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The idea of a solar farm even being proposed 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile from my home is beyond acceptable. I purchased the land my home is on 10 years ago and I built my house 3 years ago. It cost me \$28,000 to drill a well over 900 feet deep until I finally hit water, and currently only have 1 1/2 gallon per minute flow rate. The idea of a solar farm drilling multiple wells and pulling what they estimate to be in excess of 18 acre-feet of water which equals 5,880,600 gallons from the ground for their construction as well as 6 acre-feet of water equaling 1,960,200 gallons ever year from that point on will without doubt affect the water table, being so close to my home. Who will pay for my water when I have to have it trucked in weekly from an outside source?

In addition, with the constant winds here in Boulevard (often times in excess of 60 mph), having 420 acres of land that has been stripped of ALL vegetation would create a giant dust bowl during these windy conditions. This dust will infiltrate the windows in our homes, pit and damage the windshields of our vehicles as well as affect our animals, pets, and livestock.

The roads leading to and from our house from interstate 8 are narrow 2 lane roads that were only designed for average size vehicle traffic. Having large equipment travel these roads on a daily basis during construction, as well as maintenance vehicles after construction, will be a severe danger to the residents not to mention open the door to lawsuits related to head on collisions that are likely to occur as a result of the heavy equipment traffic. Additional, all residents in our area are required to pay a yearly "fire prevention fee" to the state. These fees apply to us regardless if we have 1/2 acre or 100 acres. However, the Soitec Solar Farm is exempt from these yearly fees despite owning a proposed 420 acre piece of property (that could in fact be the source of a fire itself).

The summers in Boulevard (being considered "high desert") often reach close to 100 degrees. By Soitec's own admission, the solar panels radiate as much as 200 degrees per panel, and with a proposed 2,657 panels in place, that certainly won't help the surrounding homes and wildlife.

This sort of project belongs in a desert or mountainside NOT in a neighborhood and community. Better yet, they should be on the roof tops of commercial buildings in the city but NOT within view of my backyard!

I DO NOT WANT THE SOITEC SOLAR FARM IN BOULEVARD!

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