

# Draft Responses to Comments

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## Comment Letter B

Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group  
P.O. Box 1731 – Borrego Springs, Ca. 92004

December 5, 2011

Dear Mr. Schneider

Please consider this letter a formal protest from the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group and the Borrego Springs Community Plan Committee regarding amendments to be considered to the General Plan Update and Borrego Springs Community Plan that may allow more flexibility in the development of Wind Turbine energy projects.

B-1

Wind Turbine energy projects in our community would destroy our scenic view-sheds that are so important to our communities aesthetics, character, and economy.

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While the community seeks to promote itself as a community that embraces sustainability, eco-tourism, and innovation in energy development, the land use applications involving Wind Turbines clearly are not compatible and do not fit with our community character.

B-3

In addition to the destruction of our scenic view-sheds the development of Wind Turbine energy projects would be harmful to our status as an International Dark Sky Community, harmful to our wildlife, and harmful to our quiet scenic atmosphere that attracts so many of our property owners and visitors. These types of projects with their high profile appearance and large foot-print would have a severely negative affect our greatest economic driver – tourism.

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Please seriously consider our concerns and do not allow more flexibility in the development of Wind Turbine energy projects in our community.

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Thank you,

Abby King, Chair  
Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group

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## Response to Comment Letter B

### Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group

Abby King

December 5, 2011

- B-1** The County acknowledges the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group (CSG) opposition to the General Plan Amendment proposed for the Borrego Springs Community Plan. Both the Limited Large Wind Turbine Alternative and the No Project Alternative would maintain the existing language within the community plan. Ultimately, the County Board of Supervisors will determine which project or alternative will be implemented. The information in this comment will be in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the Board.
- B-2** It appears that this comment is referring to large wind turbine projects. All such projects will require a Major Use Permit and will undergo project-specific environmental review for adverse effects to aesthetics and community character. While economic considerations are not typically analyzed as part of the environmental review, they can be presented to County decision makers.
- B-3** The County agrees that wind turbine projects can have substantial adverse effects to community character. This issue is discussed in Section 2.1.3.3 of the DEIR.
- B-4** The County agrees that wind turbine projects can have substantial adverse effects related to light pollution and wildlife. These issues are discussed in Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the DEIR.
- B-5** The County agrees that wind turbine projects can have substantial adverse effects related to light pollution and wildlife. These issues are discussed in Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the DEIR.
- B-6** The comment opposes the County's goal of allowing more flexibility for wind turbine projects. This opposition will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

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