

Comment Letter I15

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From: Richard Foss <dick.mary.foss@gmail.com>
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To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: Fwd: Soitec Solar PIER



On Sun, Feb 2, 2014 at 9:50 AM, Richard Foss <dick.mary.foss@gmail.com> wrote:

I am opposed to all four of the solar projects as described in the Soitec Solar PIER. As a resident in the area for over ten years, I built a home here so that I can enjoy the unobstructed views of the mountains and open valleys which will be destroyed by this project. This project will upset the natural environment and have a negative impact on the adjacent residents' quality of life and their property values. I am concerned about the placement of this huge solar project in an area that is prone to wildfire and that has limited firefighting capabilities. We have a limited aquifer in the area which will be further reduced by millions of gallons of water taken out of our Pine Valley aquifer.

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For the above reasons, I support the NO PROJECT alternative listed in the Soitec PIER.

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Response to Comment Letter I16

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The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

Issues raised in this comment were considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR). See Section 2.1, Aesthetics, for potential impacts related to scenic views and visual quality and character. See Sections 3.1.4.3, Wildfire Hazards, and 3.1.7.3, Fire and Emergency Medical Response Capabilities, of the DPEIR for potential impacts related to wildfire and firefighting capabilities. See Section 3.1.5.3, Groundwater Resources, of the DPEIR for potential impacts related to groundwater use. The County found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater and hazards such as risk of wildfire and emergency response capabilities (see DPEIR Sections 3.14, 3.1.5, 3.1.7). The County acknowledges that the Proposed Project would have certain significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics. Social and economic effects are not an environmental issue and as such, need not be considered in the DPEIR (14 CCR Section 15064(e)).

	I16-2 The County acknowledges the commenter’s support for the No Project Alternative. The decision makers will consider all information in the FPEIR and related documents before making a decision on the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.
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