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To: [Harris, Susan](#)
Subject: JVR Solar Project for Jacumba Hot Springs
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Dear Mrs. Harris,

I am writing you to give my personal feelings and opinions on this project. I have several concerns in regards to this issue and I will try to keep them as brief as possible.

1. Eye sore; I feel like this would create a significant visual problem for this entire area. It would all but kill the natural mountain views. It would also take away from the hiking areas as well as mountain climbing.

2. Environmental Impact; With the batteries that would be used along with all the chemicals used to clean and maintain the entire array would send fumes and there smells into and through the town and we would have to be the people who would be forced to live with this, not to mention all those with respiratory issues. I simply don't see the fairness in that.

3. Water Usage; As everyone in California knows, we have had it drilled into our heads for decades and this would create a huge amount of extra water usage to build and maintain this thing for 38 years. We, in this area, don't have city water supplies to provide water, we must rely upon ground water and that ground water is not an unlimited supply. This project would seriously impact the amount of ground water that those of us who live here need. We have already had our water bills go up and I feel like this project would raise it even more.

4. Developmental Impact; We are, as of now and for quite a while now, dealing with the construction and from completion of the border fence, due to which we have had semi trucks running back and forth hauling dirt, water, building materials, etc. and those trucks cause dust clouds and lots of noise. That dust blows into town and covers everything which also can cause damage to paint and clog filtration systems and cause respiratory problems.

This area, which includes the town of Jacumba, all of the surrounding areas, the mountain areas and all of the hiking areas have a great deal of history. But, the most inviting features are the fact that it is a small town with that small town atmosphere and it is and has always been a very quiet town with beautiful views and lots to see and do. However, in recent years we have been plagued with city type developments such as the electrical towers that were built through the mountains with little or no notice prior to their being built. These towers destroyed the views of the mountains north of the town and all the way from San Diego to the desert valley and beyond. Then with that project the electrical sub-station was built and again created a huge eye-sore as well as taking away from hiking areas. And recently there was a solar field built to go with the sub-station.

In a nutshell, I feel like this project would kill this town and it's surrounding environments. We who live and work here are the ones who will suffer for the fact that someone sees an area on a map that is currently not being used and decides, without asking us, that this massive monstrosity should be built and to heel with anyone or anything that doesn't like it does to them or the area. The way I see it, there have been other solar fields built in the desert, so why can't they put this project out there with the fields that have already been built and leave us alone. After all there is a lot more desert area than there is here. Not to mention the fact that the property where they are wanting to build this thing is zoned as agricultural land. And just because there is no-one farming it at this time, doesn't mean that someone won't want to farm it in the future. Personally, I would much rather see that land used as a farm than some dumping ground for a project that people in this town do not want.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to voice my opinion. I do appreciate the opportunity to make my opinion known.

Very Sincerely.
Jacumba Hot Springs Resident
and Very Concerned Citizen,
DAN LEHMAN