

Response to Comment Letter I2

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- I2-1** This is an introductory comment expressing that the commenters have concerns about the Proposed Project and “strongly oppose this and all industrial size solar and wind projects that may be considered in our small rural area.” In response, the County acknowledges the commenters’ opposition to the Proposed Project. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I2-2** The commenters state the Project would not be in the community’s best interest, it will not create jobs, will be an eyesore, and will alter the rural landscapes. The commenters also state, “Large industrial scale projects are out of line with our environment. They are ugly and obstruct our views. They will rip and destroy our land and use our water to build them.” In response, please refer to Section 2.1, Aesthetics, and 2.7, Hydrology and Water Quality, for an analysis of the Proposed Project’s potential impacts to visual resources and groundwater. Further, please refer to Global Response GR-1 in the Final EIR for a discussion of the relationship between socioeconomic considerations and CEQA. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I2-3** The commenters state that their power is regularly shut off during peak winds and bad weather conditions, while “the power these solar panels create continues to be transmitted to San Diego/Los Angeles through our community during these times, even though we are without power.” The commenter states this frustrates and upsets them and their neighbors. The commenters ask the County to consider installing solar and wind projects in areas that are benefiting from them, and to stop using Boulevard, Jacumba and Campo as a dumping ground for these industrial energy projects. In response, whether a facility’s power is curtailed as a safety measures is outside the County’s controls as the County does not have authority over power shut off decisions. That authority lies with other entities. Please refer to Chapter 4, Alternatives, of the Draft EIR, which considers but rejects alternative locations for the Proposed Project. Please refer to the discussion of alternative locations in Global Response GR-6 Alternatives in the Final EIR.

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