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**Subject:** Boulder Brush Facility MUP Comment  
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RE: PDS2019-MUP-19-002

I am writing in opposition to the MUP for the Boulder Brush Facility (BBF) in East County San Diego.

It can be assumed that the BBF is an essential component to the Campo Wind Project (CWP). While it is true that San Diego County has no jurisdiction over Reservation projects, it does have jurisdiction over the BBF and therefore wields considerable influence over the entire project. This influence should be used consistent with county laws and regulations, many of which are violated by the CWP as a whole.

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In light of the above, please consider the following issues:

1) Aesthetics. As stated in the DEIR, the CWP violates many if not all county regulations relative to view, community character, noise and light pollution. It was noted in the DEIR that there are other wind turbines in the area, but this argument is weak as the CWP turbines would dwarf the existing turbines by THREE TIMES. The area is and has been of a rural nature with small ranches and abundant open space. There is precious little land left in San Diego County with such rural characteristics, which is of value to all San Diegans. The CWP would forever doom SE San Diego County as an industrial zone.

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2) Biology. The DEIR states that the BBF is not currently designated a wildlife corridor. Humans, however, do not make wildlife corridors, wildlife does. The BBF and CWP are just miles east of the La Posta Large Mammal Corridor. As human impact moves eastward, where will these essential links between habitat go but within the areas covered by the DEIR? It is myopic to think that habitat conditions will forever remain static. "The loss of sensitive habitat within the Campo Corridor Impact (BI-M) would remain significant" states the DEIR.

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3) Grid vs. Decentralization. It is also myopic to build huge centralized energy generation sites which destroy thousands of acres of rural and open space and then transmit the energy using miles of vulnerable towers when advances in decentralized power and battery technology are happening at breakneck speed. Can these turbines ever be removed, and if so, at what cost in the meantime to the environment and to society?

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4) Aircraft. It is disingenuous that the CWP puts its towers at 487 Feet high, a mere TWELVE FEET below the threshold for FAA involvement. The area has constant military and border patrol helicopter flights at 500 feet (following FAA regulations). Has the military been notified of the project? How will these towers affect County and State firefighting capabilities?

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For these reasons, I strongly urge that the MUP for the Boulder Brush Facility be denied. Thank you for your consideration.

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