

Response to Comment Letter I94

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We received your letter offering an extended comment time period, so we want to again tell you about our concerns and fears.

We are in our seventies. We own our 16 acres and home free and clear. Everything we had saved went for our place in the back country. Now, living on social security, we thought we'd be able to live out our remaining years in peace.

But for the past several years, every project someone comes up with, that nobody wants in their own back yard, gets suggested for Boulevard. We'll mention an off-road park, a golf resort, a dump, sex offender housing, a housing development, windmills, and an airport. Not much peace when these fears are hanging over our heads.

Now for some time we have been worrying about the Soitec Solar Project. If this becomes a reality, we'll have solar panels jammed up against our front yard separated only by a fire trail used by the Border Patrol.

Other than the obvious reason of having to look at the panels out of every window in our home, we have other concerns.

Our community has been designed to accommodate fewer properties mainly for water purposes. What happens when one rich person buys huge acreage with projects like this in mind? What happens to us when he's used up all the ground water? He'll haul water in then. We can't afford to do that.

We also have strong feelings about the health factors generated by these kinds of facilities who don't research or take the time to learn if health risks are created by their greed. Of course, the mess isn't in their back yard. It's in ours.

If this project is approved, we would never again feel safe, healthy, or comfortable in our home.

With the water issues, health factors, and the eyesore sitting on the property line, we would never be able to sell our property, so what could we do? Where would we go? And besides, we love our home and our property. Why should we have to live by the actions their greed dictates?

We ask you to put yourself in our place. Take a walk around your property. Think about the flower gardens you've planted to make your yard more appealing, the barbecues and birthday parties your family has enjoyed, and all the reasons you love where you live.

Then walk through every room of your home. Think about the memories you've made over the years. Think about the improvements you've made and the spot where you always put the Christmas tree. Then think about having to start over- not by your choice but for reasons you have no control over.

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This comment is introductory in nature and does not raise an environmental issue for which a response is required. The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges to the proximity of the commenters' property to the Proposed Project and the commenters' opposition to the Project. Based on a review of aerial photographs and mapping software, 1902 Jewell Valley Lane is located approximately 3.4 miles northeast of the Tierra Del Sol LLC Project site. If this is indeed the residence referenced by the commenter, then intervening topography and vegetation would screen views of the Project site from view. The viewshed of the Tierra del Sol solar farm is depicted in Figure 5 of Appendix 2.1-1. Specific comments are addressed in detail below.

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The County acknowledges the commenters' concern regarding groundwater supplies. This issue was considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); see Chapters 3.1.5, Hydrology and Water Quality, and 3.1.9, Utilities. See also common response WR1 and WR2. The County will place conditions on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from on-site wells in order

	<p>to prevent interference with off-site wells. As such, the County does not anticipate that wells of neighboring residents will suffer any significant impact as a result of the Proposed Project.</p> <p>I94-3 The County acknowledges the commenter’s concerns regarding health factors. Potential health risks, including those related to exposure to stray voltage, were considered and addressed in Section 3.1.4.5, Other Field-Related Public Concerns or Hazards, of the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR). Furthermore, in response to this comment and other comments regarding electromagnetic fields, a memorandum was prepared by Asher R. Sheppard, PhD to support the information provided in the DPEIR and provide more detail; see Appendix 9.0-1 of the DPEIR. The memorandum concludes that EMF from the Proposed Project are highly localized and pose no known concern for human health.</p> <p>I94-4 The County acknowledges that the Proposed Project would have certain significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics (DPEIR Section 2.1.7). Related to the concerns regarding property values, this topic was not evaluated in the DPEIR since it is not related to environmental impacts (see 14 CCR 15131). The remainder of the comment does not raise an environmental issue relative to the DPEIR. However, this information will be provided in the Final Program</p>
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Now, one last request. When you walk your property and home, walk it through our eyes.

Please remember our concerns as you make your decisions. We support the "NO PROJECT" alternative as our first choice.

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Thank you.

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Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

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The County acknowledges the commenter's 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.

References

14 CCR 15000–15387 and Appendices A–L. Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

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