Responses to Comments

T1  Members of Campo Band of Mission Indians

T1-1  This comment requests that the attached petition in opposition of the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project) be included as a public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The petition was signed by some members of the Campo Band of Diegueño Missions Indians (Tribe), and responses to the petition are provided in Responses to Comments T1-2 through T1-8. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

T1-2  This comment is an introductory statement of those Tribal members who have signed the petition against the Project on the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians Reservation (Reservation). It is acknowledged that this petition is not an official statement of the Tribe. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

T1-3  This comment voices concerns regarding the Tribe’s General Council vote and process to approve the lease. The validity of the Campo Executive Committee resolution approving the Campo Lease is a matter of Tribal law and is unrelated to the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); therefore, no further response is required.

T1-4  This comment raises concerns that the Project would devalue property and limit the availability of future homes. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required or provided.

T1-5  This comment expressed concerns that the wind turbines will create health problems. A discussion of public concerns of health effects is presented in Draft EIR Chapter 2.5, Section 2.5.3.5, Public Concerns of Health Effects. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the CEQA analysis of health effects; therefore, no more specific response can be provided. Please also see Global Response GR-2, Public Health.

T1-6  This comment expresses concerns regarding wind turbine effects to the Reservation landscape. Aesthetics impacts are analyzed in Chapter 2.1 of the Draft EIR. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the aesthetics analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no more specific response can be provided. This comment also expresses concern that the Project will create hostility amongst the Tribe and surrounding non-tribal community. CEQA does not require an analysis of social or economic impacts that do not contribute to or are not caused by physical impacts on the environment. As the comment does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA or an issue specific to the Draft EIR analysis, no further response is required.
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T1-7  The comment states that implementation of the Project is not worth any income (for the Tribe), considering the resulting impacts. As described in response to T1-6, CEQA does not require an analysis of social or economic impacts that do not contribute to or are not caused by physical impacts on the environment. This comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the CEQA analysis; therefore, no more specific response is required.

T1-8  Opposition of the Project by Tribal members who have signed the petition is acknowledged. This comment also states that 64 signatures are needed in order for the petition to be valid. As stated in Response to Comment T1-3, the validity of the Campo Executive Committee resolution approving the Campo Lease is a matter of Tribal law and is unrelated to the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. As this comment does not raise an issue within the meaning of CEQA or an issue specific to the CEQA analysis, no further response is required.