

I25 Andy and Teresa Degroot

- I25-1** The comment provides an opening statement of opposition to the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project). The comment also states the author moved to the area long before there were any wind turbines and had a 360° view; now they stare at flashing lights and spinning turbines. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); thus, no further response is required.
- I25-2** The comment states that these machines are expensive and electricity/power generation costs continue to increase. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; thus, no further response is required.
- I25-3** The comment expresses concern with existing/operating turbines' noise and flashing red lights. For an analysis of the Project's potential impacts related to noise, please refer to Chapter 2.6, Noise, of the Draft EIR. For an analysis of potential impacts related to aesthetics, please refer to Chapter 2.1, Aesthetics, of the Draft EIR. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I25-4** The comment states the Project turbines will be closer to their property and twice the size, and that there will be 10 times as many turbines after the Project turbines are installed. The comment also states that property values have already decreased, and the new wind turbines will dramatically reduce the property value even more. In regard to property values, please refer to Global Response GR-1, Socioeconomic Impacts. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I25-5** The comment states that wildlife has been greatly affected by previous wind projects. In response, the comment is referencing past project impacts to wildlife, and does not discuss anticipated impacts to wildlife as a result of the Project. However, Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the Draft EIR provides an analysis of the Project's potential impacts to wildlife. Please also refer to Global Response GR-5, Biological Resources. The comment does not raise a specific issue related to the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I25-6** The comment states that views have been, and will be, destroyed by the wind turbines. For a discussion of impacts related to views, please refer to Chapter 2.1 of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to Global Response GR-8, Visual Impacts. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; thus, no further response is required.

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- I25-7** The comment states the turbines frequently have oil running down them and that they kill songbirds and birds of prey. The comment also states that there used to be golden eagles in the area but with the existing turbines none have been seen in years. In response, Chapter 2.3 and the Biological Resources Technical Report (Appendix D) of the Draft EIR provide an analysis of the Project's potential impacts to avian species. Please also refer to Global Response GR-5 for a discussion of golden eagles and other avian species.
- I25-8** The comment asks what is done with the parts when a turbine breaks, such as broken blades. The commenters also asks whether broken blades are made of hazardous materials and whether the blades are accepted at the dump. In response, similar to waste generated during decommissioning of the Project, during operation of the Project, broken turbine parts, such as a blades (if any), would be reused or sold for scrap, and any materials that cannot be reused would be recycled to the greatest extent possible. Materials that are not recyclable would be properly disposed of at a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate solid waste disposal needs. Project components to be disposed of would be required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to solid waste disposal.
- I25-9** The comment expresses concern regarding flashing red lights and other potential health issues the commenter states arise from living close to turbines. Please refer to Global Response GR-2, Public Health. The comment does raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; thus, no further response is required.
- I25-10** The comment provides a conclusion to the letter and states "don't let them put in more." 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.

I26 Erin Tuatagaloa

- I26-1** The comment provides an introduction to the letter and details the author’s personal information in regard to their living situation. It also expresses concern regarding health effects of development of the power grid and is very concerned more windmills will be allowed to be erected in populated areas. Please refer to Global Response GR-2, Public Health. This 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.
- I26-2** The comment states the author has written to politicians soliciting support for the health and wellbeing of the community and the response has been there is no proof that the environment or people’s health is affected by the turbines. The comment also refers to a letter from the County of San Diego (County) Planning & Development Services that cited peer reviewed journals. The comment concludes the costs and toll on human and animal life should be properly measured. In response, as discussed in Chapter 2.5, Section 2.5.3.5, Public Concerns of Health Effects, of the Draft EIR, at the request of the Planning Commission, in 2012, County Health and Human Services prepared a Public Health Position Statement on the potential health effects of wind turbines. An update to the Public Health Position Statement was prepared by the County in 2019. The updated 2019 Public Health Position Statement summarizes conclusions from the most recent peer-reviewed literature and scientific publications. Based on the 2012 and 2019 position statements, no general agreement has been reached among scientists that wind turbines result in direct health effects. Please refer to Global Response GR-2 for further discussion of the County 2019 Public Health Position Statement. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I26-3** The comment expresses concern over the effects of infrasound on health. The comment makes a general reference to scientific research conducted in oil fields and other areas that use turbines that report negative findings, but no other information into these findings are presented in this statement; therefore, no further response can be provided. Please refer to Global Response GR-2. The comment does not raise a specific issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I26-4** The comment expresses concern related to electromagnetic frequencies. The comment also addresses loss of value to their homes. Regarding electromagnetic frequencies, please refer to Global Response GR-2. In regard to property values, please refer to Global Response GR-1, Socioeconomic Impacts. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

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I26-5 The comment requests consideration of moving the turbines to non-populated areas that have minimal impacts to those around them. The comment further states “please do not overlook the research that proves harmful effects.” The comment does not raise an issue concerning the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.