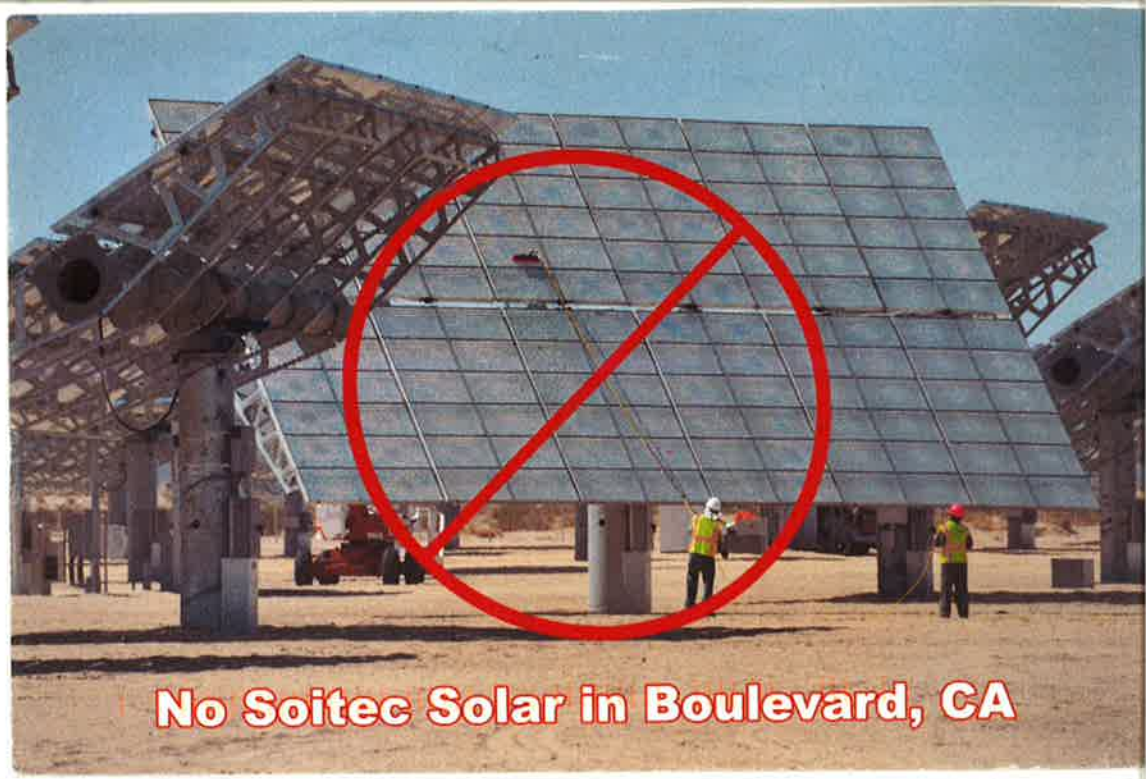
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I oppose all 4 Soitec Solar dual tracking Concentrated PV sites proposed for 1,500 acres of Boulevard CA, for the following reasons: lack of adequate information; violations of CEQA; lack of need for project; high cost and experimental nature of CPV; superior alternatives such as point of use generation in San Diego with up to 7,000 MW of capacity on existing structures and parking lots; alternative Imperial Valley site that has permits, has gen-tie lines in place, has survived lawsuits, and is supported by the Sierra Club and other big green groups; estimated use of 50 million gallons of drought stressed groundwater; environmentally, biologically, and culturally sensitive locations in fire and earth-quake prone (7.8 in 1892), and groundwater dependent neighborhoods; impacts to Tule Creek and Walker Creek flood plains; cumulative adverse impacts to adjacent conserved and recreation lands in McCain Valley, Anza Borrego Desert State Park, Big Horn Sheep, Golden Eagles; projects within 100 feet of existing residences , wells and riparian areas; disproportionate impacts to predominantly low-income communities of Boulevard , Jacumba Hot Springs and Ejido Jardines Del Rincon; need for approximately 8 miles of new high voltage lines; project locations in Cal Fire designated Very High Fire Severity Zones & Wildfire Corridor that will increase fire risk, alter fire-fighting tactics, and can impact 17,000 people.

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