

I30 Park Ewing

- I30-1** The comment states opposition to any wind turbine development in East San Diego County. The comment further states the author is a resident of Ocotillo and the nearest turbine is 0.5 miles away. The comment does not raise any issue concerning the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); therefore, no further response is required.
- I30-2** The comment states at times the noise (from the Ocotillo turbines) is so loud they cannot enjoy their property and must stay inside to escape the thumping, swooshing, and irregular noises of the turbines. Please refer to Global Response GR-4, Noise and EIR Chapter 2.6 which provide detailed discussions related to Project-specific noise impacts. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I30-3** The comment expresses concern regarding blinking red aircraft warning lights. Further, it states that the author has disrupted nighttime views due to Ocotillo wind turbines. The comment also states living around wind turbine spinning blades is annoying and stressful as they are a continuous distraction. Please refer to Global Response GR-8 Visual Impacts, and Global Response GR-2 Public Health. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I30-4** The comment asks how many raptors and bats would be killed. Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, and the Biological Resources Technical Report (Appendix D) of the Draft EIR analyze potential Project impacts to raptors and bats. The Campo Wind Facilities would include 60 turbines and the On-Reservation portion of the gen-tie line. Birds would be at risk for collisions with the turbines and gen-tie line support poles and these impacts would be potentially significant (Impact BI-E). Direct impacts to avian species (birds and bats) could result in mortality or injury due to electrocution from overhead transmission lines and these impacts would be potentially significant (Impact BI-F). The Boulder Brush Facilities Off-Reservation portion of the gen-tie line would increase the risk of fatality for sensitive avian species, including migratory birds, associated with collisions and electrocutions, resulting in a potentially significant impact (Impact BI-7).
- The Project Site and surrounding area receives little use by eagles and is not the core territory of any eagles. Additionally, there were low occurrences of bats during surveys within the Project Site, particularly when compared to other areas with higher-quality habitat types in the region. Therefore, the chance for bats and eagle collisions and

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electrocution is low. Impacts to avian species and bats would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures M-BI-8 and M-BI-B. In order to comply with the USFWS Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines, Tier 4 post-construction studies will be conducted in association with the wind components to estimate mortality rates and ensure impacts to individual bats are at a minimum. These studies are part of standard bird and bat conservation strategies (BBCS) that would be negotiated with the USFWS and direct mortality monitoring of all relevant components of the project. Please also refer to Global Response GR-5, Biological Resources.

I30-5 The comment states that wind turbines are unreliable and have increased our dependency on natural gas, and discusses the energy grid efficiency relating to wind power generation. 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.

I30-6 The comment states that property values have decreased in the McCain Valley. 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.

I30-7 The comment expresses the author's concern regarding turbines causing a fire within the area. Please refer to Chapter 2.9, Wildfire, in the Draft EIR and Global Response GR-7, Fire Protection Services and Wildfire. 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.

I30-8 The comment states concerns regarding wind energy projects and associated greenhouse gas emissions. While the comment does not specifically point to an inadequacy of the greenhouse gas emission analysis contained within the Draft EIR, it should be noted that the greenhouse gas analysis conducted for the Project included emissions during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Project. The greenhouse gas analysis conducted for the Project result in the conclusion that the Project would reduce emissions by approximately 1,756,500 MT CO₂e over its lifetime. Accordingly, the Project would avoid more GHG emissions than it would generate, resulting in a less than cumulatively considerable contribution to climate change impacts. For a complete discussion of GHG emission impacts, refer to Chapter 3.1.4 of the Draft EIR.

I30-9 The comment provides concluding remarks and states that no one should have to live next to a wind turbine facility. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.