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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose to the Terra-Gen’s Boulder Brush Facilities, Campo Wind and Torrey Wind projects that are proposed for the Boulevard / Campo Reservation due to the significant adverse and disproportionate impacts to the people, quality of life, , and economic well being, public health and safety, community character, wildlife, pets, visual, biological, cultural, groundwater, and all other resources and sensitive receptors.

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I have sent to you a letter of disapproval of when the Shu’luuk Wind project was to be placed on the Campo Indian Reservation in 2013. Unfortunately this project was excepted and at least 75 turbines were placed on their land, opening the door to other projects thereafter. There has been a rise in cancer, bronchial asthma, sleep desperation, cancer to pets, the loss of our sacred bird the Golden Eagle, mountain sheep, etc. Much of their means of survival have been removed or destroyed forcing the wildlife to either relocate or become distinct. Many of the wells have been affected also, they have dropped tremendously, not caused by draught but by the amount of water that it takes to do the projects. This not only effects humans, it also effects all wildlife, trees, plants, etc. The safety of our Fire Fighters is once again at risk by land and by air when there is a fire. It takes special Fire Firefighters that need to be trained in order to properly put out turbine fires. At this time those who have been trained are not living within our communities, for they have been transferred to other locations. Our roads are getting worse, even though each community have been promised that they would be repaired once the project(s) are completed. When will that be, for each time a project has been completed a new one begin. Property taxes have risen in the past 3 years, property values have dropped and properties sit for a very long time waiting for a buyer. When buyers learn about what is to be placed within our communities, taller wind turbines, solar farms, substations, they walk away from the deal. “Point of need” is the key to all of this. We will not benefit from the turbines, or any other project that is to be placed within our communities. Who will benefit, mostly within the LA area. So why not place these turbines in their mountain ranges?

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Why is it that Germany has removed all of there turbines, because of health issues. The turbines cannot be recycled, instead they are removed and now being buried underground in the states of Montana and Wyoming. I thought that this country is about “Green Energy”.

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I am not a college graduate but one does not need that kind of intelligence to know when something is not good for the planet today nor will it be good for generations to come. Let us take care of what we have today so that there will be a tomorrow. There is an old saying by our Elders, “once the animals are gone, so will man”.

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After 32 years of being cancer free I was diagnosis with breast cancer, severe, two years after the Shu’luuk Wind project was up and running. We lost 2 pets due to cancer when the project was in midstream of going up. Coyotes that roam our property were hairless due to the stress of all the projects. The return of Golden Eagles, “haven’t” and more than likely will not come back. It is sad when one goes to Urgent care and learns from the medical staff that there has been a rise in health issues mostly cancer and breathing difficulties. In the last year I have had pneumonia and when there is a slit breeze I have to stay indoors because of the dirt that comes over the mountains, whether from the West, the East or the South, for in each location there are turbines and the ground cover has been removed leaving only dirt. To conclude: our water level within our well has dropped, the air quality has gotten worse, wildlife have lost their means of survival, cancer and breathing difficulties have risen,

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property values have dropped, property taxes have gone up, safety for Fire Fighters is even more of a concern, road conditions have gotten worse. The list goes on. So yes, I oppose of the Terra-Gen's Boulder Brush Facilities, Campo Wind and Torrey Wind and any future projects. We stand by those of the Campo Indian Reservation who also oppose of these projects.

Thank you taking the time in reading our concerns, past and the present.

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I am writing to you in hopes that you can help the Back Country residents who will be affected by the proposed project Shu'luuk Wind on the Campo Reservation off Hwy 94. I opposed of this project because I have the following concerns that have yet to truly be answered by the project builders, our government and by those who are purchasing the wind turbines.

Health issues keep rising where other wind turbines have been placed close to homes, livestock are producing less. With the health issues many did not have difficulty sleeping during the night, they were not known to have constant ear problems, anxiety attacks, headaches. But once these wind turbines have been placed on or close to homeowners that all changed. There are studies thought out the world where the wind turbines are. Families have been forced to leave their place of residency due to the constant light flickering, noise from the blades, hearing difficulties and to make matters worse cancer has shown up in some. Over time with the Tule Wind turbines on the Campo Reservation some families on the adjoining Tribe, Manzanita, have developed kidney cancer and stomach cancer and other illnesses. It is sad when one is threaten by others to not speak of any of this. That is what is happening to those who oppose of the Shu'luuk Wind project. Their voices are being silenced by Tribal members. If this is happening to humans in health matters, what is it doing to our wildlife? One person spoke of seeing a coyote climb one of her trees during the Sunrise Power Link project. In our location, about 5 miles South of that project we have noticed for the first time wildlife that is normally not known to be this far. In one year, 4 deer were killed trying to cross Old Hwy 80 West of Jacumba town 1/2 mile range from our driveway. Not normal. A Puma was sighted less than a 1/2 mile from our driveway, again West of Jacumba town. Twice on our property, 2 Osprey Hawks were seen perched on one of our telephone poles, West of Jacumba town. Coyotes normally roam in packs of 3 or 4 but with the Sunrise Power Link going in many of us noticed that the packs have been doubling up. With the past project and with the Shu'luuk Wind project being proposed (and many other projects in waiting) man and nature will suffer a consequence, health issues and natural habitat for the wildlife.

Water: We depend on our wells to provide us with water. With another project in the plans for our Back Country is there a guarantee that none of our wells will be affected? Is there a guarantee that our wells will not drop in producing water during the time of this project or thereafter? Where is the Tribe getting the water that is needed for the project? It takes tons of water and with heavy loads within the trucks, how will our roads survive this heavy weight. We have experienced what our roads looked like before a project and what they look like today, horrible. Drivers do not drive the speed limit (nor do some of our locals). We make calls to those who are supposed to uphold the law and to the companies who own the trucks only to get nowhere. The workers are given a deadline to get the jobs done and this is a huge concern that I have. Fast work makes problems down the road.

It has been mentioned at one of the Planning Group meetings that blasting may have to be done. If this is so on the Shu'luuk Wind project, what has been given to all to observe will be destroyed by progress. We have lost several of our beautiful mountain/hill tops due to the recent projects and more are planned to be removed.

Air: Many have allergies and nasal problems out here. Dust will be heavy during working hours which in the past projects lasted from sunrise to sunset 6 to 7 days a week. There are times when the projects have lasted into the late hours of the night and using large lights shining brightly into homes nearby. Is this what many of us have to once again look forward too? Noise from the heavy equipment and the constant traffic of the big rigs will be another problem. Some people out here work during the night hours and sleep in the day time. This caused some to be irritable due to lack of sleep.

These are some of the concerns that I have and there is yet another one that concerns me even more.

I have gone to many meetings regarding the Wind, Solar and Power line projects and each time I learn so much more and continue to research on my own. In a recent article from the East County Magazine a simple question was asked: How much power is produced by the Ocotillo Wind Turbines? The response to the

question was;" the Federal and State authorities claim they don't know and further, that public officials and the public have no right to know." Why is that so, aren't we the voters who put our officials in office? It's a simple question and we who are being affected should get an answer, with full honesty.

According to R. Brian Paul, Renewable Energy Projects Manager for the BLM California Desert District in El Centro, said, "We do not believe the ELM possess the information you have requested because the right - of - way (ROW) grant issued on May 11, 2012 for the OWEF (Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility) does 'not require the project applicant, Ocotillo Express (OE) LLC. a subsidiary of Pattern Energy Group LP, to report the amount of power generated to the BLM. "Really"? As a tax payer why are we in the dark on a simple question? We have a residential Wind Turbine hooked to the grid and we have residential solar panels that also feed back to the grid, our power usage is on the records and is open to the public

On Jan. 5, 2012 it was written: No matter what we are told, wind farms will put our bird and bat species in extinction. Example: In Spain wind farms have killed 6 to 18 million birds and bats in just 1 year, this is an average of 333 - 1.000 deaths annually American wind industry claim 2 - 4 birds or by the American Bird Conservancy for the whole United States an estimated 400,000 birds a year die to wind farms. These estimates are per turbines do the math, please. Germany 309 per turbine, Sweden 895 per Turbine. Wind farms have put the Tasmanian Wedged-tailed Eagle in extinction and more recently the Golden Eagle here in the United States. According to "Save the Eagles International (STEI) warns that the population of the Golden Eagles in the Western States of the USA is on the decline. Fish and Wildlife has issued licenses ("take permits") and by doing so the Golden Eagle will go from decline to extinction. Protected by the : Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act and / or the Endangered Species Act. Raptors are also protected under California Fish and Game Code 3503.3, which makes it illegal to "take", possess, or destroy any raptor The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considers any injury or mortality of any raptor from a collision with a wind turbine, or ancillary facilities to be a "take" and therefore a violation of the law. Violations can result in fines from \$100,000.00 to \$500,000.00. If this is so how did the Campo Tribe and the project managers of Tule Wind get away with breaking a law that is on the books, broke a violation in the Protection Act of several Golden Eagles and other raptors killed by the blades of the wind turbines?

In 2004 studies by Dr. Smallwood in Altamont, CA. 116 Golden Eagles have been killed by wind turbine blades yearly. In more recent studies the Golden Eagle population at 2 different places in CA. shows that active nests in the Altamont Pass had declined considerably. We have Golden Eagles within our mountain ranges in the McCain Valley, Boulevard, Jacumba and Campo areas. What are to become of them? This past year our area lost a pair of Golden Eagles due to negligent. It was a pair that we looked forward to see each spring teaching their off springs how to fly.

"Pork barrel politics" keeps the wind farms active when they should have been shut down a long time ago. If this is what our government and all the outside project companies call "Green Energy" then they had better do some further researching on their own and quit listening to lobbyist and big businesses. This is not green energy by any means.

What becomes of the old turbines that are now being replaced by much larger turbines? We already see what is not happening on the Campo Reservation, it is known as the "Turbine grave yard". There is no place that will take the broken or old turbines, they cannot be recycled. Again, not Green just Greed. With larger blades and taller turbines there will be an increase on the killing of the Golden Eagles along with other birds of prey and bats. These new turbines will kill twice as many eagles per MW. In other words "repowered" Altamont could be killing 4 times as many Golden Eagles as with the old turbines. Wildlife will be forced once again from their natural habitat. On the list of Vegetation the Chaparral is being threatened and with other projects beside the Shu'luk Wind project it just might be on the endangered list forever. To some it may not bother them but to those who depend on it as a part of their habitat, food source and climate means, it is very vital to save what we do have today.

Property values have plunged even more so with the most recent Power Link that has gone up and it will most likely plunge again with the proposed Shu'luk Wind project. Buyers use to come to get away from city life but since our beautiful scenery has been scarred for life, the silence in the air is gone, Dark Night Skies are now blinking red lights and surrounding amber lights in several areas, those buyers are far and in between now. We have lived in the Back Country since 1991 and have enjoyed the past sounds of silence, the dark

Night skies, clean air, but today that is all gone. Three years ago our property of 10 and 1/2 acres was valued approximately \$500,000, today it is less than what we bought it for 12 years ago. Our taxes have gone up, Insurance has nearly doubled and now we are paying more on Fire taxes and more on the Fire Assessment fee. It would be great if we had all 3 of the Fire Stations covered 24/7 but we only have 1 Station that is staffed with 2 no more than 4 Firefighters, due to budget cuts and there is a strong possibility that our Governor will cut us all back once again on fire protection. The Shu'luuk Wind project (and others in waiting) will put all of us in a much higher fire danger and most of all it will put our Fire Fighters in a more dangerous fire hazard. Water and electricity does not mix together. The blades alone will put them in a dangerous situation. You can't just turn the dam turbines down in an instant, where will the energy go that has been stored, go? Pilots who fly during a fire will not be able to drop as in the past on fires. They drop at a flying level of 150 feet, with the high rise of wind turbines of 515 feet high, well you do the figuring. We have a shortage of Wildland Firefighters as it is due to budget cuts. Santa Ana's have been mild in the past 2 years but that will not last for long and when they do kick in, and there is a fire, let us pray for those who make the sacrifice to save us all, Our Firefighters on the ground and in the air.

How do you intend to help us save what is a value to us today and in the future days to come?

Please, stand with us and put an end to all the disruption of the Back Country mountain ranges, killings and disturbance to the wildlife and stop the unnecessary illnesses. Help us save the Back Country and say No to the Shu'luuk Wind Project.

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