

Comment
letters on
Sitec

distributed by
LOB

From: Jacob, Dianne
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 4:57 PM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS
Subject: FW: Soitec Final EIR review of Soitec projects in Boulevard on 2/4/2015

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: sking0913@sbcglobal.net [mailto:sking0913@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Cox, Greg
Cc: Jacob, Dianne
Subject: Fw: Soitec Final EIR review of Soitec projects in Boulevard on 2/4/2015

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Susan Major King
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 9:07 AM
To: [Supervisor Greg Cox](#), [Supervisor Ron Roberts](#), [Supervisor Dave Roberts](#), [Supervisor Bill Horn](#)
Cc: [Dianne Jacob](#)

On Wednesday, you will be voting on whether (to approve) or (to disapprove) the final EIR on Soitec's two industrial-sized solar projects (Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar) in the tiny rural community of Boulevard, CA. These massive projects which will negatively impact local residential property values, destroy the natural environment, and potentially impact scarce groundwater resources which serve as the 'lifblood' for nearby residents.

I am a concerned property owner in Pine Valley and feel extremely threatened by this 765 acre Rugged Solar Project with its 160 cargo containers of hazardous batteries and the thousands of very large (30 feet tall and 50 feet wide) concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) solar panels or the 420 acre Tierra Del Sol Solar Project which also has thousands of these huge solar panels and will include miles of new overhead transmission lines. We cannot afford to supply the required many millions of gallons of groundwater to support the construction of these huge solar projects. **Especially when the Governor has declared California to be in a severe drought.**

As a share holder in Pine Valley Mutual Water Company I object to the large scale sale of scarce groundwater resources to be used for construction. I am concerned about the safety of residents who must share our narrow, winding community roads with the large 8,000 gallon water tankers estimated to be making some 625 trips during a 90 day construction period. (These are roads that our children use to walk to school, roads used by equestrians, and people walking their dogs.) **These roads also have posted signs saying "semi-trailers are not recommended"**.

The County should be focusing on solar power at the point of use by requiring all new construction have rooftop solar panels. Finally I hope you will consider that Soitec does not currently hold a power purchase agreement with SDG&E or other utility, and that Soitec recently announced a shift away from commercialized CPV technology to the electronics industry.

This is my formal request that you vote (NO) to reflect disapproval of the above project. Thank you for listening to the people of our mountain community.
Susan King

From: Cox, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:51 AM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS
Subject: FW: Soitec Final EIR review of Soitec projects in Boulevard on 2/4/2015

From: Carol Johnson [<mailto:cmj8279@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Cox, Greg; Ron-Roberts; Roberts, Dave; Horn, Bill
Cc: Jacob, Dianne
Subject: Soitec Final EIR review of Soitec projects in Boulevard on 2/4/2015

I am writing to request your opposition to Soitec's two industrial-sized solar projects (Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar) in the rural community of Boulevard.

In addition to the blight these projects will impose on the surrounding rural communities , neither project even has a power purchase agreement with SDG&E or other utility and Spoitec even recently announced that their plan is to move away from CPV technology ---the very technology they will impose on this area in the form of huge photovaletic panels over hundreds of acres. Together these two projects represent 1200 acres of panels, supporting transmission lines and 160 cargo containers of hazardous batteries.

Why is it that all these projects somehow are acceptable for rural SouthEast county and NEVER imposed on North county? East county continually gets used as a " dumping ground" for projects that have no benefit to the residents and which destroy the very quality of life that people moved here for. Everytime anything of this ilk comes up, we know that you will approve this or dump it on us regardless of any discussion or legitimate reason to stop it.

Additionally, these projects will pull millions of gallons of water from the Pine Valley and Jacumba water districts when we are constantly being reminded of drought and these communities are totally dependent on their groundwater supplies.

Repeatedly, there seems to be NO CONCERN for East County by the BOS. In a million years, you would NEVER approve these kinds of projects in your own districts. Stop dumping on us! This is a perfect example of taking advantage of the people with the least ability to fight back. You continually weigh in on the side of the affluent and dump on East County. We count too!!!

Vote no and do not allow us to be tramped on again. These are not worthwhile projects.

Carol Johnson
Pine Valley, CA

From: Cox, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:51 AM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS
Subject: FW: Vote Against Soitec Solar Development, LLC, Rugged Solar PDS2012-3300-12-007 & Tierra Del Sol Solar Proposed Projects

From: York Heimerdinger [<mailto:yorkh@tecalemityusa.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Cox, Greg
Cc: Donna Tisdale; york@bluewestsolutions.com
Subject: Vote Against Soitec Solar Development, LLC, Rugged Solar PDS2012-3300-12-007 & Tierra Del Sol Solar Proposed Projects

Supervisor Cox,

It appears "common sense and logic" has gone missing to date regarding the thus far "approval" of these two proposed project abominations.

Seven million square feet of solar glass panel creating sea fields of glass and mirror in our residential neighborhood is insane. These are "industrial size and purpose" projects, even though not in distorted definition, and should be located away from established residential neighborhoods out in the open desert area...as they were originally designed.

The obvious geographic misplacement of these proposed projects is exemplified by the following proposed project required changes to our long worked on grand 2020 plan... these are red flags!

- a request for rezoning (haven't we worked for years to create a General Plan that is against this very occurrence)
- an agricultural preserve "disestablishment" (flat against our previous policy)
- a Major Use Permit is required (this speaks volumes for the injustice proposed) for use of public right-a-way

So many details that allow and surrounding these proposed projects are questionable in content. Real life example is in the area adjacent the proposed Rugged project where we residentially reside ...daily we watch pairs of hawks hunt and eagles soar, we live with owls in the surrounding oak tress only to have Bittner a "questionable" paid eagle consultant "green light" these projects in turn increasing the mortality risk to these raptorshow can this be, where is virtue gone?

You are aware of Soitec's solar panel financial business failure recently. You have read their announcements and see their financial position. They are exiting the "panel" segment of the industry. You have read SDG&E recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to disapprove of these Soitec projects for a quiver of timing delays and financial changes viewed as unorganized ill-conceived and with a foundation proposed by Soitec. These projects are rejected by local community and even SDG&E the entity that owns the power lines. These projects are "non-starters" by any logical practical mind. Especially minds that reside and have a say in our awesome County.

Mr. Cox please help your board team to understand and use prudent judgment and vote against approval of these misplaced projects.

Sincerely,

York Heimerdinger

From: De La Rosa, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:38 AM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Soitec Solar in Boulevard

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: michele strand [<mailto:michelestrand@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:13 AM
Subject: Vote NO on Soitec Solar in Boulevard

Please vote NO on Soitec Solar's experimental CPV solar projects in residential rural Boulevard. Dudek's environmental reports are inadequate and full of errors and omissions. Dudek under-calculated the ground water needed for SDG&E's "ECO" substation by 300% and their current EIR for the Boulevard projects does not even include the 160 sea cargo containers full of lithium ion batteries - a last minute addition to the project - which is a serious fire risk! That fact alone should trigger a recirculation of the EIR. Soitec's technology is not affordable and their stock value has plummeted recently. It's so ironic that they call this "green" energy. The disproportionate damage done to the local wildlife, vegetation, property values, as well as increased fire risk, low frequency noise that can cause health problems, and the depletion of ground water is horrendous, and will surely be challenged in court by our fearless leader, Ms. Donna Tisdale, whom I fully support.

We pay a high price to live in Boulevard. Most of us commute over 100 miles per day, we have to go through Border Patrol checkpoints and have our cars searched by drug sniffing dogs, and we do all of this just so we can enjoy the views, the dark starry nights, and the peace and quiet of the backcountry. Our area has already been damaged with substations, power lines, border patrol prisons, and wind turbines. Our nights are lit up with blinking red lights. Boulevard has already had its fair share of damage done in the name "green" energy! Please do not put experimental CPV solar projects, the size of 50 Super Walmart centers, in our neighborhood!

The last thing I ever thought I would learn about in my lifetime is Power Purchase Agreements and transducers. Well, I know way more than I ever wanted to about all that now, thanks to my having to volunteer my free time to attend meetings, type minutes (as I'm the secretary of the Boulevard Planning Group), and take unpaid time off of work to come speak to all of you at your meeting next week. You get paid, the developers get paid, the engineers and geologists get paid, the lobbyists get paid, the County staff gets paid... everyone collects a paycheck *except* the folks who have to live with it. It's not fair. I implore you to KEEP BOULEVARD RURAL. I ask you to be bold, be brave, and do the right thing for the residents and the land of Boulevard, USA. Please pray about it, then Vote NO on Soitec Solar.

Michele Strand

From: Donna Tisdale <tisdale.donna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:24 AM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS; Horn, Bill; Jacob, Dianne; Cox, Greg; Roberts, Dave; Ron-Roberts; Gungle, Ashley; Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: Soitec FEIR McCain Valley photos
Attachments: Soitec FEIR McCain Valley photos - Tisdale 2-3-15.pdf

Good morning,

Please include the attached McCain Valley photographs, by the late Bill Parsons of Boulevard, into the Soitec FEIR Administrative Record.

These beautiful photos negate false claims that Boulevard is not worthy of protection from Soitec's industrial scale blight/energy sprawl projects.

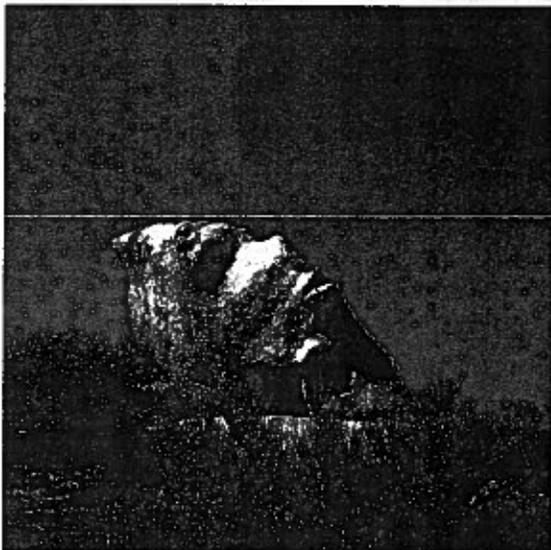
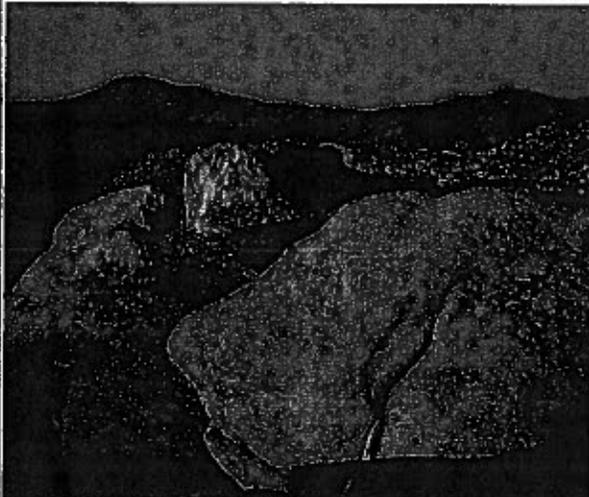
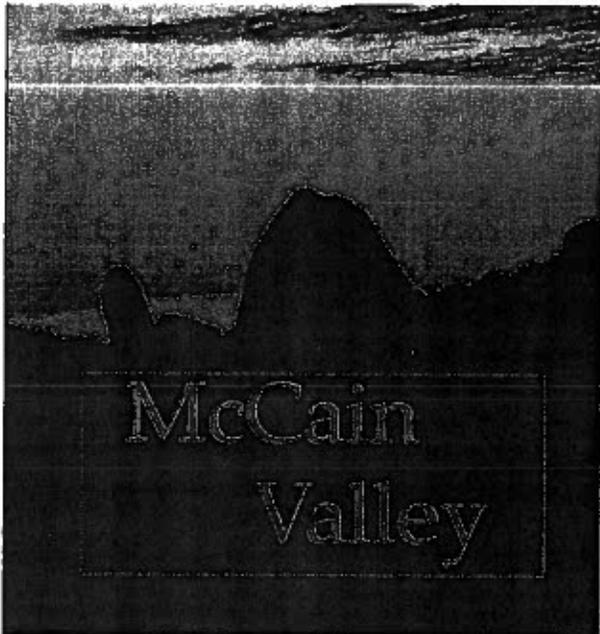
Thank you

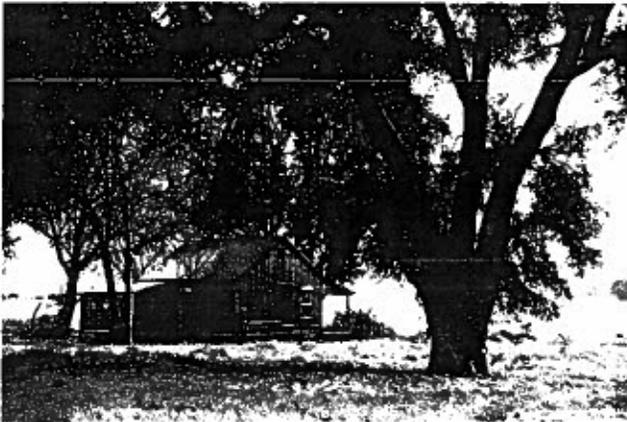
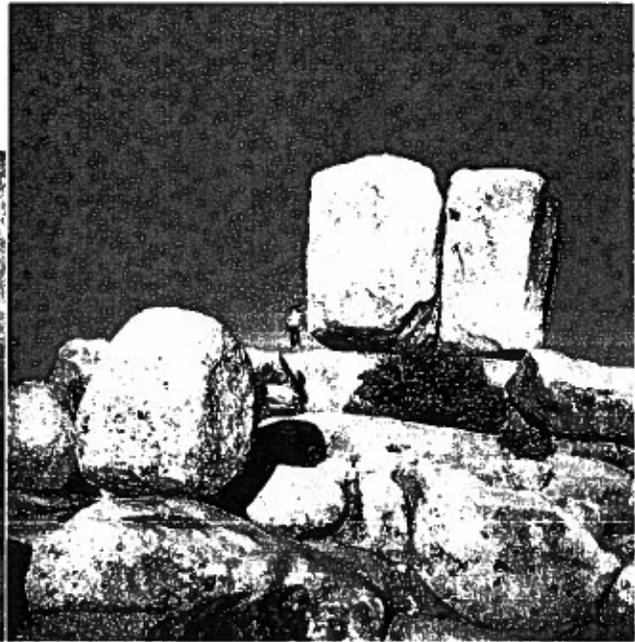
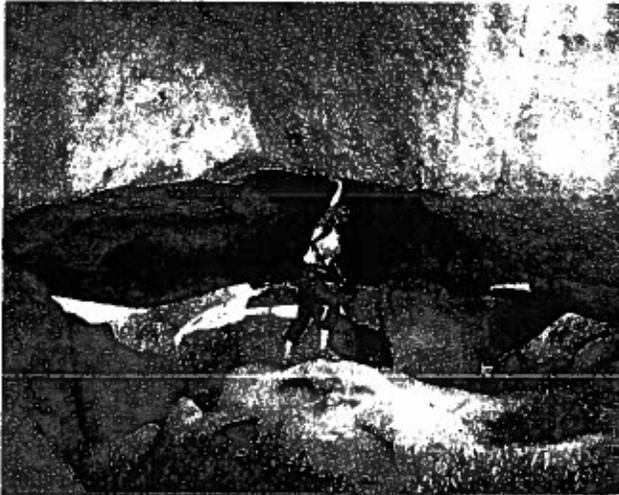
Donna Tisdale
619-766-4170

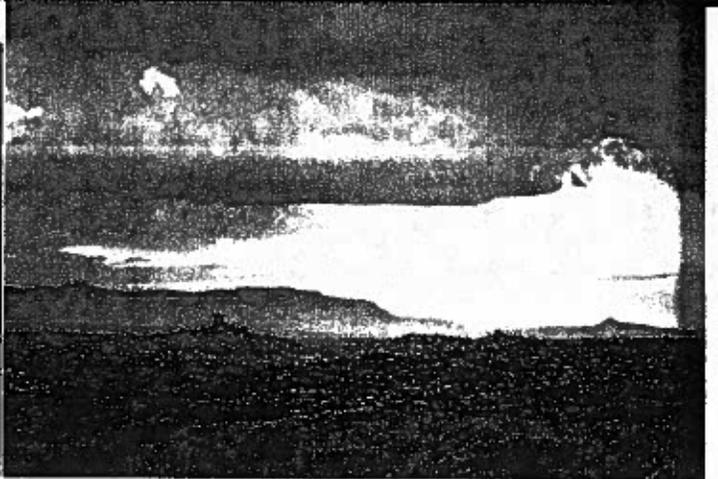
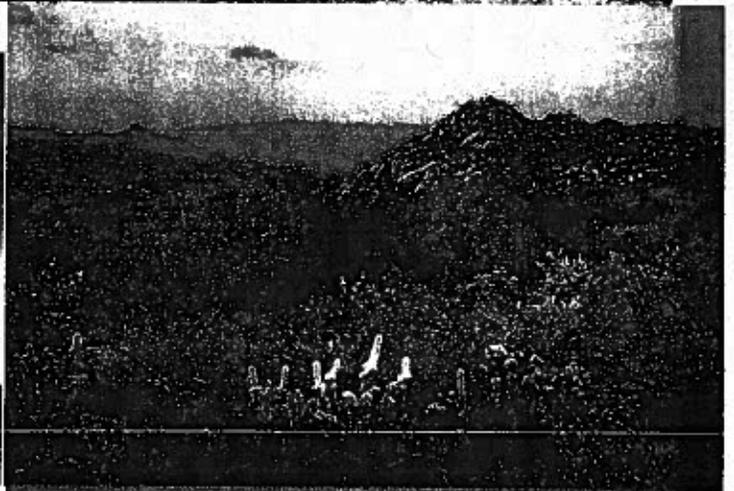
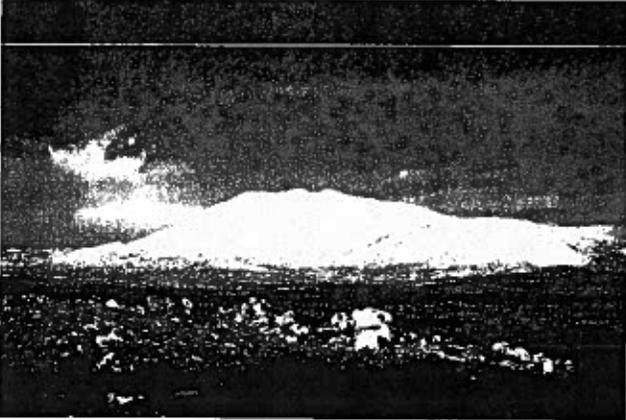
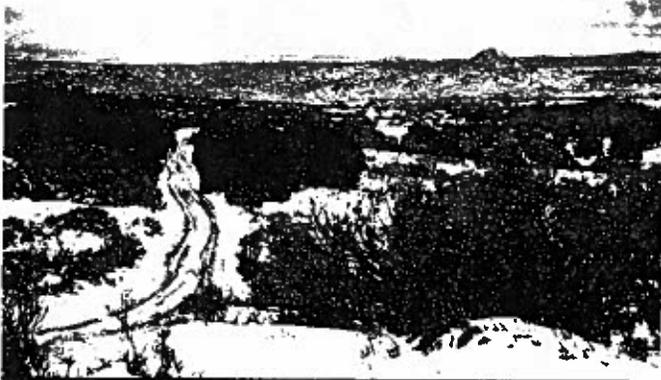
McCain Valley photographs by the late Bill Parsons , former Boulevard Planning Group member.

Submitted as part of Soitec Solar FEIR comment record by Donna Tisdale, PO Box 1275, Boulevard, CA 91905; 619-766-4170; tisdale.donna@gmail.com

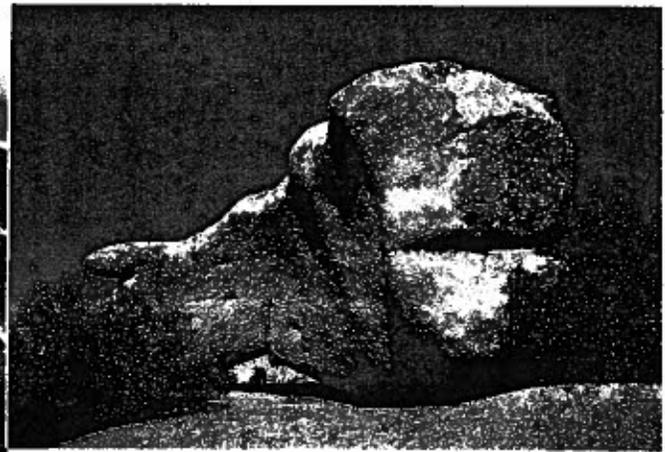
These photographs are being to document Boulevard's rugged beauty, specifically McCain Valley where Soitec's 765 acre Rugged Solar project is proposed to straddle the Tule Creek floodplain. This evidence negates FEIR claims that Soitec's projects are in harmony with the bulk, scale, denisty and intensity of use. Soitec's projects represent unnecessary industrial scale blight and new fire ignition sources in a beautiful fire prone area.



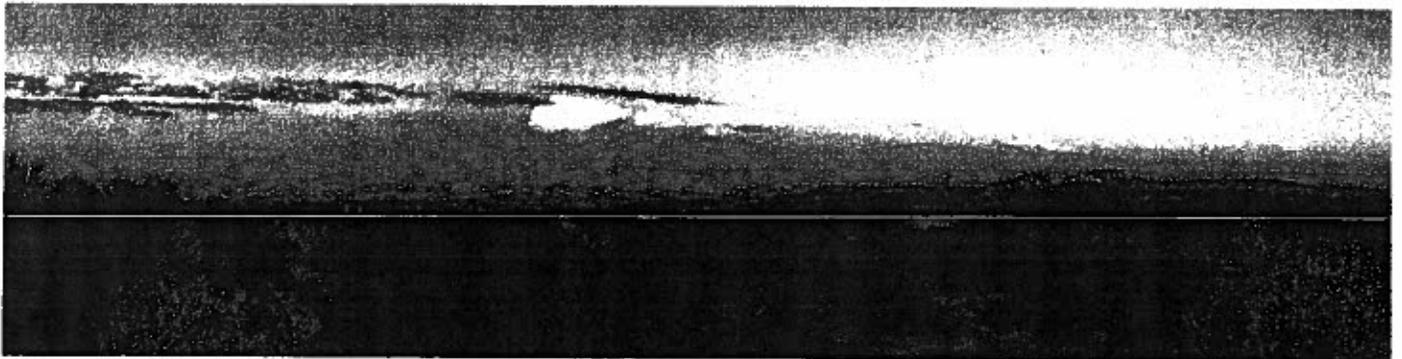








Below: Open and expansive view of from Tierra Del Sol Road looking over Jewel Valley toward the Sierra Juarez range. Soitec's new 138kV line for their Tierra del Sol Solar project is planned to degrade this entire viewshed and create an impediment to fire fighting—where no lines currently exist. This line should be required to be placed underground, similar to SDG&E's ECO Substation line that the CPUC directed be placed underground through Jewel Valley.



We make sacrifices to live in this beautiful place...and to enjoy a quiet rural quality of life... **PLEASE VOTE NO ON SOITEC'S RUGGED SOLAR AND TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR PROJECTS.**

From: Hingtgen, Robert J
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:53 PM
To: FGG-DL, LSDOCS
Cc: Witt, William
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Soitec Solar
Attachments: Soitec Solar Project Support Letter BOS 02 03 14.pdf

Please include the attached letter of support in the materials provided to the Board of Supervisors for Item #1, Soitec Solar Development (February 4, 2015).

Thank you,

Robert Hingtgen, Planner III
Planning & Development Services
Phone: (858) 694-3712

From: Gungle, Ashley
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Cc: Fogg, Mindy
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Soitec Solar

Rob,

Can you please place this on the AR?

Thanks,

Ashley

Ashley Gungle, Land Use/ Environmental Planner
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO | Planning & Development Services
T. 858.495.5375

From: McDonald, Harley [<mailto:Harley.McDonald@iberdrolaren.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Gungle, Ashley
Cc: Patrick BROWN
Subject: Letter of Support for Soitec Solar

Dear Ms. Gungle,

Please find attached a letter of support for the projects proposed by Soitec Solar, and which are docketed for the Board of Supervisor's hearing tomorrow, February 4, 2015.

Best regards,
Harley