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Super. I added most of this to our story headlined "Soitec lied"; no mincing words on these Pinnocchio scale whoppers!

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Comments on Soitec Solar Development Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) : 3800 12-010; 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) & Request of re-circulation of a revised DEIR

Hello Robert,

Please take note of and include the following information in the record for Soitec's Boulevard projects DPEIR and MUPs. I am submitting them as an individual and on behalf of the non-profit group Backcountry Against Dumps.

The attached Soitec CPV brochure is posted on their website and makes the following apparently false claims: http://www.soitec.com/pdf/brochure_cpv_en.pdf

- Few site requirements
- (no grading or water required)
- No water needed for operation or cooling
- Minimal impact on vegetation and wildlife
- Dual use with agriculture possible

These claims are demonstrated as false when based on their estimated grading and water use and other significant impacts for Rugged Solar, Tierra Del Sol Solar, LanWest and LanEast, removal of agriculture preserve, and through other information included in the DPEIR, and as demonstrated by Soitec's other projects.

The false claims, regarding no grading and minimal impact on vegetation and wildlife, are also contradicted by Soitec's own public relations Fact Sheets, and other documents, with evidence of clear grading, removal of virtually all vegetation, and disturbance of natural soil / binders at their following existing sites:

1. **Soitec's 1.37MW Questa New Mexico facility Fact Sheet** (173 Concentrix 18' x 21' CPV dual trackers): claims of zero water gallons per year for power production
http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Questa_factsheet_en.pdf
2. **Soitec's 1.68 MW Newberry Solar 1 site in Newberry Springs,CA (60 CX-S530 CPV systems) Newberry Springs ID Card:** http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Newberry_ID_card.pdf

3. **Soitec's Newberry Springs PR video** (see video starting at 2:31 minutes for evidence of clear grading at Newberry site and at 3:30 where the video fades out just as the main glare from the CPV panels would show up): <http://www.soitec.com/videos/soitec-newberry-springs/>
4. **Soitec's Hazelemer 500kV site Durban South Africa Fact Sheet** (32 CX-S42 systems): http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Hazelmere_factsheet_en.pdf
5. **Soitec's Wadi El Natrun Egypt 40kW Fact Sheet** (5 Soitec CX-P6 systems) http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Wadi_El_Natrun_factsheet_en.pdf
6. **Soitec's Touwsrivier Western Cape South Africa 82kW (demonstration project) Fact Sheet (Soitec CX-P6):** http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Touwsrivier_factsheet_en.pdf
7. **Soitec's 680kW Puertollano, Castilla-La Mancha, Spain CPV plant Fact Sheet (Soitec CX-P6):** http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Puertollano_factsheet_en.pdf
8. **Soitec's 630kW Rains, Var , France Fact Sheet** (80 32m2 CPV Systems): http://www.soitec.com/pdf/sites/Soitec_Rians_factsheet_en.pdf
9. **These and other projects are documented in the Soitec CPV Installation document** dated February 2014, where all but 2 of the 12 projects shown are clear graded: http://www.soitec.com/pdf/Soitec_CPV_Installations_V10.0.pdf

Please also include these Soitec documents into the record

- **Soitec's February 2014 CPV technical data sheet that is attached and also posted here:** http://www.soitec.com/pdf/CX-S530-II_Technical_Data_Sheet.pdf
- **Soitec's 3.4kW Plug & Sun off-grid tracker system with 24/7 battery backup** that can be used as alternative distributed on-site generation: http://www.soitec.com/pdf/plug-and-sun_en.pdf

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