The issues raised in this comment related to groundwater use and wells are discussed in Sections 3.1.5.3, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3, Water, of the DPEIR. As stated in Section 3.1.5.3, as part of the Proposed Project the applicant will implement a Groundwater Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (GMMP). The GMMP consists of an extensive monitoring program as well as management actions to ensure no adverse impacts would occur with respect to well interference at neighboring property water wells during both construction and operation of the Rugged solar farm. Funding of the GMMP would be the responsibility of the Proposed Project applicants.

The County has added the commenter’s in-laws to the list of well owners that are eligible to have their wells fitted with a pressure transducer to record water levels. The County or its consultant will contact the commenter when the well monitoring network is being set-up.