

O4 Backcountry Against Dumps

O4-1 The comment provides introductory remarks and consists of a petition with 51 signatures opposing the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project). The comment also states the signatures were gathered at a public meeting held on January 23, 2019, regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The petition letter begins with a general statement of opposition to the Project, summarizes the components of the Project, and states that the Project is part of one big connected project, not three separate projects. The petition letter also states that the Tribal vote to approve the lease was illegal, as it was not properly noticed. The letter further states that the jobs will go to out-of-the-area contractors and labor, not locals. The petitioned urges decision makers to deny the Project based on significant, cumulative, and disproportionately adverse impacts to public health and safety, sleep deprivation and stress-related illnesses, noise, low-frequency noise, infrasound and vibrations, increased fire risk and insurance costs, loss of scenic landscapes and property values, light and electrical pollution, well water, wildlife, pets and livestock, and habitat.

The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; thus, no edits to the Draft EIR are required. However, in response to the issues raised in the comment, please refer to Global Response GR-1, Socioeconomic Impacts, as well as Global Response GR-3, Piecemealing, which explains that the Draft EIR analyzes the Project as one project, which is not dependent on other projects. Please refer to Chapter 2.5, Section 2.5.3.5, and Global Response GR-2 regarding public health concerns. In regard to noise impacts, please refer to Chapter 2.6 and Global Response GR-4. Wildfire is addressed in Chapter 2.9 and in the Boulder Brush Facilities Fire Protection Plan, included as Appendix I in the Final EIR. Aesthetics, including scenic landscapes, is analyzed in Chapter 2.1 and visual impacts are also discussed in Global Response GR-8. Groundwater is analyzed in Chapter 3.1.5. Refer also to Appendices J-1, J-2, and J-3 in the Final EIR and Global Response GR-6 regarding groundwater. Biological resources are analyzed in Chapter 2.3 and the Biological Resources Technical Report (Appendix D of the Final EIR) and discussed in Global Response GR-5.

Responses to Comments

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