The County acknowledges the commenter’s concerns related to water use, aesthetics, and wildlife. Potential impacts related to groundwater use are considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report; see Sections 3.1.5.3.4, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3.1, Water. Also refer to common response WR1. As stated in Section 3.1.9.3.1, the County of San Diego (County) will place conditions on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from the on-site wells in order to prevent interference with off-site wells.

Related to the comment on the Project’s alteration of the rural landscape, the County acknowledges that the Project would have a significant and unavoidable impact on visual character and quality (DPEIR Section 2.1.7). The County has proposed all feasible mitigation measures to lessen this significant impact.

Potential impacts on wildlife are considered and addressed in DPEIR Section 2.3. The County has found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on wildlife and other biological resources with the implementation of proposed mitigation.
The County acknowledges the commenters’ opposition to the Proposed Project, in particular the LanEast and LanWest solar farms. The information in this comment will be in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for review and consideration by the decision makers.