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August 9, 2021

Supervisors Joel Anderson, District 2,
Nora Vargas, District 1,
Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3,
Nathan Fletcher, District 4,
Jim Desmond, District 5

Re: JVR Energy Park Project (PDS2018-MUP-18-022), and the coming public hearing on August 18th.

Dear Supervisors Anderson, Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher and Desmond;

This letter is to express my views about the JVR Energy Park project proposed for Jacumba California.

Background

I have been a licensed Landscape Architect in the State of California, practicing in San Diego County since 1988. I also have a BS degree in Natural Resources Planning from Humboldt State University. I do not live in Jacumba, nor do I have any financial stake or property in the area, although I know many people and spend time there. I am also a strong supporter of the concept of renewable energy generation. My only motivation to write this letter is my love for the back country of San Diego County and a respect for the people who live there.

In addition to my familiarity with the Jacumba area, I spent over 16 years designing and overseeing construction of 40 acres of landscaped grounds for the Rancho La Puerta fitness resort, as well as a Soccer Field/ Public Park in Tecate, Mexico, about 30 miles away. I have also served on the Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB) for the City of San Diego for the last 5 years.

I would like to make two major points about the JVR Solar Energy Park project;

- 1) The siting of a large industrial facility, which is what this is, in a rural area with high scenic landscape value would be a tragic, irreversible land use decision. You should be aware of the proposed revival of the historic Jacumba Hot Springs, immediately to the West of the project, which could likely trigger an economic resurgence in this economically disadvantaged area. It's scenic value has already been degraded by 2 recent and somewhat unwelcome infrastructure projects; the border wall and the Sunrise Power Link. What makes this project particularly egregious is that there is no inherent, compelling reason for having a solar farm here as opposed to other, less scenic and visible locations. As far as I'm aware, the sun shines equally here as it does in the vast flat and disturbed landscapes further East towards El Centro. The only impetus that I can see for this location is that some land speculators stand to make a large profit at the expense of the quality of life for local residents.
- 2) Given that the momentum seems to be on the side of approval, for whatever reasons, I would like to comment on the proposed landscape mitigation, which is my area of expertise. According to the Final EIR, a whole 15' has been allotted for landscape

screening in addition to a fence around the project. From a design point of view, the reason the facility needs to be screened is to disguise a huge, clearly man-made rectilinear feature in a landscape of undulating hills and a mosaic of vegetation types, geologic features and small scale built structures. A 15' wide 'landscape buffer' would do nothing to reduce the visual impact of this facility. Instead, there would only be space for completely linear plantings of trees and shrubs. Furthermore, because this narrow strip would be relatively close to the panels, no large trees could be used. The end result would be that the planting would reinforce, not soften, the visual impact of the facility by adding additional layers of linearity. To be serious about visual mitigation, the landscaped buffer zone should at minimum be expanded to 75-100' wide, so that larger trees like native oaks and sycamores can be planted in irregular, naturalistic groupings, with in-between spaces planted with evergreen chaparral shrubs such as Toyon, Holly-leaf cherry and Sugar Bush (*Rhus ovata*). In addition, the greatest reduction in visual impact would be achieved if the panels were shifted as far as possible from Old Highway 80 and towards the N.E. corner of the site.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Drayer

From: Monica Garcia <monicajeangarcia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:08 AM
To: Anderson, Joel
Cc: Slovick, Mark; FGG, Public Comment
Subject: [External] NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

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Hello, I am a San Diego native and am hoping that you will stand with our beloved Jacumba and protect the future of this beautiful community and say no to the JVR energy park project.

Best regards,

Monica Garcia

From: David Garmon <jdgarmon@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Lawson-Remer, Terra; Vargas, Nora; Desmond, Jim; Anderson, Joel; FGG, Public Comment
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Dear Supervisors,

Please accept the attached comment letter on behalf of the Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy regarding the JVR Energy Park Major Use Permit that you will be considering on August 18th.

Thank you,

David Garmon, M.D.
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To: **County of San Diego, Board of Supervisors**
1600 Pacific Highway, #335
San Diego, CA 92101

Date: 10 August 2021

Re: **Opposition to the Jacumba Solar Project / JVR Solar - PDS2018-MUP-18-022**

Dear Supervisor Jim Desmond and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

The Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy (TCDC) was established to preserve desert habitat and biodiversity, to protect native plants and wildlife, and to promote understanding of these special places. TCDC focuses on the importance of natural desert ecosystems existing in harmony with established desert communities. We believe this balance is in the long-term best interest of residents and businesses in San Diego County. The proposed **Jacumba Solar Project (JVR Solar – PDS2018-MUP-18-022)** seriously threatens this balance for the unincorporated community of Jacumba and the surrounding Sonoran Desert habitat.

We stand with the many residents of the small town of Jacumba who oppose the proposed Jacumba Solar Project at any scale because of the damage it would inflict on this small community's economic future. The industrial-scale solar facility as currently planned would be a visual blight located in too close proximity to rural homes. This adverse impact *cannot be mitigated*. The heat island effect the proposed project would generate, along with the massive and ongoing water required to maintain the output of photovoltaic panels, would threaten Jacumba's future ability to draw economically on seasonal tourism once construction begins and for the lifetime of the proposed project -- followed by any renewals of the project -- into the indeterminate future. Jacumba is an economically disadvantaged community whose residents have few resources to effectively oppose such an intrusive development that would jeopardize their well-being. Based on discussions with an organization representing Jacumba residents, **we believe that imposing the Jacumba Solar Project on their community would constitute economic and environmental injustice.**

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TCDC enthusiastically supports development of new solar generating capacity when installed on existing structures at, or close to, the point of use. Like thousands of San Diego County residents, and millions of tourists from around the world, we view any natural desert viewshed, watershed and ecosystem as valuable. Viewsheds, ecosystems, aquifers, and associated natural flora and fauna are all valuable resources that should not be sacrificed for some other “higher purpose.” Such a “higher purpose” is often in the eyes and pocketbook of a clever, typically non-resident “investor” who hopes to make a handsome profit without considering the devastating cost to nearby long-term residents. The economic term for impacts on others is “externalities,” that is, impacts that cost the investor nothing, but which costs are born by those external to the funding for, and revenue from, a particular endeavor. It is particularly easy for a shrewd out-of-town developer to “roll over” the interests of long-term, low-income local residents, especially Native peoples and other peoples of color, veterans, and seniors. Developers know the decision-makers, and sometimes make handsome campaign contributions. All these advantages are typically out of reach for rural townspeople who depend on the local natural beauty for their livelihood and their rural location for their physical and mental health.

At first glance, massive solar panel arrays in the desert seem to make a lot of sense. However, the factors of temperature, transmission distance, and the water resources needed to keep panels clean, all need to be accounted for in order to calculate the true economic and societal benefit of any particular installation. Electrical generation near the point of use—on residential, warehouse, parking lot, and other developed land and structures—is typically the best choice in Southern California. The biggest benefit of a desert location for solar panels is the high percentage of direct sunshine while the sun is up, compared to communities under coastal influence having greater fog and cloud cover. This advantage is offset by the fact that solar cells lose efficiency as ambient and surface temperatures increase. In the desert, surface temperatures on the ground and on solar panels of more than 150°F can be experienced daily during summer and autumn months. **Because solar panel efficiencies begin to fall when surface temperatures exceed 60 – 70°F, more than a quarter of a solar panel’s efficiency can be sapped during the high desert temperatures** that frequently exist between ~10:00AM to ~5:00PM when the sun is providing the most illumination onto solar panels. Averaged over a year, this effect can eliminate some, if not all, of the advantage provided by the fact there are more cloud-free days in the desert versus coastal regions in Southern California.

Solar panel farms also create local heat islands when winds are relatively calm. While solar panels generate electricity from the sunlight they absorb, only a fraction of this energy is exported off-site through wires as electricity; **the majority of the energy remains on-site because solar panels at best convert to electricity only about one-third of the solar energy they absorb.** Solar panels are darker than most desert terrain (except for lava fields in a few locations), thus they absorb more energy than typical natural desert surfaces in Southern California. So, the problem of heat is two-fold. First, the heat effect reduces solar panel efficiency as noted above. Second, to the extent the proposed industrial-scale solar farm creates a heat island in a community where ambient summer temperatures ordinarily exceed 110°F, this heat island effect could pose a serious danger for those residents living near the proposed facility. No solar energy generating project should increase health risks and decrease property values for those living and working around it.

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Finally, the dry desert presents two more problems for solar panels. First, there are **frequent wind-borne dust events that leave deposits on solar panels that reduce their efficiency by as much as 40%**. Frequent cleaning can reduce these losses, but that cleaning requires *water*, which, by definition, is in short supply in the desert. **An industrial-scale solar panel farm can require as much water for cleaning panels to maintain efficiency (insofar as that is possible when panels are hot) as all the water used by a small community.** Depending on the local hydrology, the water draw for cleaning solar panels could hasten the decline of the local water table, requiring local residents to drill deeper wells, if they can afford to, in order to maintain access to water they have had for decades. The alternative of “trucking in water” adds cost, damages roads, increases air pollution, and adds tanker truck traffic and noise to an otherwise quiet and peaceful small town.

Lastly, siting the proposed Jacumba Solar Project in the middle of a desert floodplain and riparian habitat susceptible to both flash floods and strong seismic events, and located adjacent to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and BLM lands, both of which harbor several endangered and declining species, is a patently bad idea for all the obvious reasons that have been elaborated by others.

Thank you for consideration of this request to *deny* approval of the proposed Jacumba Solar Project, for the sake of the small community of Jacumba and the larger issues raised here, including that of grid reliability and security, reduction in wildfire risk, and to protect desert lands, wildlife and scenic vistas.

Sincerely,



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Date: Aug 17, 2021

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Sincerely,

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JACUMBA IS A JEWEL OF THE BACKCOUNTRY. LOVE TO GET AWAY FROM THE CITY AND ENJOY THE QUIET HERE. LOVE TO HIKE OUT HERE ALSO!

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

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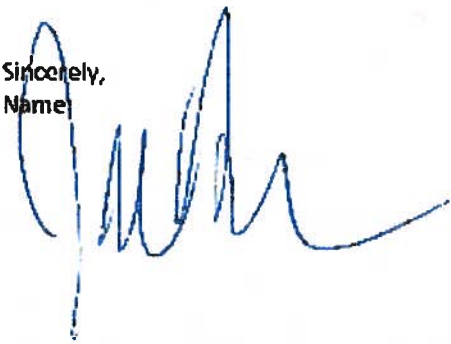
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Stop having a lot of desert - use it!

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THIS WILL KILL JACUMBA!

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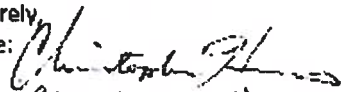
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Sincerely,

Name:


Christopher Harms

Address:

23255 Coyote Holler Rd.
Potrero, CA 91963

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Project is too big and will negatively impact Jacumba.

Sincerely,
Name:

Janet Warner

Address:

*23342 Coyote Haller Rd.
Escondido, CA 91963*

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Please Consider the Equity In Jacumba Alternatives, 300 Acre Option...

Sincerely,
Name: 
Roberto D. Urzibastain

Address: PO Box 90
232 54 Coyote Avenue
PATERNO, CA. 91963 -

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Sincerely,
Name:
Victor AYALA
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IRMA GARCIA
Ira Garcia

44674 CALIXICO AP
Jacumba CA 91934
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Sincerely,

Name:

FRANCISCO ULLLOA



Address:

44541 BRAWLEY AVE

JACUMBA, CA 91934

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Sincerely,
Name:

Address:

Isisida Hernandez

*2412 BASS RD,
CAMPA, CA 91906*

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NOISE, QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN
GENERAL.*

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Name:

Josephine
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Address:

PO Box 384
Jacumba Ca 91934

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into the town

Sincerely,

Name: Chris Canton

Address: PO Box 291
Jacumba Ca 91934

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Sincerely,

Name:

Debra Yu

Address: 44619 El Centro Ave.

Jacumba, CA 91934

Please don't destroy all the natural habitats in this town!
We live here & would hate to see this place abandoned by locals.

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

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Sincerely,

Name: Allison Loebel

Address: 443 High St
Sedona, AZ 95072

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Sincerely,

Name: *Rasha Hoyt*

Address: *4464 E Center Ave
Jacumba, CA 92034*

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Jacumba is a special place that isn't against solar but this amount is too much.

Sincerely,

Name:

Cassandra Canaris

Address: 8474 Galam Ridge Rd

Lakeside CA 92040

Cassandra Canaris

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Miriam Parker

Address:

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Christine Schultz

Address:

*PO Box 307
Jacumba Hot Springs*

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✓ want to protect our town and people

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Name:

Jeff A. Heck

Address:

P.O. Box 118
Jacumba,
CA,
91934

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We need that Agricultural Land to remain as an agricultural use. *gfu* We live in a "Food Desert" with no grocery store.

Sincerely,
Name:

Breck Schoch

Address:

44603 HOLTVILLE AVE.

store.

Jac 91934

Solar jobs temp. Ag jobs perm. Solar project is NOT 25-30 yr.
It is forever. DO NOT DESTROY our best Ag land, our only Big Farm.

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

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Thank you

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Sincerely,

Name: *Rebecca Person*
Rebecca Person

Address: *P O Box 23*
Jacumba CA
91934

this project goes through.

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov

Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov

I am opposed to the 600+ acre development

We are counting on you to heed our concerns. Thank you
Rebecca Person

(35)

Date: August 7/2021

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This is not real green energy that is part of the solution for the planet. This is just business, big business

Sincerely,
Name:

M Garry Jackson

Address:

323 S. Horne St
Oceanside CA 92057

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov

Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PublicComments@sdcounty.ca.gov

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Date: 08-07-2021

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Sincerely,

Name: Natalie Filler

Address: 323 S. Horn St.

Oceanside, CA

92054

This project will permanently
Industrialize this historical
community.

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov

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(3)

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Sincerely,

Name:

Laurene Bradford
LAURENE BRADFORD

Address:

1951 Camino George Rd B17
91934

A transplanted New Englander
who treasures the peaceful
wildlife of this precious desert.
Keep it wild!

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov

Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PublicComments@sdcounty.ca.gov

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Sincerely,
Name:

Jeff
Bartolin

Address:

5700 Cowles MI
Blvd. Apt 5210
La Mesa CA 91947

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services

Mark.Slovick@sdcountry.ca.gov

Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PublicComments@sdcountry.ca.gov

my main concern is the wild life

(3)

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Sincerely,

Name: William Barker
William Barker
"Bill"

Address: 1251 CARRISO ST
PO BOX 0251
Jacumba Hot Springs
CA 91934-0251

cc: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services
Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov
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The Amount of Heat generated
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Sincerely,

Name:

Roberta Tuzman
Roberta Tuzman

Address:

1251 Carriso St
Jacumba Ca

this will bring property values down.

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Sincerely, 
Name:

Address: 44555 Old Hwy 80

I Like the ^{town} as is

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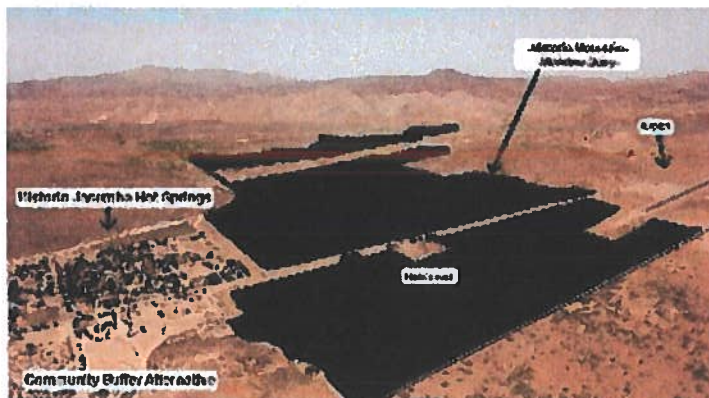
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Stan Caswell
STAN CASWELL

Address:

PO Box 127
Pine Valley CA 91962

(A)

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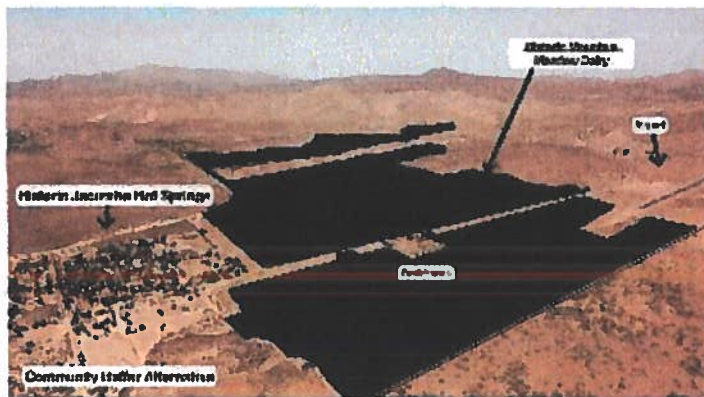
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Sincerely,

Jenny Murrell
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Address:

8631 Pine Creek Rd
Pine Valley, Ca
91962



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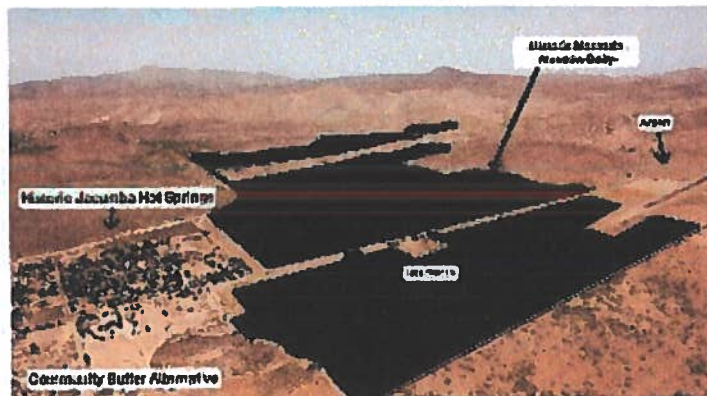
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Sincerely,

Ally E. Bell
too much!

Address:

PO Box 1413
Pine Valley CA
91962

(C)

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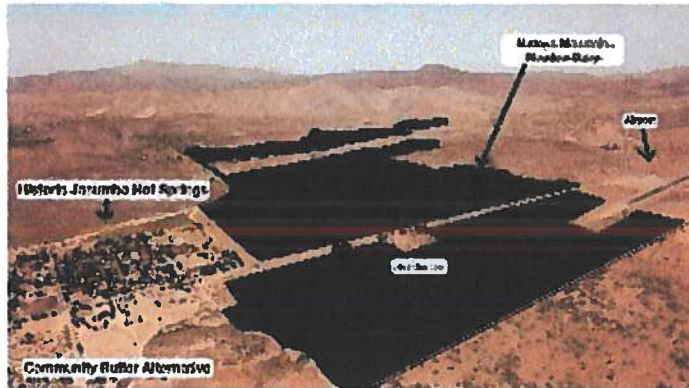
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Sincerely,

Roderic K. Shull

Not necessary!

Address:

PO Box 425
Pine Valley, CA
91962

(D)

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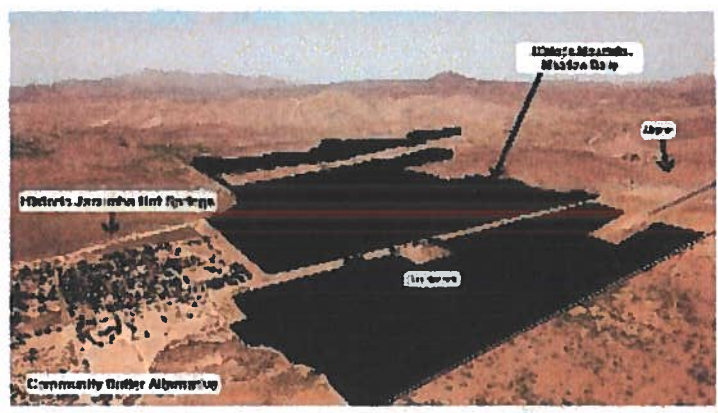
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Sincerely,
Richard D Foss

Address:
7576 CORTE MADERA Rd
RING VALLEY CA

Richard D Foss

This will kill community what is next?

(E)

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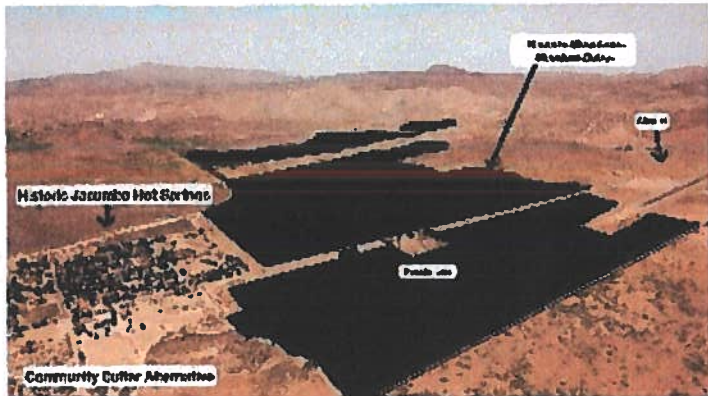
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D. HASKINS

Address: P.O. Box 593
Pine Valley, CA 91962

Let the Community Breathe

(F)

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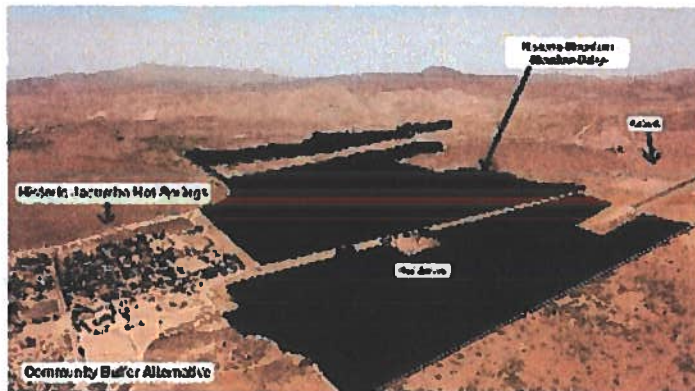
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Diana Bahr
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Address: 7667 Corte Madera Rd
Pine Valley 91962

Will kill the town!!

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No developer-funded skate park or landscaping can save the day – *but the Board of Supervisors can.* The developer wants to surround the entire town of Jacumba with a mega-project when they have plenty of options to reconfigure the layout, still produce the largest solar project in San Diego County AND respect the community and landscape of Jacumba Hot Springs – ya! the developer refuses to redesign in order to provide a REAL buffer from the unmitigable impacts created more than 600 acres of solar panels crammed right up against a town that's only 100 acres.

Please stand with us! Your vote will determine the future and fate of entire historic town and the real people who live, work and retire in this affordable community.

Sincerely,
Name: 
ROBERT E. TURNER

Address: 29226 ROCKY PASS
PINE VALLEY CA
91902

Too Big!

CC: Mark Slovick, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Services
Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov
Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov

(H)

Date: 8/14/21

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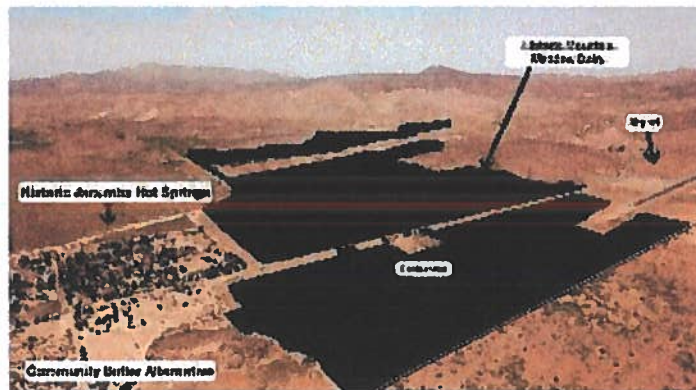
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UNFair to small town!

Sincerely,

Emilia Mays

Address:

Box 936
Pine Valley Ca 91962

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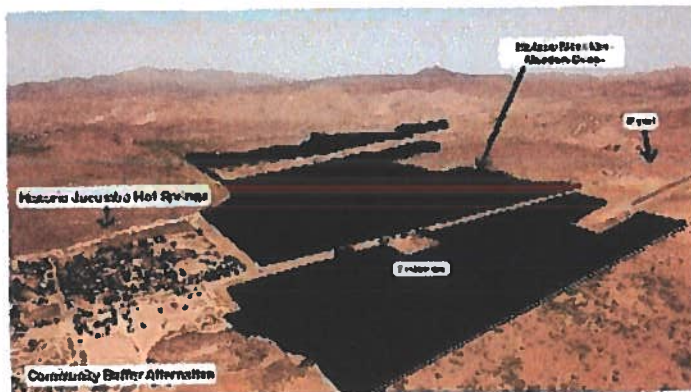
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Consider the residents of this poor community & the negative impact on them.

Sincerely,

Catherine Letourneauux
[Handwritten Signature]

Address:

9150 Pine Creek Rd #34
Pine Valley, CA 91962

(J)

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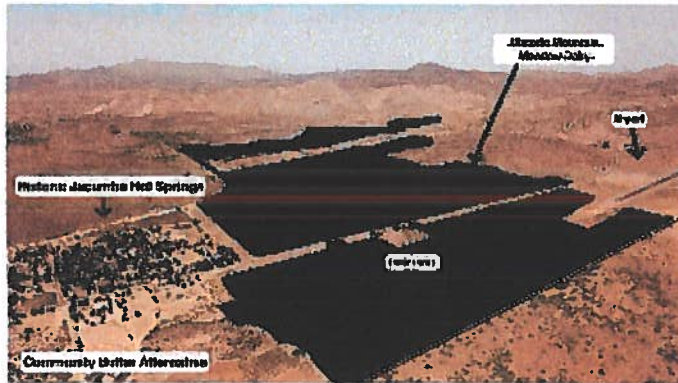
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Sincerely,

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29327 Riva Alta Vista

Pine Valley, CA
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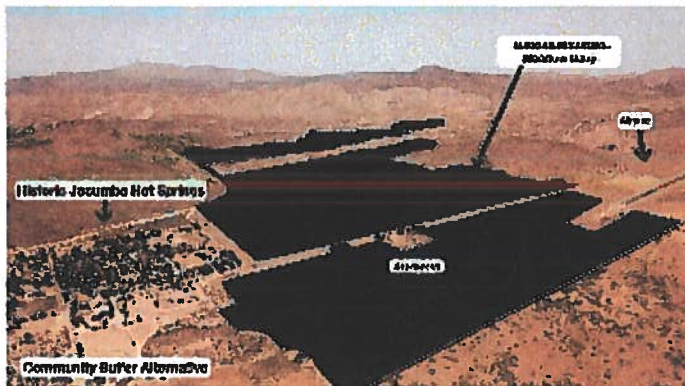
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Sincerely,

John Bill

Address:

PO Box 1031 Pine Valley, CA
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UNFAIR FOR RURAL COMMUNITY

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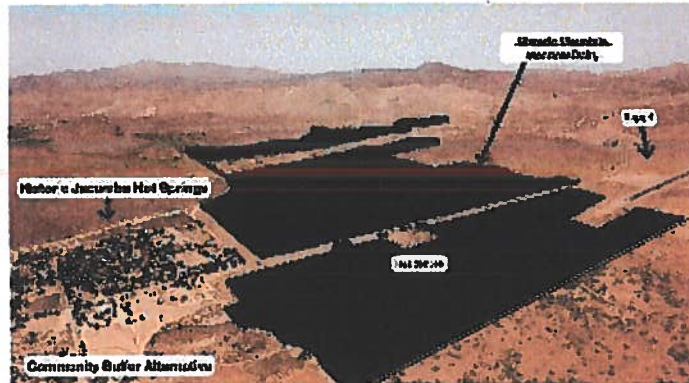
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Sincerely,

Marcia Sule

*I love Jacumba and
would hate to see it
ruined by an oversized solar project*

Address:

*PO Box 1006
Pine Valley, CA*

(M)

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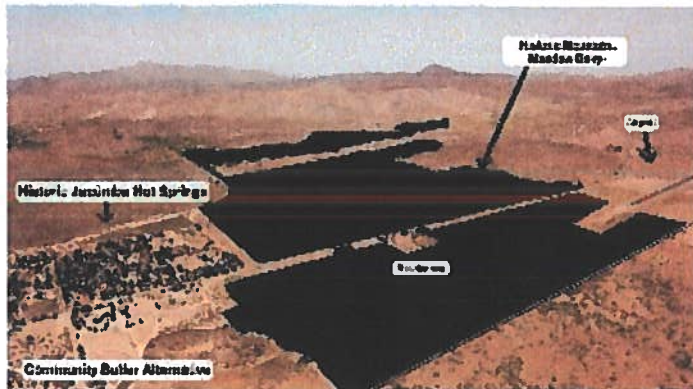
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J. P. Lyons
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P. O. Box 96
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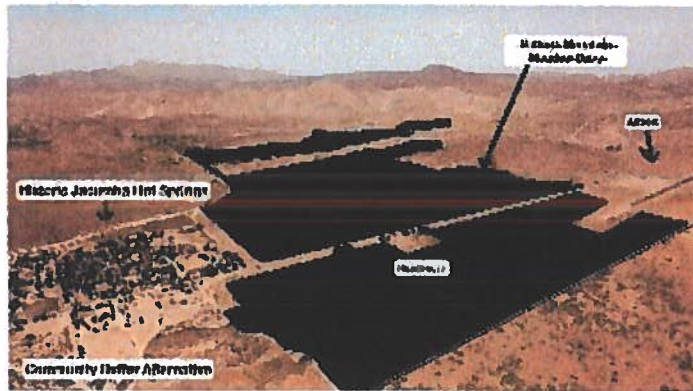
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Sincerely,

Address:

Daphne Cooper
Please reconsider.
Locating your project
away from this historically
unique town.

P.O. Box 1604
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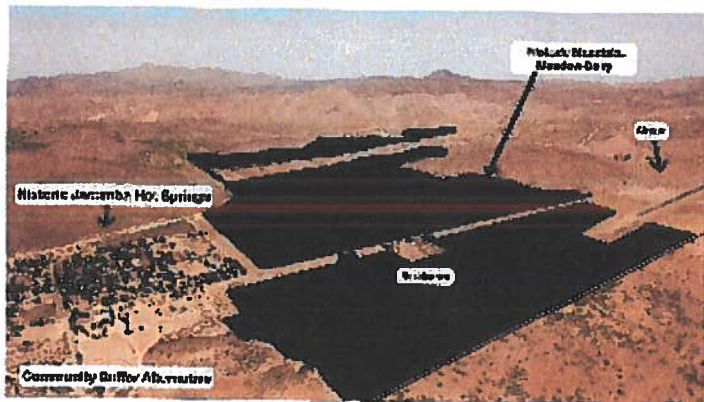
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Sincerely,

John B. Lewis

Keep Jacumba Beautiful

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20651 Lebanon Rd.
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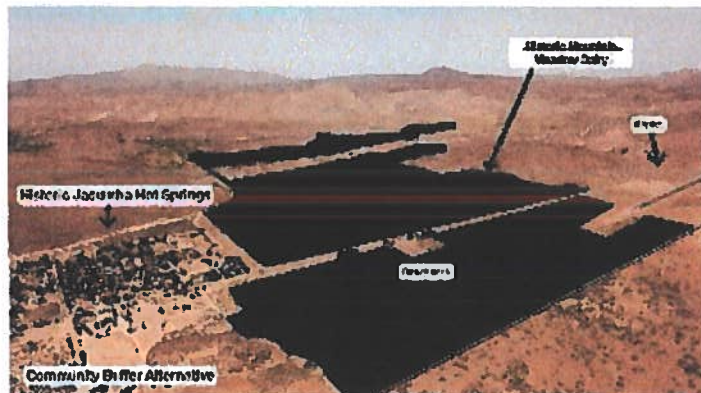
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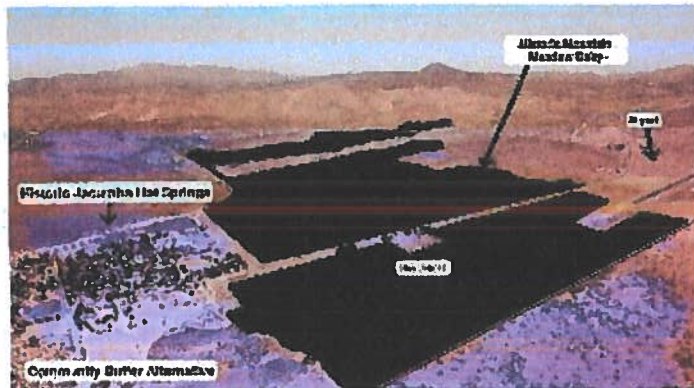
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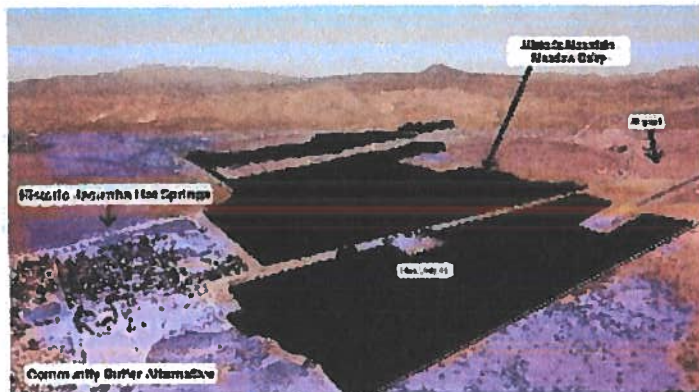
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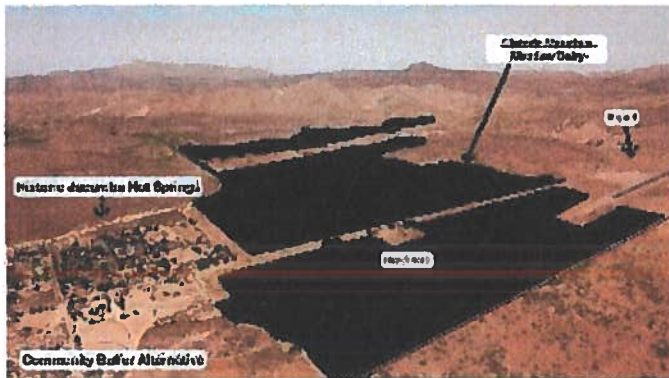
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Donna Hughes

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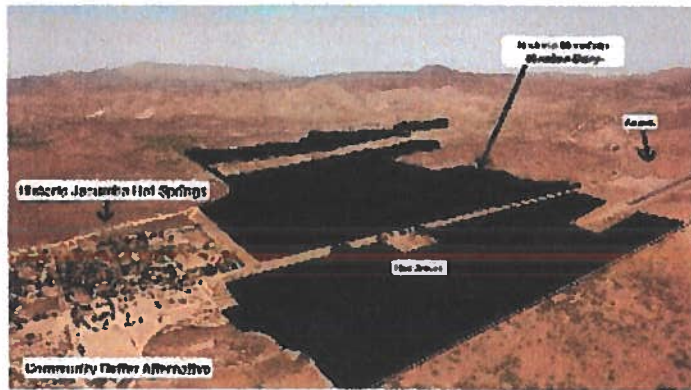
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1115 Arnold Way
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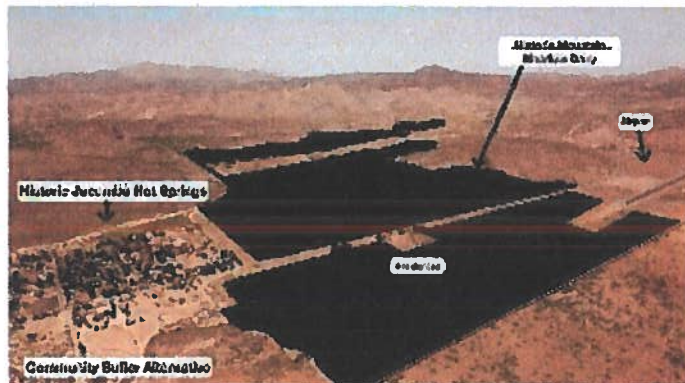
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The very poor residents of Jacumba did not move to this quiet scenic area to see the sun glinting off of hundreds of acres of solar panels, or listen to the mechanical noise generated by transformers, air conditioning units, and panel tracking motors. Residents moved to Jacumba because housing was affordable and they enjoyed the opportunity to watch golden eagles soaring over this beautiful and peaceful valley.

At six times the size of their village, Jacumba residents are not fighting against the placement of a solar facility next to their community, they are seeking a reasonable compromise in the solar facility's size and placement with the developer. As county leaders push for renewable energy resources, environmental justice, and social equity, you must seek a balance with all of those goals.



One has only to look at the visual above to see what a 600-acre project would do to Jacumba. You must vote to deny the proposed 600-acre JVR solar facility, and require the developer to make a meaningful compromise with the community of Jacumba, such as the Equity for Jacumba Alternative. Their residents should not have to shoulder the brunt of green energy production at the cost of their quality of life and the future survival of their historic town. *Are they not entitled to any social or environmental justice considerations?*

Sincerely,

W. van der Beek
OUR PROPERTY VALUES
WILL GO DOWN.
WE AIN'T POWERFUL
LIKE LA JOLLA

Address:

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From: Cherry Diefenbach <csdiefenbach@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:23 PM
To: FGG, Public Comment
Cc: Slovick, Mark; Anderson, Joel; Kazmer, Gregory
Subject: [External] letters of opposition to the JVR Solar Park agenda item 1, aug 18
Attachments: ltrs of JVR opposition part 2 agenda #1 bos aug 18.pdf; JVR opposition ltrs A to V.pdf

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Hi Andrew,

Please find attached letters of opposition to the proposed 600-acre JVR Solar park, Agenda Item 1. Thank you in advance for ensuring they are included in the supervisors' hearing packets.

Cherry Diefenbach
619-743-5224

From: JG <jennafergrace@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:42 PM
To: Fletcher, Nathan (BOS)
Cc: Wier, Emily; FGG, Public Comment; Slovick, Mark
Subject: [External] NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

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I oppose this project. This land is home to a thriving ecosystem as well as a community of tax paying humans. There is plenty of space in more isolated parts of the lower desert to build solar farms.

The temperatures from the solar farms will make this area uninhabitable and are a massive risk to the wellbeing of the county.

Sincerely,

Jennafer Grace Carter

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From: Dan and Leona Grunow <roseacresfarm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Anderson, Joel
Cc: Kazmer, Gregory; FGG, Public Comment; Slovick, Mark
Subject: [External] NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

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We ask that you please listen to the people of the backcountry communities and oppose the JVR Energy Park! The backcountry should not be a dumping ground for a large (6 times the size of Jacumba!!) project that has NO direct benefit to the community it encompasses. We need spaces that are safe for wildlife, and provide REAL regenerative solutions to our climate crisis. This large solar park will increase temperatures in town, create noise pollution, and impact wildlife corridors. I am not understanding why solar projects are not done first in the city where the electricity from these panels will be going? Many of us live out here to live simple lives that are less impactful on the environment, why must we pay for coastal community's misuse and overuse of resources?? Coastal community's MUST take responsibility for their own electrical usage, but that is hard to do when you have everything given to you in abundance. It is not appreciated and there is NO gratitude when you don't see the direct effects of these projects near your home. We all need to do our part to mitigate climate change, and I hear it is uncomfortable to live with less, but it is ultimately what is needed and what will eventually happen when we run out of petroleum. Why not ease coastal communities into it instead of having wealthy community's take more than their share from low-income communities. This is not sustainable or equitable. LET'S WAKE UP!!! I am tired of corporate profit and greed winning against small community voice. We will not stand for this project.

Leona Grunow
Rose Acres Farm

From: Dan and Leona Grunow <roseacresfarm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Desmond, Jim; Lawson-Remer, Terra; Vargas, Nora; Fletcher, Nathan (BOS)
Cc: Mills, Benjamin; FGG, Public Comment; Slovick, Mark; Andrade, Evlyn; Petterson, Cody; Flores, David; Wier, Emily
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Supervisors Jim Desmond, Terra Lawson, Nora Vargas, and Nathan Fletcher,

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:56 AM
To: Anderson, Joel; Kazmer, Gregory; Desmond, Jim; Lawson-Remer, Terra; Andrade, Evelyn; Petterson, Cody; Vargas, Nora; Flores, David; Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Wier, Emily; Slovick, Mark; FGG, Public Comment; Mills, Benjamin
Subject: [External] JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18 - PLEASE READ!!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I, both in our 60's, moved to Jacumba Hot Springs in March of 2020, just as Covid was hitting, before the masks, and before the quarantine. It just so happened it came at a time that housing prices were going through the roof, but they were still being purchased shortly after hitting the market. We were so very thankful when our Realtor found us our home. We absolutely love it here in Jacumba Hot Springs. We love the true "Green," the Clean Green Environment.

We were so excited to find affordable housing. Our rent in a single family home was going up \$800.00 a month which was more than we could afford. We had taken good care of the home so the increased rent was not hard for the owner to receive. There were literally no homes available in our area that we could afford on our income, in an area that was safe for us to live, and safe for our cars, free from theft and vandalism that had infiltrated into the area where we were living and moving from. So we went East after looking at all the surrounding areas, any affordable housing had some level of leasing fee for the land and maintenance. We are not in a financial position to pay for a mortgage and HOA Fees, PUD Fees, CAM Fees, etc. Fees that are always rising. So we went further East, we both work in El Cajon, we did not have any interest in going any further east than Jacumba Hot Springs. What we did know, after renting the same home for nine years and having no control over rent increases, we knew we needed to purchase a home, not on leased land with fees, in a safe environment, and at a payment we could afford with our income at our age. We found this in Jacumba Hot Springs! Sure it's a bit rugged here and there, nothing that some redevelopment can't repair, particularly in the main areas.

We love the sound of children playing, dogs barking, barbecues in the summer, and fireplaces in the winter. Some may call us desolate, sleepy, or back country, but we are here loving clean air, beautiful mountain views, peace, and serenity. Please stand for us, the people, tax paying citizens of the United States of America. Say No to this massive solar production plant (JVR Energy Park)!

Please look at the project proposed: JVR Energy Park (a solar production plant) from the perspective of the people. The residents of the community/village of Historical Jacumba Hot Springs, under new ownership, new owners of the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa, Restaurant, Bar, and Motel. We are also new homeowners, as are a few others, as well as renters, Covid hit just after we moved in, then everyone was quarantined. We never had a chance to get to know people due to Covid concerns. I'm high risk so I need to be particularly careful.

I have a job that is essential so I started working remotely from our home in Jacumba Hot Springs immediately after moving in. We have high speed internet, and satellite services available. I still work remotely and have been approved to continue. I work with an awesome team remotely connecting nurses to doctors, doctors to patients, patients to doctors, pharmacies to doctors, and many other types of non 911 emergencies throughout the country. We have a diverse community. And yes, way out here in the East Empire Mountains of San Diego County, in the tiny community/village of Jacumba Hot Springs!

We have our own Fire Department, Post Office, Library, Water Company, General Store, and the Jacumba Hot Springs Restaurant, Spa, Bar, and Motel under new ownership along with the Jacumba Hot Springs Historical Bath House that is intended to be restored and used for Venues, we have our Jacumba Lake, Gas Stations, and our own Airport! It is really cool to watch the gliders in the sky from the airport.

Please take into consideration:

The size: This project is massive! Our community/village has already done their part, we already have two major renewable energy developments, the 70 acre ECO Substation and the 100+ acre Jacumba Solar Project, and three high voltage lines running through our village, the Sunrise PowerLink, the Southwest Powerlink and the Boulevard 148K V Link. This does not include being surrounded by windmills.

Air Port - This JVR Solar Park proposal consumes our glider airport. The glider airport is quiet, environmentally friendly, and fun to watch!

Wild Life - The birds, we have so many beautiful birds of all sizes that are also amazing to enjoy! Many of these treasured birds will burst into flames when they encounter the ridiculous amount of solar panels used in the production plant! This is not the location for this power plant! This is only the birds! This doesn't include the devastation to the other wildlife in the area!

People - The town of families, children, retired, working, and disabled humans that enjoy peace and serenity will be consumed by this massive solar power plant!

Solar Panel Sounds - Please know: These solar panels will emit a constant inaudible hum that may be unnoticeable to some, but will drive some insane! What a cruel thing to do to innocent people and children!! PLEASE VOTE NO TO ANY SIZE OF THIS PROJECT IN THIS AREA!!!

Weather Changes - The weather: The weather changes dramatically.

We already receive Severe Heat Advisories, We already have fire watches, and Severe Wind Alerts. Adding this size of solar production facility could increase our heat by as much as 15 degrees. How are we suppose to survive 125 degrees temperatures? This cannot happen. Please understand this is not about a clean environment, this will destroy our environment!!

We are counting on you to do the right thing. NO negotiation for a smaller area, NO further negotiations for this area! The developer refuses to redesign and insists on cramming 600 acres of solar panels against a community/village that's only 100 acres.

Furthermore, SDCP - (San Diego Community Power) which provides power for coastal communities, signed the Power Purchase Agreement before the Final Environmental Impact Report was even released. We ask the supervisors demand community choose aggregators like SDCP adhere to their charters and put people first and San Diego Communities first by only sourcing ethical power that has finished being reviewed for its impacts and approved by the board. Do not support rushed and unethical renewable energy development.

I have seen pictures of our area recently in articles, for some reason the focus is not on the most beautiful views, and you can't take pictures of the clean area, the sound of the birds, the sound of children playing, and dogs barking in their different ways of communicating to each other, but not in a way to be intrusive. But we sure can tell if there is an intruder.

Please see how important it is to protect our clean environment within our affordable housing community/village, and help protect our land for future residential type growth, a true Clean "Green" Environmentally Clean Green growth, full of peace, quiet, serenity. Free from the hustle of the city, and city toxins. Real silence and fresh air, and beautiful scenic views.

Please vote NO on this project and redirect it to the proper zone for the safety of the environment, the wildlife, and the people, families, and children of Jacumba Hot Springs. Save our beautiful scenic view of our Empire Mountains.

We are counting on you to stand up and do the right thing for the people, and the environment, real true "green," saving the environment green, stand up for our community, and our precious wildlife by saying No to this project for this location!

Please be the strength that turns Green Greedy Money back and stand up for a Green Healthy Environment!

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark & Lori Summers
Homeowners - Jacumba Hot Springs

From: Belsito, Gianna
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Shute, Madeline
Subject: FW: Contact Supervisor Joel Anderson

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From: noreply@supervisorjoelanderson.com <noreply@supervisorjoelanderson.com>

Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 3:01 PM

To: Anderson, Joel <Joel.Anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Subject: Contact Supervisor Joel Anderson

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Topic :
Jacumba photovoltaic modules 623 Acres JVR Energy Park

Message :
Hello Joel,

The planning commission just voted on the Jacumba Solar Farm 5-2 in favor. Wow! they missed the boat. I recommended to vote No since the project will be several times larger than the town. I don't know if you have been out there lately, but the project really does not fit. It's a monster. Please see the Planning Commission comments for the detailed list that I submitted for consideration. If you can't find them, I can e-mail a PDF over.

Thanks for looking at it.

Dan

Mail OK? :
No

Email OK? :
Yes

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submit

From: Belsito, Gianna
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:43 AM
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Subject: Contact Supervisor Joel Anderson

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91945

Topic :
JVR Energy Park

Message :

I've read a couple articles about Jacumba Hot Springs and their desire to shrink the proposed JVR Energy Park. I've also read that it's been through planning committee and was shrunk minimally.

You will be voting on it fairly soon. I can see the objections by the small community of Jacumba. It's moved a few feet away from the community but there are still a few branches that seem like the village would feel surrounded. At least vote to move the branches back away from the village. They want to attempt to develop more recreation and hot springs and get a few more tourists.

It's a nice little weekend getaway spot for hiking and enjoying the pool.

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No

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CA

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91934

Topic :
JVR Solar Project

Message :

Dear Supervisor Anderson - I would appreciate it immensely if you would not vote to approve the solar project proposed in the rural of Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934.

At the scale they are proposing it would just devastate this small rural community and destroy the scenic ambiance of this community as well as the environmental impact to wildlife, tourism, water resources, potential housing and the quality of life for the residents. I believe our mountain community is bearing a disproportionate amount of the green energy burden when there are more viable solutions and areas i.e. desolate desert area in Imperial Valley and other areas, roof top solar/at source solar and off shore wind. Please help keep our community a quality place to live and not an industrial wasteland. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: noreply@supervisorjoelanderson.com <noreply@supervisorjoelanderson.com>
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State**

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91901

Topic**

Solar installation in Jacumba

Message**

I support solar installations in locations which make sense. Covering the Jacumba valley is not the appropriate location. The valley is prime farm lands and the Jacumba Hot Springs has an investor fixing up the town site. Only a few miles away is the McCain Valley with no development, already existing power lines and a much better location.

I'd like to receive physical mail from Supervisor Anderson.

No

I'd like to receive emails from Supervisor Anderson.

Yes

From: Belsito, Gianna
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Shute, Madeline
Subject: FW: Jacumba Solar Project

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From: Gina Figueroa <ginafgr3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Anderson, Joel <Joel.Anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Jacumba Solar Project

Hello Mr. Anderson,

my name is Gina Southard. I am a resident in the community of Jacumba. I am a mother of three children and am very concerned about the long term effects living near a solar farm would have on my children's health. As well as the health of the rest of the members of the community. If I understand correctly there is not sufficient evidence to deem solar plants safe in the long term for human health. I think that until SDG&E can prove that setting up a solar farm so close to residence is in fact safe in the long term, our local representative should do everything in their power to protect the public's health. Thank you very much for your consideration, any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

From: Belsito, Gianna
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Shute, Madeline
Subject: FW: No on JACUMBA, Solar farm

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From: D Renard <seahorsedan@yahoo.com>
To: joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov <joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Dan Renard <seahorsedan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021, 08:54:25 AM PDT
Subject: No on JACUMBA, Solar farm

From: Daniel Renard
41148 Old Highway 80
Boulevard Ca 91905
(619) 766-3386

Joel;
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Thanx;
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From: David Lampley <psychopopskrapez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Anderson, Joel <Joel.Anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Cc: Kazmer, Gregory <Gregory.Kazmer@sdcounty.ca.gov>; FGG, Public Comment <PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Slovic, Mark <Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: [External] No jvr energy park aug.18

I am completely against this nonsense project. I am a member of this community and have witnessed the magic transform in the last year. To see this project ruin our town so Encinitas can have more power on they're grid is not fair and we are willing to stand up for out sleeves until the very end. I am a small business owner, my dad is a Vietnam veteran along with many other veterans who reside here. I challenge you to visit Jacumba once and take in a afternoon in this historic town before you end its future. I think for the city to let German company to come in to our small town and wipe out our chance of growth is disheartening and unethical. Please reconsider of the placement of this project. Thank you for your time.
David Lampley

From: Belsito, Gianna
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Shute, Madeline
Subject: FW: [External] Please STOP Solar Farm in Jacumba - AN AWFUL, DEVASTATING PLAN.....

For your records.

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Subject: [External] Please STOP Solar Farm in Jacumba - AN AWFUL, DEVASTATING PLAN.....

From: Simone Brown <si.brown542@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Anderson, Joel
Cc: Kazmer, Gregory; Slovick, Mark; FGG, Public Comment
Subject: [External] VOTE NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Please vote NO on the JVR Energy Park on August 18th. I will make sure to Opt-Out of SDCP when it is released in my community until you promise to only source ETHICAL POWER and remove JVR Energy Park from your power sources. I will not support the destruction of an entire community when there are plenty of other ethical renewable energy projects to choose. Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov

From: Georgia Stergios <gstergios53@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Wier, Emily; FGG, Public Comment; Slovick, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: VOTE NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

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DO NOT APPROVE THAT PROJECT! IT WILL DESTROY THE TOWN OF JACUMBA.

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Please do not allow this to be built next to Jacumba. That will destroy that town.

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Please don't do this to Jacumba.

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I am opposed to this Jacumba energy project which is completely at odds with the character of the town. The town is already in trouble and this project will only hasten its demise. Please do not allow this ill-advised project to go forward. Thank you.

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Cc: Slovick, Mark; Flannery, Kathleen
Subject: [External] Please stand up for Jacumba Hot Springs
Attachments: For County Supervisors and their land use staffs.pdf

Dear Supervisors,

In two short days, you will be voting on an enormous industrial solar complex ironically called the Jacumba Valley Ranch (JVR) Energy Park. At 600-acres, it dwarfs the village of Jacumba Hot Springs, shreds our valued community character, negatively impacts the lives of every person, and drives a nail through the heart of Jacumba's ability to grove and thrive. (Please see attached detailed comments on project impacts.)

I am imploring you to deny the approval of a monster-sized JVR solar project put forth by a developer who didn't in good faith, try to build community consensus on the project scale/location and who has not been transparent with about project requirements.

Jacumba already supports a large solar facility and we will continue to support ethically sourced green energy that doesn't sacrifice the future of our small town. **Please to right by a poor rural community that has existed for more than one hundred years--San Diegans will be watching.**

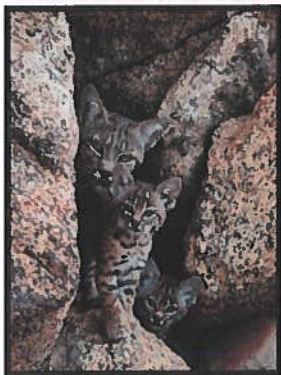
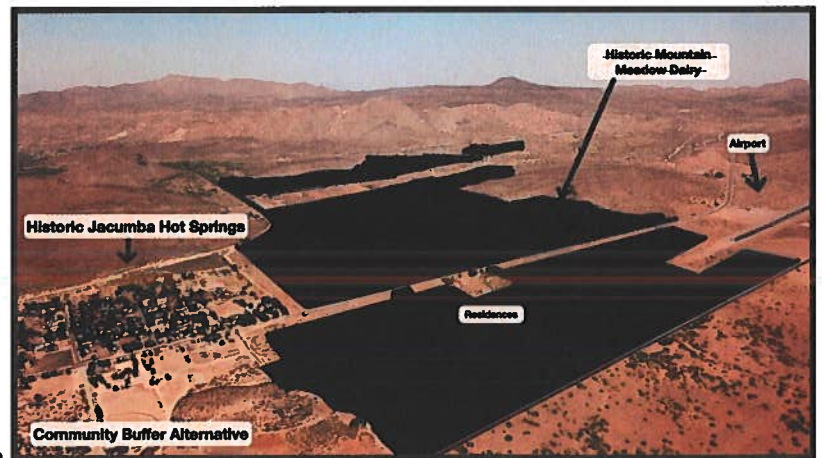
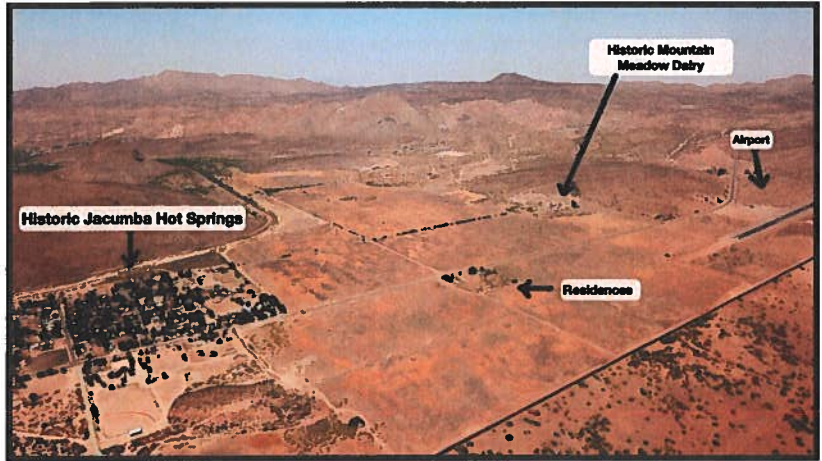
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To the Board of Supervisors and their land use staffs:

I am reaching out to you today, to ask you to vote to deny the proposed 600-acre Jacumba Valley Ranch (JVR) solar project. At six times the size of our small village, its placement within our rural village boundary will devastate the quality of life for the poor and underserved residents of Jacumba Hot Springs. If approved as is at the August 18th Board of Supervisors' hearing, this facility will:

—Consume all the best former farmland which would be better used to support a viable future for the town.

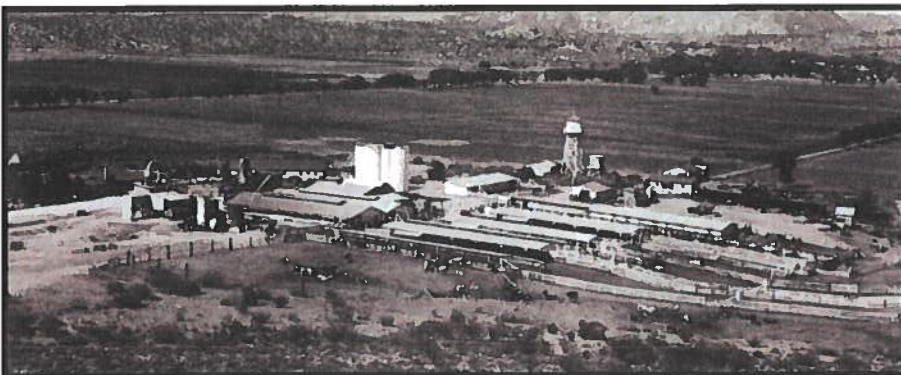
—Place high voltage electrical components including 280,000 PV modules, 75 large (potentially flammable) lithium batteries, inverters, transformers, a large collector substation and a huge switchyard adjacent to private residences, along two sides of scenic Hwy 80, and around three sides of the Jacumba Airport runway. See before and after visuals of the JVR project area right. (Note, the blackened areas would be covered by the solar facility.)



—Permanently displace local wildlife, following a 13 month-long construction

period, when up to 500 workers per day will be using heavy equipment to move 280,000 cubic-yards of earth, driving in solar panel pilings, etc.

—Demolish significant historical resources—The former Mountain Meadow Dairy, which operated from the late 1920s to mid-1950s, was Jacumba's biggest employer and the largest dairy in the county. (See 1940 dairy photo.) A variety of raptors, including golden eagles routinely use the trees and grain silos at the dairy farm as roosts.

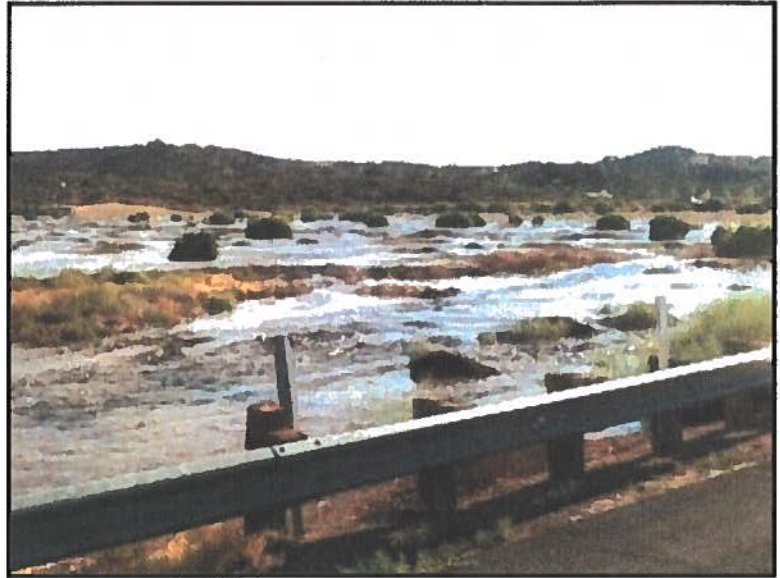


—Impact the safety of glider and single engine aircraft operations at our local Jacumba airport runway because it will be surrounded on three sides with electrical solar components, raised well above grade due to their location in a floodplain. This means the component tops will be at 15 feet. (See 2014 photo which shows summer flooding south of Highway 80 near the airport.)

—Industrialize our exceptionally quiet rural landscape with mechanical noise and unmitigable visual blight.

—Destroy future tourism and local job creation that would result if the town had room to expand.

—Elevate ambient temperatures in our town as much as 15 degrees F due to the heat island effect associated with utility-scale solar farms. (We have already had temperatures in the 110 degree range this month.)



Jacumba is not against green energy, we already have 108 acres of operational solar panels and a 58-acre ECO Electrical Substation just east of our town. We have been asking the JVR solar developer to compromise on the size and location of the project to no avail. In fact, our community developed a reasonable alternative called the “Equity for Jacumba Alternative,” that would move the project away from residences, the scenic highway, and airport. This alternative would still allow the permitting of the largest solar project in San Diego County while allowing a “way forward” for our community.

There is no need to destroy the quality of life for the residents of Jacumba, many of whom are disabled veterans and seniors living on small fixed incomes. **Where is the social equity and environmental justice for Jacumba, or are those terms only applied to urban communities?**

You don't have to approve a poorly planned project that takes advantage of an extremely poor and diverse community. Please stand up for Jacumba and vote to deny the 600-acre JVR project!!!

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