

## Hingtgen, Robert J

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**Subject:** Soitec Soil Stabilization Project 3-10-2014  
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Ms. Karen Hutchens, Media and Communications Advisor, Soitec

Thank you for your March 10, 2014 email stating that your soil stabilization project will be completed this week (at your Mt. View Road, Newberry Springs) solar energy project site.

Would you be kind enough to reply to the following related questions:

- 1--Will your soil stabilization at above site be supervised by either the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department and/or the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District?
- 2--How often, if ever, does Soitec anticipate redoing the soil stabilization at the Mt. View Road project site?
- 3--When you and Patrick Brown, Soitec's Permitting Manager, met with us here on February 27th, Mr. Brown said that constructing a living-fence around your eyesore Mt. View Road solar energy project, was not an option due to the water shortage! We have since contacted a tree farmer who suggests that it would take about 2 acre-feet of water per year, to sustain 25-foot tall trees, (*Pinus Eldarica* species) around the perimeter of your existing project on Mt. View Road. If so, that would be about the amount of water that two single family residences would utilize. You appear to be a minimal pumper under the 1996 stipulated water judgment for the Baja Subarea, so that amount of water pumping would appear to be without any charge to you. So we wonder why Soitec resists installing a living-fence around your project site. That was a recommended condition of approval in the original County Planner, Mr. Chema Ude's Staff Report recommendations to the County Planning Commission, for your Mt. View Road project here in Newberry Springs.

Can you comment on the living-fence issue in the above paragraph?

Sincerely,

  
Robert Berkman  
President, CEQA-NOW