

**Rough Acres Ranch**  
**Notice of Preparation / Initial Study**  
**Comment Letter #15**  
**Howard Cook**

**Erin Crouthers**

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**From:** Bennett, Jim [Jim.Bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 4:09 PM  
**To:** Erin Crouthers  
**Cc:** Campbell, Dennis  
**Subject:** Rough Acres Ranch Comment Letter#15

You can call this Comment Letter#15 and leave 16 as is.

Thanks!

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**From:** Howard Cook [<mailto:howwcook@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 4:03 PM  
**To:** Campbell, Dennis; Bennett, Jim  
**Cc:** Donna Tisdale; Howard Cook; Danielle Thomas  
**Subject:** Rough Acres Ranch MUP/EIR

**RE: Rough Acres Ranch PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP);PDS2012-3910-1221005 (ER)**

Dear Jim and others,

Please add these initial scoping comments to the record for the Rough Acres Ranch MUP/EIR. I am familiar with and support the Boulevard Planning Group's stated concerns with the new large-scale Rough Acres Ranch project planned for the beautiful McCain Valley. The cumulative utility-scale impact projects: Iberdrola's Tule Wind, Soitec's Rugged Solar, Soitecs Lanfair East and West, Rough Acres Ranch Road, and the new Sunrise Powerlink along with this new project are enormous and threaten our meager water resources among others. Major concerns include: incompatible land uses; major groundwater impacts; greatly increased fire risk, increased noise, light, dust, odor and visual pollution; major adverse impacts to the areas wildlife corridors, Peninsular Bighorn Sheep, Golden Eagles and other biological, cultural, and recreational resources; increased traffic, off-site OHV activities, and trespassing impacts for existing residents in the adjacent rural neighborhoods. In fact the damages incurred by these projects to the entire Eastern Tecate Divide aquifers, wildlife and its plant life will make the entire area a desert.

The County and its Planning organization must closely examine the cumulative effect of this and the other pending projects. It appears that the proponents of this and the area projects named, continue adding new projects in the hope that some will stick. The county must look at the entire group of projects. This piecemeal approach is not careful planning of the area and its resources. Please add my name to the list to receive future project notices.

Sincerely,

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