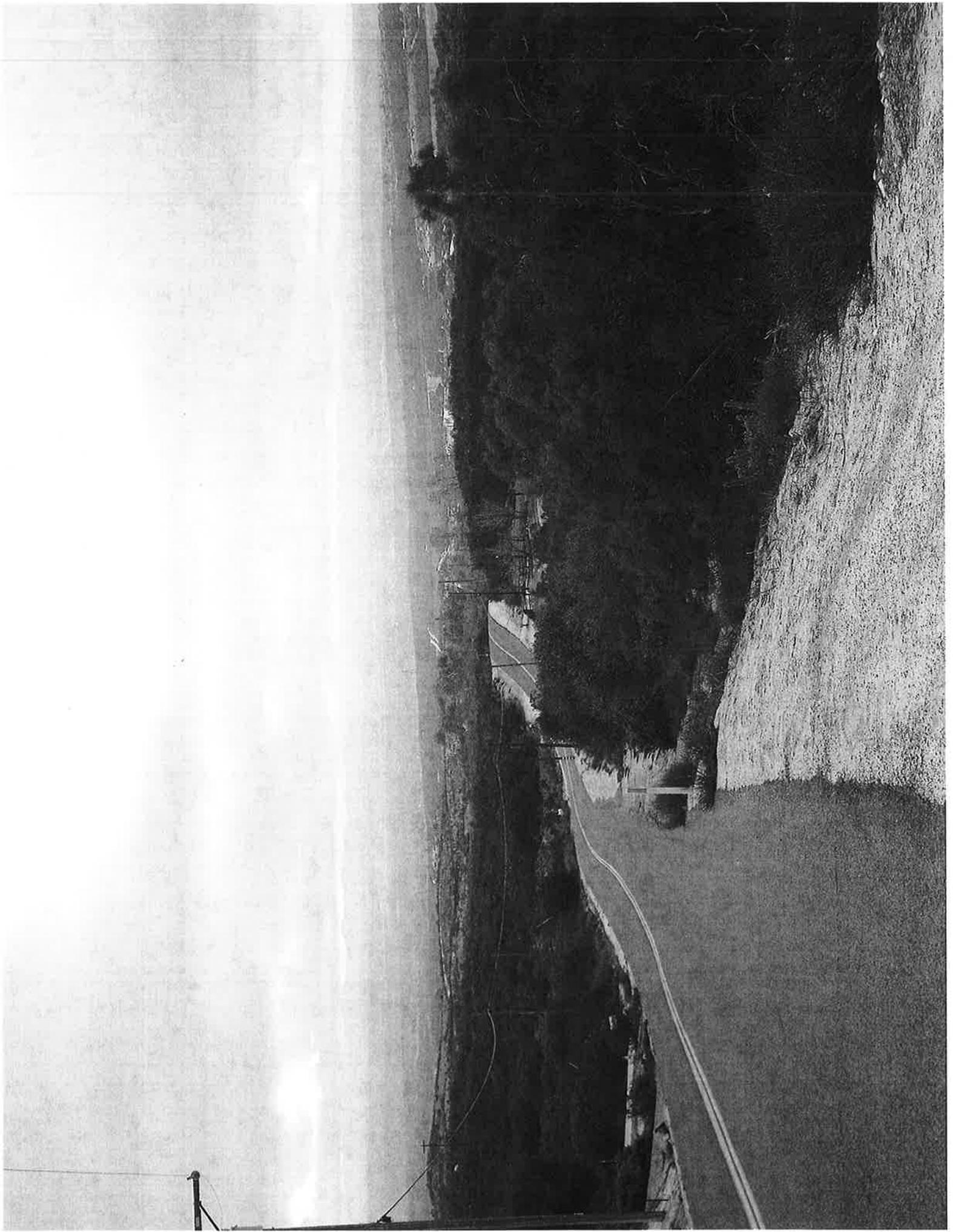
I would like to add that any particles of broken glass on the ground near these panels or on the hills in the northern distance could react to the reflections from these panels and be magnified to super heat the chaparral and dry grass beneath these broken glass particles.

Also, the blinding glare will not only effect all residence's in the area, But also the Boarder Patrol Officers, who use this only road in this area, All who use this road will be blinded by the reflections of the sun off these panels. This will most likely cause accidents, for there will be no way to avoid the glare. As for the homes over looking this area and the homes within 50 feet of the site, will be blinded all day, everyday, 6-months out of the year.

This could be detrimental to the health and safety of all who use this road and or live in this area.

I respectfully would like to remind you Sir, the motto of the County of San Diego's banner reads; "The Noblest Motive Is The Public Good". I interpret this as meaning will protect us from harm and keep us safe from development that is NOT in the best interest to our health and welfare.

Sincerely; Melody Ponchot



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To allow these massive projects to be placed on the back door of Mountain Empire and Boulevards communities is not only going to be unsightly to look at, But extremely hazardous to all of San Diego. As you know, The Mountains of east San Diego are beautiful and full of natural landscape, But given the right conditions and time can flair up and burn rapidly. As demonstrated in the 2003 fire started by a flare in Ramona which burned throughout San Diego for days, destroying anything in its path. That was man made, unintentionally perhaps, But irreversible once started. I think most people learned from that fire, Not wise to shoot a flare in the air on a dry and windy night in the mountains, for a single hot cartridge landing on the ground will have a devastating and deadly outcome. These Soitec Solar panels covering upto 1473 acers of mountain landscape at the back doors of populated communities with their glare and other hazardous fire potential starting risks, Could have irreversible destructive and deadly consequences given the right conditions. I hope you truly explore and understand all the potential hazards and determine the safest locations for projects such as these wanting to be placed in the middle of communities rather than in isolated controlled areas with minimal risks.

Respectfully submitted:

Anthony & Melody Ponchot