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**Subject:** COMMENTS: PDS2012-3910-120005, Soitec Solar Development Draft PEIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in opposition of the gigantic solar farm project proposed by Soitec Solar in Boulevard. My home is less than a quarter mile from the Tierra Del Sol site; however, I am opposed to the entire project (all sites), for many reasons.

- I do not trust the integrity of the environmental report. SD County representatives stated that the data they received for the EIR was provided by Soitec. Such data should always be studied and obtained by an unbiased, unrelated third party. This is a very basic standard in the business world.
- My home is within the range of homes whose wells will be effected. My well is 1,000 feet deep and draws only 1.5 gallons per minute, which is extremely low. I will have zero water. We are already in a serious drought, with NO measurable rain this season. Not only do we need water to survive, we need water available to firefighters this summer to defend our homes against the inevitable wildfires. This is aside from the fact that these solar panels could be the SOURCE of fire as well.
- Many wildlife will be displaced, and worse, injured or killed by the clearing of the proposed areas. There are many creatures living underground here, who are often forgotten. These include rabbits, squirrels, toads, frogs, lizards, horny toads, and other burrowing animals. This is in addition to the wildlife that IS visible – owls, vultures, hawks, songbirds, coyotes, bobcats, wolves, etc. They will be displaced and scared, running across roads with increased traffic, and will have no choice but to come closer to our homes.
- The application of herbicides is a major concern, not only for the wildlife (e.g.: frogs and toads “drink” through their skin by absorption and will die from contact with chemicals), but for our underground water quality.
- Boulevard is backcountry. People live here because of the rural way of life... small town, no traffic, no pollution, beautiful night skies, and nature. These solar farms will completely change the visual character and quality Boulevard. Solar panels belong on roofs, in the city, where electricity is in demand. Not out in whatever natural, virgin land is left.

- Our roads were not made for the traffic and activity that this project would bring. We've got narrow, 2-lane roads that were designed for a rural way of life; not for tankers, trucks, and tractors. In an attempt to avoid the construction areas, residents will detour using unmaintained dirt roads like mine, Moon Valley Road, creating massive clouds of dust and traffic right in front of my home.
- At the community meeting on February 6th, it was brought to everyone's attention that the EIR failed to address many issues and excluded several water usage needs, which leaves the water need grossly underestimated. The report needs to be discarded, and a new one obtained by an unbiased, unrelated third party. It is completely unacceptable that the County did not catch these serious omissions. The majority of the impacts listed in the County's presentation were noted as "significant and unavoidable." This just tells me that the County does not care about Boulevard or its residents.
- The proposed "solutions" to the significant and unavoidable impacts are simply unrealistic.
- I support Alternative #9 – NO PROJECT.

Please help us defend our land. This is a serious project, not merely a lemonade stand being put up on the corner. SD County needs to take it seriously and consider how it will effect the small town of Boulevard and its residents and inhabitants.

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