

Response to Comment Letter I8

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- I8-1** The commenters are expressing concern about the Proposed Project that is being considered for the Jacumba area. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I8-2** The commenters state that as a homeowner in Jacumba, the Proposed Project would overwhelm the area and make it uninhabitable. The commenters also state that the financial impacts on existing landowners and health issues would “totally decimate the economy of the area,” and that it would be an eyesore on the beautiful natural landscape. In response, please refer to Global Response GR-1, which discusses the relationship between socioeconomic considerations and CEQA. Further, the Draft EIR analyzes potential impacts to visual resources, including scenic vistas, in Section 2.1, Aesthetics.
- I8-3** The commenters state that for way too long the Jacumba area has been the dumping ground for sex offenders and adding such a project to the area would be an abomination to the people who live in Jacumba. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- I8-4** The commenters state the Proposed Project would be within 50 yards of their house and that this is unacceptable. The commenters also state, “If this was an uninhabited area maybe it would be a different story but to take an area that is already inhabited area and make it into a solar farm is out of the question.” The commenters further state that the “long standing history as well as the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa’s legacy, would make this plan unthinkable.” In response, the County acknowledges the commenter’s opposition to the location of 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.
- I8-5** The commenters state there are other places that are available for a project such as this and to put this in Jacumba would be an embarrassment to the County. In response, please refer to Chapter 4, Project Alternatives, which considered but rejected alternative locations for the Proposed Project. Please also refer to Global Response GR-6 Alternative in the Final EIR.

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- I8-6** The commenters state “please reconsider this plan for this area as it would ruin my home and neighborhood as well as the aesthetics of the beautiful countryside.” 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.