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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Soitec Solor Project.

County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

Soitec Solar Development Environmental Impact Report, 3800 12-010 (GPA), Log NO. 3910-120005 (ER); Tierra Del Sol, 3300 12-010 (MUP), 3600 12-005 (REZ), 3921 77-046-01 (AP); Rugged Solar, 3300 12-0007 (MUP); Lanwest 3300 12-002 (MUP).

To allow these massive projects to be placed on the back door of Mountain Empire and Boulevards communities is not only going to be unsightly to look at, But extremely hazardous to all of San Diego. As you know, The Mountains of east San Diego are beautiful and full of natural landscape, But given the right conditions and time can flair up and burn rapidly. As demonstrated in the 2003 fire started by a flare in Ramona which burned throughout San Diego for days, destroying anything in its path. That was man made, unintentionally perhaps, But irreversible once started. I think most people learned from that fire, Not wise to shoot a flare in the air on a dry and windy night in the mountains, for a single hot cartridge landing on the ground will have a devastating and deadly outcome. These Soitec Solar panels covering upto 1473 acers of mountain landscape at the back doors of populated communities with their glare and other hazardous fire potential starting risks, Could have irreversible destructive and deadly consequences given the right conditions. I hope you truly explore and understand all the potential hazards and determine the safest locations for projects such as these wanting to be placed in the middle of communities rather than in isolated controlled areas with minimal risks.

Respectfully submitted:

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