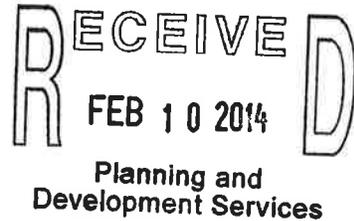


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Re: Proposed Soitec Solar Projects

Dear Robert Hingtgen:

First, it was a pleasure meeting you at the Boulevard Planning meeting on February 6. Also, thank you for taking the time to visit Rancho Boulevard Estates and the surrounding community.

My husband and I would like to take this opportunity to state our many concerns and opposition regarding the proposed four Boulevard Soitec projects with 7,409-8415 CPV Solar Trackers.

My husband and I purchased a ranch located at 39376 Opalocka Road approximately eight years ago. I took all my pension money and used it to purchase our home, shortly after, the market tanked. We live in Boulevard because of its beauty and organic lifestyle, so we decided to stay.

This situation is not new to my husband and I, and we thought we would never have to experience a similar situation again. In 1988 we built a home in Lakeside off of Wildcat Canyon Road on 5 acres to raise our two sons. In 1991 (approximately) a developer submitted a permit to the county to build a sub-division called High Meadow Ranch in which several homes would be built. At the same time, the Barona Reservation was building their casino. Between the High Meadow Ranch project and the Barona Casino project they were pumping gallons upon gallons of water day and night, which eventually dried our well up. Eight homes were impacted. This was a terrible nightmare, our home was now worthless, no water means inhabitable. The only recourse we had was

the County annexed the eight homes into the Padre Water District for a future waterline, which never happened. So at our expense, we had to drill another well. Thereafter due to the bad experience, and high density of traffic from the Barona Casino, we put our home up for sale. Wildcat Canyon Road was now an extremely dangerous road to travel on due to all the traffic from the casino. We just can't go through this nightmare again!

1. **1. Water:** Water is a MAIN concern and very precious to all residents of the Boulevard area. Real people and families live in Boulevard. The community depends on the water resources for consumption, watering livestock, and plants. To allow large companies such as Soitec to pump and use billions of gallons of water for construction then after the panels are installed, continue to pump water to clean panels is very frightening and disturbing. Real people live here! If our wells dry up, our homes will be worthless. For most of us, this is all we have, without water, we having nothing! Again, another nightmare!
2. **2. Property Values:** When the real estate market took a dive, property values decreased significantly, however, we as loyal homeowners still make our mortgage payments because we love Boulevard for its beautiful, serene lifestyle. To permit Soitec Solar to proceed and install the solar panels will create a MAJOR eyesore and will turn Boulevard into an undesirable place to live and our homes again will decrease even more in value.
3. **3. Traffic:** Ribbonwood, the two-lane road was never designed for the large trucks, and construction equipment and large panel delivery trucks, which will create an extremely dangerous situation for homeowners going to and from home.
4. **4. Who Benefits:** The only beneficiary of the Soitec project would be Soitec and the power company. The residents and families in Boulevard would have zero benefits as discussed and confirmed by Mr. Pat Brown on February 6th at the Boulevard Planning meeting.
5. **5. Visuals/Aesthetics:** The EIR does not reflect our community. Please find the attached photos (last two) of our home and surroundings, which reflects the TRUE beauty of our home and community. Rancho Boulevard Estates is a gated housing development consisting of approximately 27 homes. On pg. 60, Sec. 4.3.1, why weren't we included in the CEQA process? The first two photos were taken from our back yard, which faces east directly at the Rough Acres proposed project site. We will be viewing this terrible site from our back yard every day, if the project goes through.

In closing, please deny Soitec their request for permit because there are far better places to build their project. To allow them to build in Boulevard would ruin a beautiful valley, devalue our homes significantly, as well as our way of life.

Respectfully,

Jeff and Paula Byrd



