

Response to Comment Letter I106

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- I106-1** The commenter states the comments provided are in regard to the JVR Solar Project. In response, the comment serves as an introductory comment to the remainder of the letter. The comment does not identify a specific issue concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I106-2** The commenter states that she is a senior that moved to Jacumba for her health. The commenter also states she lives in a small park, with all seniors, who also have health problems with breathing and lungs. The commenter further states the Proposed Project will compromise the residents' lungs by spraying pesticides to kill the weeds and the digging in the soil. Please refer to Section 2.2, Air Quality, which analyzes the Proposed Project's potential impacts to air quality. A Fugitive Dust Control Plan will be implemented during Project construction, as required mitigation measure **M-AQ-2**. Pesticides shall not be allowed as stated in mitigation measure **M-BIO-8** in the Final EIR.
- I106-3** The commenter states that the fields directly adjacent to our park will be affected and they provide a habitat to all kinds of wildlife. In response, Section 2.3, Biological Resources of the Draft EIR analyzes the Proposed Project's potential impacts to biological resources, including wildlife. With implementation of mitigation measures, all impacts would be reduced to less than significant. Also, subsequent to public review of the Draft EIR, the Proposed Project was revised to include an increased setback from Jacumba Community Park. Please refer to Section 1.2 Project Description in Chapter 1 of the Final EIR.
- I106-4** The commenter states that the people in Jacumba already have extreme heat during the summer with temperatures in the 100's. The commenter also states the solar panels will increase the heat and also increase the potential for more fire. In response, please refer to Global Response GR-2 Photovoltaic Heat Island Effects in the Final EIR. Section 2.12 Wildfire of the Draft EIR analyzes the Proposed Project's potential impacts regarding increased fire risk. With implementation of mitigation measures **M-WF-1** (Fire Protection Plan), **M-WF-2** (Construction Fire Prevention Plan) and **M-WF-3** (Fire Protection and Mitigation Agreement), wildfire impacts would be less than significant.

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