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Bronwyn Brown, Project Manager,

The Real East County Fire Safe Council encompasses the Jacumba area. Our major concern is fire related. Due to high winds and the proximity of this project to residents, this project presents a hazard to the entire town of Jacumba.

If this project is built, three sides of the town will be surrounded by solar projects. The town of Jacumba would have to be evacuated if a fire was started anywhere near these projects. There is only one road for all of the residents to use to evacuate in an emergency.

Because of the nature of the equipment, firefighters cannot fight a fire from either above or below the solar development. They will have to wait for the fire to come to them. This project is too close to the town for this to be acceptable.

Currently, the Jacumba fire station is a very small building on the opposite side of town. A new fire station is needed. We need a lot more firefighters trained in putting out electrical fires already with the number of electrical projects in the area. We also need the foam on hand to put out electrical fires.

An alternative to this project would be to increase the setbacks. This project should not be close to the town or any of the residences.

Respectfully,

Ken Daubach President