

Response to Comment Letter I108

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- I108-1** The commenter states she is a resident of Boulevard and the owner of Rose Acres Farm, a Market garden in Boulevard. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I108-2** The commenter states that the Proposed Project would be located on land that is zoned as agricultural. The commenter states that as an organic farmer she believes that the land could be better utilized as an agriculture use and could revitalize the community through increased connections to healthy food, connection with neighbors and a sense of community. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required. However, for clarification, the Proposed Project’s development footprint is primarily zoned as Specific Plan (S-88). Please refer to Section 3.1.4 Land Use and Planning of the Final EIR.
- I108-3** The commenter states that while the Proposed Project touts clean energy, it will still use massive amounts of water from a non-renewable source; will be importing materials from non-local sources; destroy native habitat; possibly increase local temperatures in town which could cause an increased use of energy; and be a deterrent to any growth of the tourist industry that Jacumba is trying to attract which would be a loss of jobs to local workers. Section 2.7 Hydrology and Water Quality of the EIR analyzes the Proposed Project’s impacts to groundwater resources. Section 2.3 Biological Resources analyzes the Proposed Project’s impacts to vegetation communities and habitat. Potential significant impacts to biological resources would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. Further, regarding possible local temperature increases please refer to Global Response GR-2 Photovoltaic Heat Island Effects in the Final EIR. Regarding tourism and employment, please refer to Global Response GR-1 Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice in the Final EIR, which discusses the relationship between socioeconomic considerations and CEQA.
- I108-4** The commenter states that the solar project is not a regenerative one, it is a quick fix to keep people safe in their creature comforts and real change and community connection is needed which will not come from the Proposed Project. The commenter further states “I am opposed to the building of this solar field.” In response, the County acknowledges the commenter’s opposition to the Proposed Project. The

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