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Here is my presentation.

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Hello,

I am the chair of the Jacumba Sponsor Group. Attached my "Please Save Jacumba" presentation that I will be making at tomorrow's BOS hearing. It is in a PDF format.

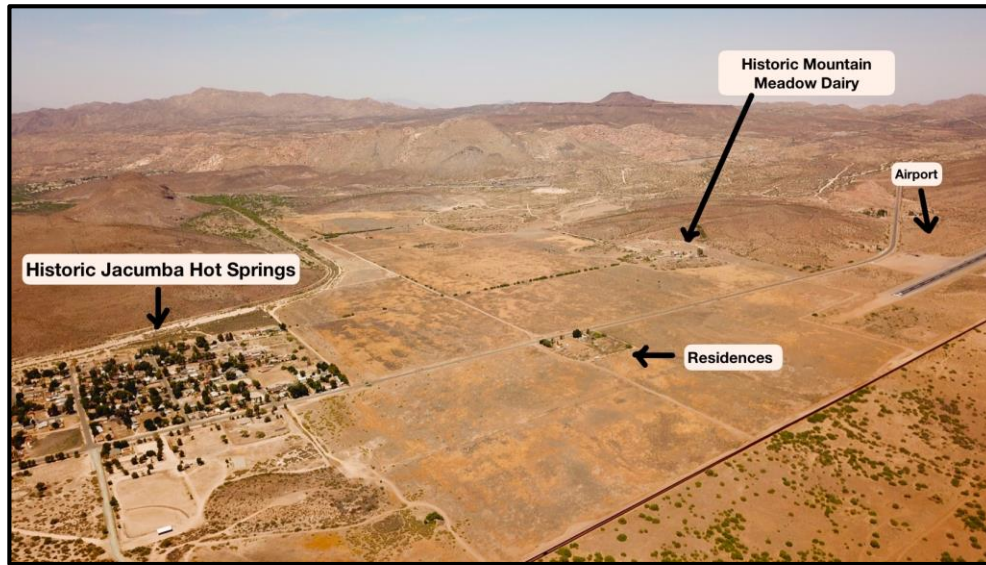
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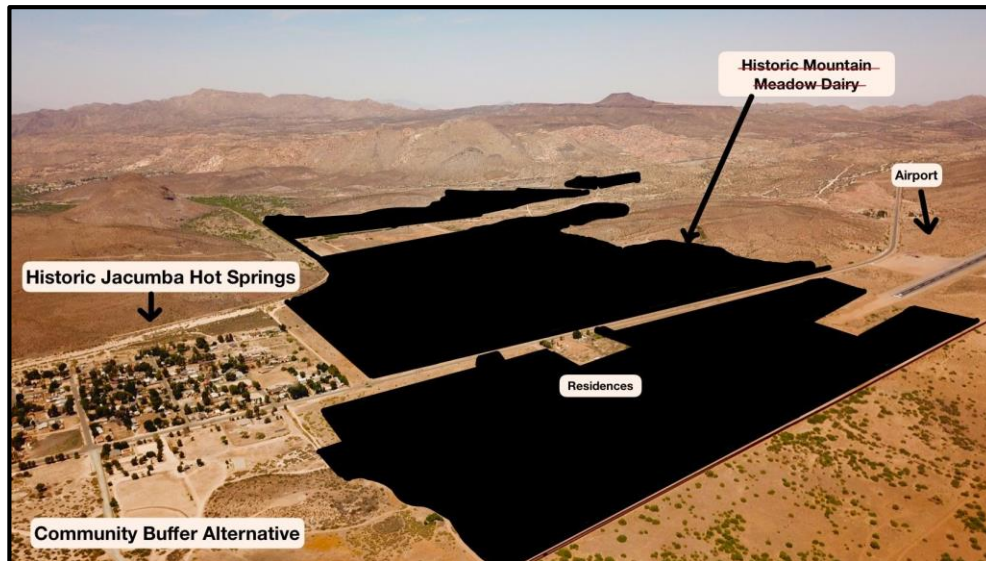
PLEASE SAVE JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS...

*A poor
underserved
community in
search of a
sustainable future.*





Below: Blackened areas show the visual blight of the proposed project.



Please deny the 600-acre JVR solar facility because it will:

- Destroy scenic vistas and historic farm buildings.
- Cover the best farmland in the county with 280,000 PV modules, etc.
- Add mechanical noise into an extremely quiet natural landscape.
- Impact safety of flight operations at the Jacumba airport by wrapping the runway with solar components as tall as 15 feet.
- Impact future tourism and the sustainability of the town.
- Provide no permanent local jobs.

Where else in the County would an industrial solar complex be considered an “okay” land use within a defined village area? *No where.*

Please deny the 600-acre JVR solar facility for its impacts on Jacumba's residents...



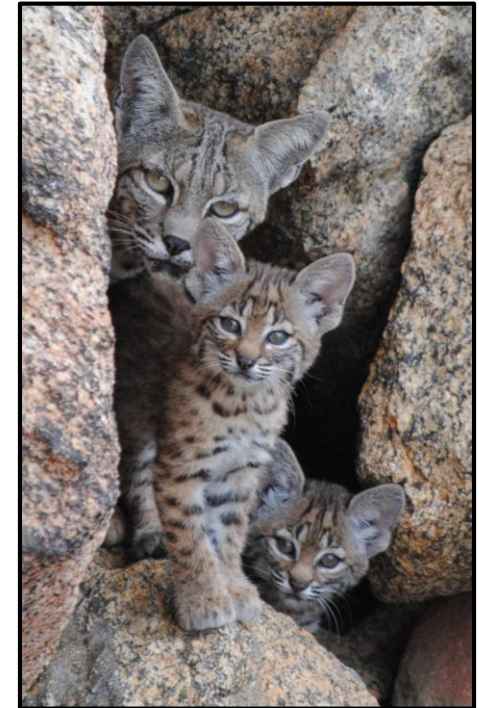
Families, people of color, seniors, retirees, and disabled veterans come to Jacumba for its scenic beauty, affordable homes, and quiet rural landscapes.



Please deny the 600-acre JVR solar facility for the diverse wildlife it will permanently displace...



Left, a Golden Eagle perches in a pine tree at the historic Mountain Meadow Dairy farm. Right, a bobcat with her kittens. Bottom left, a coachwhip snake. Bottom middle, Borrego sheep in the In-Ko-Pah mountains near Jacumba. Bottom right, a rattlesnake shelters in an abandoned dairy building.



Please deny the 600-acre JVR solar facility due to project misrepresentations...

- That the Community supports this land-use. *NO!!*
- The notion this is an “Interim” project, placed in an ideal location. (Right is a 2014 photo showing seasonal flooding south of Hwy 80.)
- The required minimum footprint to generate 90MW.
- The safety of lithium vs iron flow batteries.
- That an individual switchyard is essential.



and the developer's questionable business tactics.

- No real community outreach during project development.
- Attempting to purchase the community's goodwill with miniscule “one-time” community benefits.
- The premature signing of a PPA and a PLA before the final EIR was released, before the Planning Commission Hearing, and before this BOS hearing, in order to pressure you decision makers.

Jacumba already supports the County's renewable energy goals...**We have 108 acres of solar panels, a 58-acre switchyard, and three high-voltage transmission lines in our area.**

We have tried unsuccessfully to strike a compromise with BayWa on a smaller solar project, which would provide for green energy generation and a viable future for our residents.

“Infeasible,” was BayWa's one word response when a planning commissioner asked whether their project could be done on a smaller footprint.

“This project has its hands around the throat of Jacumba.”

Planning Commissioner Douglas Barnhart 7/9/21

Where is the social equity and environmental justice for Jacumba, or do those concerns only apply to urban communities?

Please vote to deny a 600-acre, poorly planned solar facility that will destroy the future of Jacumba Hot Springs!



What are these turkey vultures near Jacumba Peak waiting for???

