

Comment Letter I44

Hingtgen, Robert J

From: Bennett, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 12:26 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: FW: Pine Valley Water District: Water sales to Soitec project in Boulevard

Rob,

Here's another comment I just received on the Soitec project. Please enter it in.

Thank you!

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From: Charlene Ayers [mailto:char.ayers@att.net]
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Subject: Pine Valley Water District: Water sales to Soitec project in Boulevard

Mr. Bennett...

On January 30, 2014, Flip Boerman, GM of PVMWD, gave an interview to KPBS stating that his district had an abundance of water:

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2014/jan/30/mountain-community-san-diego-finds-abundance-water/>

An online search pulled up:

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2013-09-27-Trey-Driscoll-email-re-RE-Pine-Valley-Cumulative-Groundwater-Study-1.pdf>

This email thread is a discussion between yourself and Dudek regarding a cumulative groundwater study being performed in Pine Valley in 2013...to the benefit of the Soitec project in Boulevard: "Rough Acres Water Company, Inc. (Rough Acres) proposes purchasing up to 16 acre feet of water from the Pine Valley Mutual Water Company (PVMWC) for use during the construction phase of the Rugged Solar Farm Project (Project)...PVMWD has agreed to dedicate well No 5 to the Project for the 60 day peak construction period."

Since PVMWD can only sell water to its shareholders, property owners, in their district, how will this arrangement for sale of water to the Soitec project work?

Charlene Ayers

Response to Comment Letter I44

Charlene Ayers
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As stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Section 3.1.9.3.1, Water: "**Potable** water cannot be sold to any entity located outside of the water service provider's service boundaries, per the San Diego County Water Authority and the Regional Water Quality Control Board's requirements. However, PDMWD is permitted to provide **non-potable** recycled water to construction projects (including for use in dust control and grading). It is covered under specific waste discharge requirements issued by RWQCB (Order No. 97-49, Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Reclamation Requirements for the Production and Purveyance of Recycled Water for Padre Dam Municipal Water District, San Diego County)" (emphasis added). See also the responses to comments I100-1 through I100-5.

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