

Comment Letter I47

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From: Don Bloom <donbloom42@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:17 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: RE: PDS2012-3910-120005, Soitec Solar Development Draft PEIR -- Extension of Public Review Period to March 3, 2014

Thank you for sending this email. I'm glad to see the comment period had been delayed. We are hoping the entire project will be denied for Boulevard.
 We attended the meeting last week. It was very informative to hear how many millions of gallons of water will be needed for this project especially with the severe drought we are experiencing.
 It was apparent from the powerpoint that Soitec was not very factual or truthful with the information they provided to the County Planning Department.
 This area is an arid climate and the community relies solely on their groundwater supplies.
 I hope the planners understand this and vote to deny these massive industrial, utility type solar projects from being built in this arid region, especially in light of this severe drought.

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One gentleman suggested that since the federal government is the one promoting the alternative energy, if they have to build alternative energy plants, why don't they build these projects on federal government lands away from people seeing and being impacted by them and not on private property that will destroy all our property values? We have two beautiful homes that would be directly across the road, fifty (50) feet from these monstrous, glaring panels. These solar panels will destroy our properties for zero benefit for the Boulevard community. The energy would not be used in Boulevard. They plan to transport to the City of San Diego or El Cajon.
 Why should these massive, industrial utility plants be built in a residential community? It makes no sense and the project should be DENIED.
 Thank you,

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Everyone,
 This email is also being sent to many email addresses on blind carbon copy. Many of you will also receive a hard copy of the following notice in the mail.
 The notice is also anticipated to be published in the Union Tribune on either Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Thank you,

Robert Hingtgen, Planner III
 Planning & Development Services

Response to Comment Letter I47

Don Bloom and Catherine Williams
 February 11, 2014

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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 for review and consideration by the decision makers.

The County acknowledges the commenter's concern about the Proposed Projects use of groundwater. Potential impacts related to groundwater use are considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); see Sections 3.1.5.3.4, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3.1, Water. Please also refer to common response WR1 and WR2. Based on the environmental evaluation, it has been determined that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater.

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One objective of the Proposed Project is to assist the state in achieving its renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals (DPEIR Section 1.1); the comment related to the federal government promotion of alternative energy does not raise a specific issue related to the environmental document. In addition, the commenter's concern related to property values does not relate to an environmental issue. This topic was

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SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, 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.

On January 2, 2014 a Notice of Availability was issued for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the proposed Soitec Solar Development Project that set a 45-day public comment period that was to end on February 17, 2014. The County is extending the public comment period for the Draft PEIR by 14 days. Comments on the Draft PEIR will now be accepted through Monday, **March 3, 2014 until 4:00 P.M.** The Draft PEIR will continue to be available for review on the County's website at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, and at the Campo-Morena Village Library and Jacumba Library, located at 31356 Highway 94, Campo, CA 91906, and 44605 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba, CA 91934, respectively. For additional information, please contact Robert Hingtgen at (858) 694-3712 or by e-mail at Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov.

not evaluated in the DPEIR since it is not related to environmental impacts.

Please refer to response to comment I4-2 regarding setbacks and distances provided between residences at 880 Tierra Del Sol Road, 686 Tierra Del Sol Road and project solar trackers. In addition, see DPEIR Section 2.5.3.2 that provides a discussion of how the Proposed Project complies with zoning and as such, is an allowed use with the approval of a Major Use Permit.