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Hey Joel, Scott and crew, we are gaining a lot of momentum over here, you can see our videos below, just being released this week, and we are going to get a lot of TV coverage this week, launch a serious social media campaign and hold a rally downtown. We have your back, please have ours.

https://youtu.be/WZlRQQ_63bM

<https://youtu.be/Xhjf3k10Xdw>

Also please see our attached renderings of our current remodel on the resort. We seriously are creating a world class destination in Jacumba. It is going to be a huge deal and make East County proud. Please be a part of this magic we are creating...we see this whole Old Highway 80 and 94 corridor being an amazing opportunity for the East County to get lifted up and create a true tourism industry again. You guys want jobs in the back country? Opportunities? This is it. We need you now.

This Solar Project will not create any jobs for the area and belongs somewhere far away from a tourist town----- like imperial valley? I dont know but not right next to our town. There are literally THOUSANDS of MW of renewable energy projects trying to connect to the ECO Substation in our area, from Mexico and Imperial, we don't need this project to reach our goals.

This is a big vote that will set the pace for where these projects are dumped for the next few years. Just as a county resident, should we not have the cities start getting serious about solar in their districts? - rooftops, parking lots etc. before they start ruining the best and most scenic places in our district? Doesn't seem fair.

Joel, we really hope you will have our back in this fight. It is the right fight to get involved in, and we will have your back and rally the back country when you need support.

We are going to create REAL jobs, hundreds of jobs, out here around our tourism... if you let us survive this. This project gets built in 13 months, then those workers all leave and our town dies.

In terms of this actual project and why its a turkey:

1. Just straight up inaccurate basic information - the basic napkin math is off-- and its not even close...

MegaWatt per Acre is the simplest way to measure these projects for industry standards.

JVR Energy Park - Jacumba Valley

Needs 623 Acres for 90 MW = 6.9 MW per acre

These projects also have storage and an interconnection facility:

Viking Energy - Imperial Valley

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2021050036>

604 Acres for 150MW project = 4 MW per Acre

Aramis Solar - Livermore Valley

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2020059008/5>

410 Acres for 100MW project = 4.1 MW per acre

This project only really needs to be about 360-375 acres to get 90MW - they are not being honest about this... its intentional and we shouldn't reward developers trying to trick the county and our communities like this.

Another way to confirm:

They are using 300,000 panels ([PC Staff Report 3-3](#)) in the proposed 623 acre project that are 540 Watts (See [FEIR Appendix V](#)) For the math you just multiply those two and you get the total capacity. So $300,000 \times 540 = 157,140$ Watts or 157 MW DC Capacity. The math really is that simple to do. No engineer needed.

Appendix V - Table 1 and Appendix A - Submitted June 11th, 2021 they claim the DC Capacity is only 115MW for the proposed 623 acre project. It is just straight wrong and there is a reason they are doing this...so they can reject smaller alternatives as "infeasible". Not true and they should not be allowed to develop in our county. This is not right.

LAND USE - they are calling this an "Interim" project (35 years!!) probably half of our residents will be dead by then... and this industrial powerplant would be literally INSIDE our Rural Village Boundary. Also...they are building a PERMANENT 7 acre switchyard. What do you think happens after 35 years with a permanent switchyard already right there...or when the General Plan comes around again... this is not interim. Can you imagine if I applied for a 2,000 unit golf course development or a heavy metal recycling plant next to a school but... I just said its "interim use" since I have a 100 year bonded decommissioning plan. This project is rife with issues like this... and it is open to lots of legal challenges. Lets call this what it is, a bad project and deny it.

This is a power plant. Plain and simple. Its an industrial utility power plant that is the size of San Diego International Airport - right next to a tiny town that survives on tourism - in a beautiful valley. There are SO MANY better places to build these, and shoot, the unions can build those too. Please have our back guys.

These guys are the worst type of developer and not being honest... please help us, your constituents, we are counting on you. Please deny this project... we have support from other districts, we just need our own to back us up and you guys can save an entire town in your district. You can come out of this looking like a hero.

Please stand with us, and we can all celebrate one day at a ribbon cutting in Jacumba at the brand new Hot Springs Hotel we will open next year.

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