

Comment Letter I111

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To: County of San Diego

Planning and Development Services

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5510 Overland Ave, suite 110

San Diego, CA 92123



Re: COMMENTS ON

SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PIER)

SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, LOG NO.PDS2012-3910-120005 (ER); 3800-12-010 (GPA); TIERRA DEL SOL, 3300-12-010 (MUP); 3600-12-005 (REZ); 3921-77-046-01 (AP); RUGGED SOLAR, 3300-12-007 (MUP); SCH NO.2012121018

From: Teresa Jackson

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Director and Staff;

Boulevard is a magnificent scenic drive through what many people consider to be one of the last beautiful untamed pieces of environment in North America. Boulevard and basically all of Highway 80 is actually classified as scenic, however I must question how the gargantuan, hideous solar panels surrounding highway 80 will fit into it's scenic classification.

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Response to Comment Letter I111

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I111-1 The DPEIR analyzes the potential aesthetic impacts to the surrounding area and land use compatibility; refer to Chapters 2.1, Aesthetics, and 2.5, Land Use and Planning.

In fact the introduction of the solar problems may be the least of the aesthetic and hospitality problems involved with installing the solar panels. Now these solar panels, in the short term, will require water to become setup, maintain the workers, and help landscapes. It was estimated at one point that it would require 90 million gallons of water. For those that don't know, Boulevard does not have a central sewer system or water system. All residents of Boulevard get their water from their respective wells. So where else, but from another well, will this water come from? There is no particularly near place to import so much water from that would be reasonable in cost for the solar panels so the water must be gotten from Boulevard's own watershed. Now this would cause irrevocable damage to the ecosystem of this scenic drive by dropping the water table substantially and also possibly endanger the well being of the residents should it completely deplete Boulevard of that which allows for life: water.

Now, in the long term, without water these solar panels quickly become useless. Boulevard is a dusty place rooted in the sands of time almost as strongly as it's rooted in the sands of the desert. So these solar panels will need to be cleaned quite often or there is literally no reason for them to exist there at all. Where does this water come from? The same exact place as all the other water. If the short term does not kill all life in Boulevard, the long term will. Trees and plants will die. Without a home the endangered bird species, snakes, and small rodents will, die. Without these the birds of prey which are also endangered, and mountain lions die leaving a barren, dead landscape as your new "*scenic route.*"



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Sources of water and potential adverse effects related to groundwater use are considered and addressed in the DPEIR; refer to Sections 3.1.5.3, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3, Water, and common response WR1. In addition, potential adverse effects associated with groundwater use on groundwater-dependent vegetation are considered and addressed in Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the DPEIR. The DPEIR also analyzes the water use necessary to adequately clean the CPV trackers; refer to Section 1.0, Table 1-7.