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Hello Susan.

Attached are my comments for JVR Energy Park DEIR.

Gratefully,
Mark Ostrander

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I am submitting comments in opposition to the JVR Solar project based on the following. Our communities have endured continuous for ten plus years Border fence construction two previous and one currently, fiber optic undergrounding, Sunrise Power Link, ECO substation, Tule Wind, power pole fire hardening upgrade project (We still are subject to Public Safety Power Shutdowns), and Jacumba solar project near the ECO substation. These projects have and continue to use Jacumba Service District water and most of the projects have under estimated the amount of water needed for the project. I have experienced my well level dropping as recorded by the County. This is our only source of water for our residence. Another issue is the continuous truck traffic on Old Highway 80 causing damage to the road. The noise of the trucks is loud and on some projects they ran six and seven days a week. Most of us that live here chose to reside here because of the aesthetics the panoramic views which some are permanently gone. Our property values have declined and still decline as more projects are approved. The projects are generally approved with disregard to how it impacts our communities both socially and economically. When they promise mitigation it benefits others outside the communities while local groups trying to make their communities better receive no benefit and struggle to continue. We also have seen the change in the wildlife we use to see that are not around such as eagles. Hawks. Deer. Mountain sheep. And mountain lions. Fire is another issue as more infrastructure of utility type go in the probability of fire starts increase. This is concerning since McCain Valley camp is closing as well as Rainbow camp for a loss of ten crews over half of San Diego's crew force. We have seen what the wildfires have done in the past when we had no closures. We have been told by leads from previous projects that there is low to no fire start probability. History has shown this to be false as the infrastructure ages the more chance of fire as proven the last couple of years wildfires that decimated whole towns and communities. The battery storage also increase the fire risk as well as hazamat issue which could potentially impact ground water resources. This project will effectively stop any future growth in Jacumba as this will take the largest piece of land in the community limiting the amount of new housing that could potentially be built. Our communities have been impacted far more than other rural communities. Most residents in our community are frustrated and state no matter what we say or how it affects our communities the County will approve it anyway. With all these power projects in our area seem to be connected actions since the planning, Environmental review to the construction of Sunrise Power Link. In my opinion Cumulative Impacts were never adequately addressed as required by CEQA. The County must do due diligence when considering these projects and take into consideration of the residents no matter how small or large. Please consider what this project will do to our community and the people who live here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Ostrander

Jacumba Resident