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From: Hingtgen, Robert J
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Fitzpatrick, Lisa
Cc: Danielle Thomas; Donna Tisdale; McPherson, Sheri; Howard Cook; Fogg, Mindy; Gungle, Ashley
Subject: RE: Hearing on final Soitec EIR - To San Diego County Planning Commissioners

Lisa,
I'm noting for the record that the attachments to Mr. Cook's email are already included in the Administrative Record for the Soitec project at:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dplu/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2014-01-30-WayneSkains-email-Comment-Boulevard-Solar-Including-November-15-2013-Dr-Ponce-Groundwater-Report.pdf> and,

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2015-01-12-HowardCook-email-Soitec-Final-PEIR-Water-Comments.pdf>

Thank you,

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From: Fitzpatrick, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Howard Cook
Cc: Danielle Thomas; Donna Tisdale; McPherson, Sheri
Subject: RE: Hearing on final Soitec EIR - To San Diego County Planning Commissioners

Hello Mr. Cook:

On behalf of the San Diego County Planning Commission I would like to thank you for your correspondence. Your submission was past the deadline indicated in the Planning Commission Policy PC-2 referred below. Your submission will be distributed to the Commissioner; however it may or may not be considered in the decision process of this hearing.

Planning Commission Policy (PC-2)

#2. Submissions of Writings

Documents to be considered as evidence shall be filed with the Secretary of the Planning Commission not later than the close of business of the second working day prior to when the item to which they relate is scheduled to be considered. (For example, documents must be filed by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the Friday Planning Commission meeting.)

Late documents will not be accepted by the Secretary of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may, however, receive into evidence for good cause shown, or impose reasonable conditions on documents submitted to the Planning Commission at the hearing. Late documents submitted to the Planning Commission must relate to the testimony being provided at the public hearing should not exceed five single-sided pages in length.

Note: The aforementioned does not apply to materials that are presented at the meeting as a part of a visual presentation.

Thank you,



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From: Howard Cook [<mailto:howwcook@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:19 PM
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Subject: Hearing on final Soitec EIR - To San Diego County Planning Commissioners

Dear Chairman Peder Norby and fellow Commissioners,

We ask your attention and consideration of the following facts:

Next Friday 01/16/2015 The Planning Commission and later in January, The San Diego Board of Supervisors will meet and are expected to vote on the Final EIR for The four Soitec Projects located in and around Boulevard, California. You will remember that the four projects would cover almost 1500 acres and contain about 8,000 30 foot high CPV Solar Panels intending to generate 168 MW of electricity all interconnected with major gen-tie lines and with significant major electrical supporting buildings and equipment.

There are three major issues and concerns surrounding the projects and its Final EIR:

- Recent January news reports in the U.T., the Voice of San Diego and several TV stations reveal that Soitec has lost their contracts with SDG&E, and are in dire financial trouble. The question is why is the county even considering the changes and environmental damage this challenged foreign company will incur?
- This huge project (1500 acres) will industrialize an area of rural ranches, located in an area with significant wildlife with noted scenic beauty and partially along an Interstate highway (8) with a scenic designation.
- The Soitec water estimates are severely flawed and if the projects are allowed to stand and construction is started, it will wreck East county aquifers and water supplies and they will take

significant water, over 60 million gallons, possibly as much as 500 million from coastal San Diego water resources, all of this during a period of severe drought

This E-Mail and the two attached reports are mostly about water and wildlife. The first report is written regarding the severely flawed water estimates and provide evidence of potential water usage in excess of a billion gallons for construction alone. The second report is a late 2013 study on the probable injury and impact of water use by the 4 Soitec projects. It is written by Dr. Victor Ponce, a noted SDSU hydrologist. He was also former head of The SDSU Civil Engineering Department.

In addition Soitec plans to utilize far East County ground water and when further extraction proves dangerous, to switch to buying water from Coastal supplies to be provided by Padre Dam resources and also potentially from San Diego City Water where in 2013 and 2014 SDG&E ECO projects, necessary for the Soitec projects, bought significant (40-50) million gallons of water from their city based hydrants.

Sincerely,
Howard W Cook, former Chair Jacumba Sponsor Group

