I19 Lorrie Ostrander

I19-1 The comment is an introduction to the comments that follow. The comment states the author’s opposition to the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project) and Torrey Wind Project. The comment further states these projects would cause significant adverse and disproportionate impacts to people; quality of life and economic wellbeing; public health and safety; community character; wildlife; pets; visual, biological, cultural, groundwater, and other resources; and sensitive receptors. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); therefore, no further response is required.

I19-2 This comment refers to a letter of disapproval the author sent to in regard to the Shu’luuk Wind Project on the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians Reservation in 2013. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-3 The comment states there has been a rise in cancer, bronchial asthma, sleep deprivation, and cancer in pets. Please refer to Global Response GR-2, Public Health. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-4 The comment states there has been a loss of golden eagle and mountain sheep. The comment further states much of their means of survival has been removed or destroyed. The Project’s impacts to wildlife are analyzed in Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to a discussion of golden eagles in Global Response GR-5, Biological Resources. Based on focused surveys and data analysis, it was determined that Peninsular bighorn sheep is not expected to occur within the Project Site. The comment does not raise a specific issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-5 This comment claims that water level declines in wells have been caused by water use associated with renewable energy projects. The comment further states this affects humans, wildlife, trees, and plants. In response, the Project’s potential impacts to groundwater are addressed in Chapter 3.1.5, Hydrology and Water Quality; the Groundwater Resources Evaluation (Appendix J-1); and the Groundwater Reports for Boundary Creek and Flat Creek Watersheds (Appendices J-2 and J-3, respectively) of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to Global Response GR-6, Groundwater. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
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I19-6  The comment states that the safety of firefighters is at risk by land and air, and that firefighters who have been trained to put out turbine fires are not living within the community and have been transferred to other locations. For a discussion of impacts associated with fire protection services and wildfire, please refer to Chapter 3.1.8, Public Services; Chapter 2.5, Hazards and Hazardous Materials; and Chapter 2.9, Wildfire, of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to Global Response GR-7, Fire Protection Services and Wildfire, and Global Response GR-9, Aviation. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-7  The comment states that roads are getting worse even though each community has been promised they would be repaired once the project(s) are completed. In response, as discussed in Chapter 2.8, Traffic and Transportation, of the Draft EIR, damage to existing roadways by construction vehicles and equipment could occur during construction of the Boulder Brush Facilities. Compliance with County of San Diego haul route requirements would ensure construction-related damages to existing roads are adequately repaired. For the Campo Wind Facilities, mitigation measure M-TR-B would ensure repair and restoration of roads.

I19-8  The comment states that property taxes have been increasing while property values have been decreasing over the past 3 years, and that the local community would not benefit from the turbines. The comment further states the Los Angeles area will mostly benefit from the turbines, so they should be put in Los Angeles mountain ranges. In regard to property values, please refer to Global Response GR-1, Socioeconomic Impacts. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-9  The comment asks why Germany has been removing turbines because of health issues and states that turbines cannot be recycled and are being buried underground in Montana and Wyoming. As outlined in Chapter 1, Project Description, of the Final EIR, the Developer would be responsible for the decommissioning of the Campo Wind Facilities. Prior to decommissioning, a decommissioning plan would be prepared consistent with the requirements of the Campo Lease. Decommissioning includes the dismantling of Campo Wind Facilities elements and restoration of the Campo Corridor upon expiration of the Campo Lease and the operating life of the Campo Wind Facilities. Turbines would be refurbished and sold or recycled as scrap material. All material that could not be salvaged would be appropriately disposed of at an authorized site in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
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I19-10  The comment expresses concerns about what is not good for the planet or generations to come. The comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-11  The comment describes the author’s health issues after the Shu’luuk Wind Project began operating. Please refer to Global Response GR-2. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-12  The comment expresses concern for the health of coyotes that roam their property and the return of golden eagles. The Project’s potential impacts to wildlife are analyzed in Chapter 2.3 of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to Global Response GR-5. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-13  The comment refers to a rise in health issues, and specifically states that the author has had physical health problems and has experienced difficulties due to dirt being dispersed over the mountains from ground cover being removed to establish turbines. In response, the Project’s impacts associated with air quality during construction and operation are discussed in Chapter 2.2, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-14  The comment provides concluding remarks regarding concerns raised in the comment letter. The statement concludes with a statement of opposition to the Project. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

I19-15  This attachment to the comment letter was drafted in January 2013 and discusses the Shu’luuk Wind Project. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.