

Hingtgen, Robert J

From: Fogg, Mindy
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Wardlaw, Mark
Cc: Gretler, Darren M; Real, Sami; Gungle, Ashley; Hingtgen, Robert J; Beddow, Donna; Bennett, Jim
Subject: RE: Update on Soitec Solar

Although it was a very contentious meeting, our project team did a great job of fielding difficult questions and empathizing with concerned neighbors. The CPG was very appreciative, and so was the applicant. I will send a follow up email to the board offices later today.

Sent from my mobile phone. Please forgive typos/format.

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From: "Wardlaw, Mark"
Date: 02/07/2014 2:01 PM (GMT-08:00)
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Hi Mindy – EXCELLENT communication! How did the meeting go?

From: Fogg, Mindy
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 2:44 PM
To: Wilson, Adam; Kohatsu, Sachiko; Gutierrez, Gabriel; Sprecco, Edward; De La Rosa, Michael
Cc: Jones, Megan; Wardlaw, Mark; Gretler, Darren M; Real, Sami; Gungle, Ashley; Hingtgen, Robert J; Beddow, Donna
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Hi Again,

I just wanted to provide a quick update on the public review process for the Soitec Solar EIR. Our staff attended the Boulevard Community Planning Group (CPG) meeting on the initial day of public review (1/2/14). At that time, we gave an overview of the document, answered questions, and provided handouts describing where to find the information and how to comment. Since then, we have been responding to questions on a daily basis via phone or email.

Tomorrow is the February CPG Meeting. Our PDS project team is meeting with Donna Tisdale in the early afternoon -- she is going to show us around Boulevard and point out a number of viewsheds that are potentially affected by the project. That evening we will be joined by the EIR consultant team to attend the CPG meeting. Per the CPG's request, we have a 30-minute powerpoint presentation summarizing the impacts, mitigation, and alternatives covered in the EIR. After the presentation, staff and the consultant team will be available to answer questions and/or hear feedback from the group.

I will email you all again on Friday to summarize the field trip and meeting. Thanks!

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From: Fogg, Mindy

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2013 2:30 PM

To: Wilson, Adam; Kohatsu, Sachiko; Gutierrez, Gabriel; Sprecco, Edward; De La Rosa, Michael

Cc: Jones, Megan; Wardlaw, Mark; Gretler, Darren M; Real, Sami

Subject: Release of EIR for Soitec Solar Projects

Hi All,

I just wanted to give you a heads up that the Draft EIR for the Soitec Solar projects in Boulevard is being circulated for public review and comment this Thursday, January 2nd. It is a 45-day review that concludes on February 17th.

The project proposes the development of four solar energy projects: Tierra del Sol, Rugged Solar, LanWest, and LanEast (see location map attached). Collectively the projects include approximately 1,473 acres of Concentrated Photovoltaic (CPV) trackers that would generate approximately 168.5 megawatts of electricity. The Tierra del Sol and Rugged Solar sites are evaluated at a project-specific level of CEQA analysis, and LanEast and LanWest are evaluated at a program level. The projects include applications for two Major Use Permits (Tierra del Sol and Rugged), and a Rezone and Disestablishment of an Agricultural Preserve (Tierra del Sol).

In addition, the Tierra del Sol and Rugged Solar components have received approval under the Jobs and Economic Improvement Act of 2011 (AB 900) and have been determined by the Governor, with concurrence from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to meet the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21178 et seq. Under this regulation, we have to make the administrative record (to date) available to the public along with the Draft EIR. Staff has been diligently uploading this record on the web (over 1,000 links so far).

PDS staff will be attending the Boulevard CPG meeting Thursday night (1/2/14) to introduce the EIR and provide some maps and handouts. We will be returning to the CPG again on February 6th with the EIR consultants to answer any questions about the documents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or receive any inquiries on this. Thank you – and Happy New Year!

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