

Response to Comment Letter I97

**Robert and Marie Morgan
February 26, 2014**

Comment Letter I97

Hingtgen, Robert J

From: Morgans <smorgy@hughes.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:33 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: Soltec Solar Development
Attachments: scan0002.pdf

Mr. Hingtgen

Attached are our comments regarding the proposed Soltec Solar Development in the Boulevard community.

Thank you,
Robert & Marie Morgan

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The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenters' opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

Issues related to groundwater use of the Proposed Project and resulting impacts to the aquifer and residential wells in the Proposed Project vicinity are considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); see Sections 3.1.5, Hydrology and Water Quality, and 3.1.9, Utilities. See also common response WR1. As provided in Section 3.1.9.3.1, the County will place conditions on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from on-site wells in order to prevent interference with off-site wells.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, either during construction or operations.

SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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);
ENVIRONMENTAL LOG NO.: 3910 120005 (ER)

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
January 2, 2014 through ~~February 17, 2014~~
MARCH 3,

PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENT SHEET

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
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SAN DIEGO, CA 92123



WRITTEN COMMENT FORM

PLEASE SEE ACCOMPANYING PAGE

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(Attach additional pages as needed)

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COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM, ~~FEBRUARY 17, 2014~~
MARCH 3,

<p>We strongly object to the proposed Soitec Solar projects and have the following major concerns regarding the impact on our home and community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ground water use. We are entirely dependant on ground water for all of our household needs. The proposed projects will use millions of gallons of water during construction and require excessive continued use for routine maintenance of the solar panels. Our aquifer is already stressed from the historic drought. This additional drain can greatly reduce or completely deplete residential wells. 2) Impact on wildlife. These projects will kill or displace many animals native to this area. We have witnessed the devastation on local wildlife during the construction of the Sunrise Powerlink. Unusual mountain lion sightings (including our backyard) and also mountain lion deaths from attempts to cross roads and freeways were reported to Fish and Game. 3) Impact on local roads. Our roads are not designed to handle large truck traffic as evidenced by the potholes and cracked asphalt on Jewel Valley Road in Boulevard caused by the installation of underground power lines currently under construction. 4) Impact on property values. These solar projects are massive in scope and will ruin the scenic beauty of the entire area. The elimination of our view shed will have a significant negative impact on property values. 5) Glare. These solar panels stand 30 feet tall and 48 feet wide and can generate a huge glare, which will impact outdoor living and recreation. 	<p>I97-2 Potential impacts to wildlife, including mountain lion (<i>Puma concolor</i>), were considered and addressed in the DPEIR; see Section 2.3, Biological Resources. The County found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on wildlife with the implementation of proposed mitigation.</p> <p>I97-3 This comment addresses potential impacts of truck traffic on the physical conditions of local roadways. See common response TRAF1.</p> <p>I97-4 This comment raises concerns regarding property values. This topic was not evaluated in the DPEIR since it is not related to environmental impacts (see 14 CCR 15131). However, the information in this comment will be in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.</p> <p>I97-5 Potential impacts related to glare were considered and addressed in the DPEIR; see Section 2.1, Aesthetics. The County acknowledges that the Proposed Project would have a significant and unavoidable impact related to glare (DPEIR Section 2.1.7). Those local roadways and residences that will experience glare are provided in DEPIR Section 2.1.3.3.</p> <p>References 14 CCR 15000–15387 and Appendices A–L. Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.</p>
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