

Comment Letter I30

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I will begin by saying my husband and I love this back country. We bought our property over twenty years ago. We cleared it with our hands, a chain and a tractor. This sixteen acres took our savings, sweat, time and energy. But it has given us back so much more.

My husband's letter addresses the technical reasons for strongly opposing the Los Robles Solar Project, I want to tell you our personal reasons.

Our property is separated from the proposed sight by a fire trail. Our view would be gone, but so would much more.

Out here water is precious. We have lived our lives here conserving it. Seeing pictures of the planned project, reading about the maintenance, cleaning, etc, where will they get the water they need? When they've used up all the ground water they'll pay to have water brought in. What are we supposed to do? This area was designed for a small amount of property owners mainly because of the water issue. When it's gone, we can't afford to buy water.

Another concern is the dust. We have a lot of wind here on a daily basis. When all the ground cover is removed and the panels placed, all that dust will blow directly in our direction. The landscaping they propose to provide would do little to control the created dust, if the landscaping is ever done.

Our primary concern is our health. It is unbelievable that environmental studies have to be met, yet nothing is done to prove that this project, placed right off our front porch, is safe. Like so many other sad endings that usually accompany these untested, unproven projects, we won't know the repercussions until it's too late for us.

Another concern of ours is the animals. One of our greatest joys is watching the birds, squirrels, jackrabbits and cotton tails that frequent our property. Also, there is nothing better than sitting on the front porch, on a warm summer night, and listen to the coyotes calling to us from the very sight of this proposed project.

I don't know if any of these animals are on an endangered list or not. But I do know this. When you take away their food source, their nesting sights, their protection and their migratory paths, they soon will be endangered.

We're losing all of our precious unspoiled land. Where does it all end? What happens when we run out? Once it's gone you can never get it back.

We're too old to start over. Everything we have is here. We bought this land with good intentions- to protect it, improve it and live on it. We hope we can continue to live here without having to face the fears and concerns just mentioned, as well as the many more that are bound to surface.

Please remember our concerns as you make your decisions. I support the "NO

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Response to Comment Letter I30

Beverly Goodnight

February 10, 2014

I30-1

The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers. Related to the commenter's concern regarding impacts to views, the County acknowledges that the Project will have certain significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, including visual character and quality (see DPEIR Chapter 2.1). However, impacts associated with development of the Los Robles site are not evaluated on a project-specific level in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); any proposed development of the Los Robles site would require additional site-specific environmental review in the future, including aesthetic effects.

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The County acknowledges the commenter's concerns about water supply. Water use and potential adverse impacts to groundwater were considered and addressed in Chapters 3.1.5 (Hydrology – Groundwater) and 3.1.9 (Utilities – Water) of the DPEIR. It has been determined that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater supply. Please refer to common response WR1 and WR2.

<p>PROJECT" alternative as my first choice.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Beverly Goodnight 1902 Jewel Valley Lane Boulevard, Ca. 91905 blvdgoodnight@aol.com</p> <p>↑ I30-5 ↑ Cont.</p>	<p>I30-3 The County acknowledges the commenter's concern related to dust. Fugitive dust impacts associated with both construction and operation were analyzed in Section 2.2.3.2 of the DPEIR. Based on the environmental analysis, it has been determined that impacts related to dust would be less than significant. Particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) emissions were estimated for the Proposed Project and project design features have been identified to reduce impacts related to fugitive dust emissions. See also the response to comment I27-2.</p> <p>The commenter identifies health as a concern. In order to respond to the concern of health, the comment must specifically identify an environmental issue that would cause a substantial adverse effect to human beings. The comment does not provide specificity as to any environmental impact, and as such a specific response cannot be provided.</p> <p>I30-4 Potential adverse impacts related to wildlife were addressed in Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the DPEIR. The commenter's concerns related to impacts to species, foraging habitat, nesting habitat, and migratory paths were all analyzed in the DPEIR. Based on the environmental analysis, it has been determined that potential impacts of the Proposed Project on biological resources would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation.</p>
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	<p>I30-5 All potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project have been analyzed in the DPEIR. It is not anticipated that any additional environmental issues will “surface” related to the Proposed Project that would not be addressed through implementation and enforcement of proposed mitigation measures during the lifetime of the Project. The County acknowledges the commenter’s opposition to the Project and support for the No Project Alternative. The decision makers will consider all information in the FPEIR and related documents before making a decision on the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.</p>
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