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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 4:51 PM  
**To:** Gungle, Ashley  
**Subject:** Comment: Solar Farm on Split Mountain Road

Hi Ashley,

L1 My name is Cody Agee. I am a resident on Split Mountain Road and wanted to voice my opinion on the proposed solar farm. I believe alternative energy is going to be very important going forward during the 21st century. With that sad, I disagree with the proposed project that parallels my family's property. I am not an expert in the mechanics or engineering of a solar panel, but I believe that the amount of OHV riding along with the winds that come with Ocotillo Wells will negatively impact the functionality of the solar panels. Furthermore, the installation of solar panels will negatively impact our family's property value along with many others. Ocotillo Wells is a place for many of us to go to relax on the weekends and get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Building a solar farm will negatively impact our family's experience. I understand that an EIR was completed for the proposed land. However, I do question whether or not there has been an appropriate search for bombs and bomb fragments have been conducted there. During L2 World War I and World War II this land was used as a bombing range, and I am curious to know if a proper search has been conducted in that regard. We wouldn't want someone installing a solar panel, just to see someone potentially lose their life which would assuredly cancel the project. Lastly, the desert is home to not only humans but wildlife as well. Ocotillo Wells is home to endangered wildlife species such as the Big Horn sheep and the desert tortoise. By L3 L4 scraping the land of its' vegetation would leave endangered species without a home and exacerbating the problem that many of us fight everyday. Please take this into consideration going forward.

Thank you!

Ocotillo Wells resident,

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## Responses to Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for Ocotillo Wells Solar, MUP12-004

### Responses to Letter K, Cody Agee

L1	While off highway vehicle (OHV) activity and strong winds can create dust that can settle on solar panels and reduce electrical generation efficiency, the Project's equipment will be washed periodically to maintain efficiency. Solar panels themselves are designed to function in desert environments, like that found at the Project site.
L2	An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was not completed for the proposed Project; a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared in accordance with CEQA. The County acknowledges the commenter's concerns regarding property values. Social and economic impacts are not addressed as part of the CEQA documents. See CEQA Guidelines section 15064(e). However, the commenter's concerns will be included in the final documents for consideration by the decision makers.
L3	Based on research extending back approximately 50 years, there has been no evidence of past use as a bombing range. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has been conducted for the Project site. See also response to comment A37. In the section entitled "Historical Use," Ninyo and Moore find the site as being undeveloped as early as 1953 (page 12). The report found no evidence of any activity on the site (page 13-14).
L4	Please see responses to comments A14 through A21 and M7. The Project will not have a significant environmental effect on either the big horn sheep or the desert tortoise.