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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Boulevard in San Diego County. I am the owner of Rose Acres Farm, a Market garden in Boulevard. I am writing in regards to the JVR Energy Park project.

This project will take place on land that is zoned as agricultural. As an organic farmer who has studied permaculture and regenerative farming methods, I believe that this land could be better utilized as agricultural, capturing carbon in the soil and creating a truly regenerative space in the Jacumba community. Using the land in this way could revitalize the community through increased connections to healthy food (the nearest large grocery store is 35 miles away), connection with neighbors, and an increased sense of pride for the small town.

The solar project, while touting clean energy, will still use mass amounts of water from a non-renewable source; will be importing materials from non-local sources; be destroying native habitat; could possibly be increasing local temperatures in the town which would cause an increased use of energy; and be a deterrent to any growth of the tourist industry that Jacumba is trying to attract which would be a loss of jobs to local workers. The solar project is not a regenerative one. It is a quick fix to keep people safe in their creature comforts. We need real change and real connection within the community, which will not come from the building of this solar field. And so I am OPPOSED to the building of this solar field.

Thank you for listening.

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