

# ATTACHMENT

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**From:** DeLinda Forsythe <delinda@icesd.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Margit Whitlock; Slovic, Mark; FGG, Public Comment; Anderson, Joel; Kazmer, Gregory; Desmond, Jim; Mills, Benjamin; Lawson-Remer, Terra; Andrade, Evlyn; Petterson, Cody; Vargas, Nora; Flores, David; Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Wier, Emily; mayortoddgloria@sandiego.gov; nzorrilla@sandiego.gov  
**Subject:** [External] RE: NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18  
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Good morning and thank you for including me in sharing this heartfelt and important message, Margit.

I'm curious, why was this particular section selected when the ramifications are so devastating to the community? There are vast amounts of desert east of Jacumba Valley available that would better serve all parties and preserve this precious community.

I am hopeful that our esteemed political representatives will take the time to explore other options and vote no on this proposal.

Thank you.

Sincere Regards, DeLinda



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*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." – Rabindranath Tagore*

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**From:** Margit Whitlock <margitwhitlock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov; PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov; joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov; Gregory.Kazmer@sdcounty.ca.gov; jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov; Benjamin.Mills@sdcounty.ca.gov; terra.lawson-remmer@sdcounty.ca.gov; Evlyn.Andrade@sdcounty.ca.gov; cody.petterson@sdcounty.ca.gov; nora.vargas@sdcounty.ca.gov; David.Flores@sdcounty.ca.gov; nathan.fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov; Emily.Wier@sdcounty.ca.gov; mayortoddgloria@sandiego.gov; nzorrilla@sandiego.gov  
**Subject:** NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Dear Supervisor Joel Anderson,

I am writing to you pleading for your support by rejecting the proposed 630 AC Solar Farm that will completely surround the 100 AC historic town of Jacumba.

Although founded in the early 1920s, Jacumba Valley has a rich history dating back thousands of years with occupation by the Kumeyaay Nation, then fast forward to 1785 when California Governor Don Pedro Fages's entourage stumbled upon Jacumba Valley in search of water. Today Jacumba Hot Springs is a historic community built around the healing hot spring water uniquely found in the area, but it struggles to survive. When Highway 8 was built bypassing Route 80, the town became one of the lowest income communities in San Diego County. This project will completely surround this at-risk community, devastate its only economic engine (tourism) that is under extensive revitalization right now and permanently turn a beautiful rural community into an industrialized utility wasteland. Jacumba sits over one of California's largest aquifers. The heat alone from the Solar Farm will destroy the ecosystem that replenishes the aquifer and the wildlife. Because this Solar Farm is un-maned, there will not be any new jobs to help sustain the town's economy. This request is not with a NIMBY agenda, just a plea for equitable, low environmental and community impact development that respects community input.

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I will attend and speak at the County Board of Supervisors meeting this Wednesday 9/18 at 9 am along with many many of my fellow Jacumbanites! This little precious town deserves your support and I am hopeful you will make the right decision for the town and it's future.

Please vote NO on this project to save our town.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wier, Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Impact of JVR Energy Park on local Veterans

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**From:** Michael & Tanya Aiau <aiauararts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Fletcher, Nathan (BOS) <Nathan.Fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Wier, Emily <Emily.Wier@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Impact of JVR Energy Park on local Veterans

Hello, my name is Michael Aiau,

I am one among many Veterans who live in Jacumba Hot Springs and are looking for help to preserve our small town from the overwhelming proposed JVR Energy Park. We are drawn to and rely on the quiet peacefulness of this high desert community and are concerned with the industrialization of our small community with no regard to our health and wellbeing. Several Veterans live in the trailer park which is directly adjacent to the proposed JVR Energy Park and are facing the prospect of living next to a large industrial park instead of fields with birds and bunnies. Please help us preserve our quiet place of refuge. I also would like to thank you for your work in managing the COVID-19 crisis. I was a regular viewer of the daily county briefings and appreciate what you and the rest of our county leadership has done to keep our people safe!

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Thank you for your time,  
Michael Aiau  
100% Disabled Veteran, San Diego County citizen.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:40 PM  
**To:** Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Wier, Emily  
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Sincerely, *Bruce Hanson*  
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Jessica Dearborn

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**Attachments:** 2021-08-17 CAC County JVR Letter.pdf

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**Subject:** [External] Climate Action Campaign Support Letter: JVR Energy Park

Honorable Chair and Supervisors, please accept the attached support letter regarding Item 1 JVR Energy Park on the August 18 BOS agenda.

Thank you.

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**Matthew Vasilakis (he/him)**  
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August 17, 2021

Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**RE: Climate Action Campaign Support for JVR Energy Park**

Honorable Chair Fletcher, Vice Chair Vargas, and Supervisors,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign, please support the JVR Energy Park to help our region support San Diego Community Power's mission to advance an equitable and sustainable 100% clean energy future, and create good union jobs.

SDCP is at the starting line to partner with the County, power developers, and the community to build new, climate resilient clean energy systems. These investments will also create new economic and job opportunities for a skilled and trained workforce, and good middle class careers.

We urge the County to also join SDCP in the coming weeks to ensure that unincorporated residents can benefit from the JVR Energy Park project directly by receiving higher rates of renewables at cost competitive prices. At SDCP, the County would also have an opportunity to help the public utility craft a Community Power Plan with unincorporated residents input that can identify and incentivize local distributed energy resources like microgrids, and rooftop solar and storage—key to building 100% clean and climate resilient energy systems within existing communities.

Please approve the JVR Energy Park project, advance our clean energy future, and join SDCP to help shape the forthcoming Community Power Plan to create more local distributed energy resources. Thank you, and we look forward to continuing to partner on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vasilakis  
Co-Director of Policy  
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**Subject:** [External] CNFF SOFAR Comments JVR Energy Park – OPPOSE  
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Should there be any questions please contact me at (619) 445-9638.

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August 17, 2021

**Via Electronic Mail**

Board of Supervisors  
San Diego County  
1600 Pacific Coast Highway, Room 402  
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: **August 18, 2021 Agenda Item 1: JVR Energy Park Major Use Permit, Fire Protection and Mitigation Agreement, and Environmental Document**  
*JVR Energy Park – OPPOSE*

Dear Board of Supervisors,

A now famous question was once asked in response to the outrageous behavior of vengeful American Senator Joseph R. McCarthy during the era of Communist fear: "[Have you no sense of decency, sir?](#)"<sup>1</sup>

Considering the lack of the County's VMT reduction responsibility, I ask the same question of the BOS: "Do you have no sense of decency when you do so little about reducing the County's General Plan VMT - the greatest contributor to CO2 emissions - yet at the same time you are planning to [decimate the Jacumba community for the sake of climate change goals?](#)"

In addition, at the very moment you are considering the Jacumba project, you are also facing the embarrassment of a judicial hearing on the total dereliction of duty on SB743 where you actually propose to increase VMT instead of following the law to reduce it. Yet your board is prepared and willing to make Jacumba a sacrifice zone?

And as a reminder of the connection between the Housing, Climate and Transportation planning sectors, SANDAG has documented that as a region we could get 80% of way to reaching Climate targets and solve the housing crisis if we realized the [Urban Area Transit Strategy \(UATS\)](#)<sup>3</sup> by making transit bike and walk competitive with auto. And yet even though the world is at [condition red Climate emergency](#)<sup>4</sup> our current transit bike and walk mode share in the urban areas is a pathetic 13%.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.senate.gov/about/powers-procedures/investigations/mccarthy-hearings/have-you-no-sense-of-decency.htm>

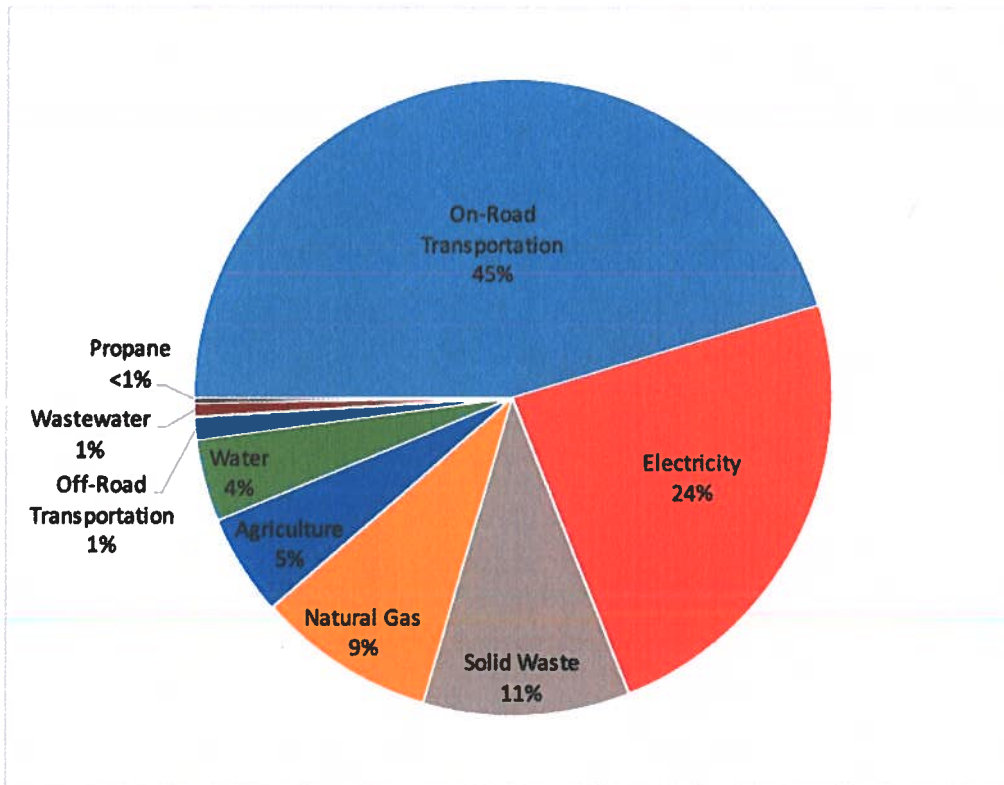
<sup>2</sup> <https://inewssource.org/2021/07/19/solar-farm-developer-strikes-deals-in-jacumba/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=368&fuseaction=projects.detail>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/advance/cap/publicreviewdocuments/CAPfilespublicreview/Appendix%20A%20Greenhouse%20Gas%20Emissions%20Inventory%20and%20Projections.pdf>

Since transportation contributes by far the greatest share of GHG impacts and are even double the electricity impacts, wouldn't it be the honorable thing to do to require the built urban side of the equation to meet a minimum of transit mode share targets and VMT reductions targets before asking Jacumba to sacrifice itself because you can't get your own VMT house in order?

With the above facts in mind, the world Climate emergency at our door step and your incumbent regional responsibilities, I ask again what would be the right thing to do?



**Figure 1: Breakdown of GHG Emissions (2014)**

Sincerely,  
Duncan McFetridge

Director, CNFF  
President, SOFAR

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/advance/cap/publicreviewdocuments/CAPfilespublicreview/Appendix%20A%20Greenhouse%20Gas%20Emissions%20Inventory%20and%20Projections.pdf>

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**Cc:** Julie Rentner; D N  
**Subject:** [External] Jacumba Energy Park  
**Attachments:** 2021 08-13 Jacumba LOS River Partners.pdf; ATT00001.htm

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

River Partners is pleased to submit the attached letter expressing our support for the community of Jacumba's alternative plan for the proposed energy park.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,  
Emma

Emma Havstad  
Southern California Ecologist

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August 13, 2021

Clerk of San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
ATTN: Supervisors Joel Anderson, Jim Desmond, Nathan Fletcher, Terra Lawson-Remer, and Nora Vargas  
1600 Pacific Hwy., Room 402  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Jacumba Hot Springs' Path Forward

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

As you are aware, a large 600+ acre JVR solar facility as has been proposed within Jacumba Hot Springs' rural village boundary. At six times the physical size of the town, it will forever negatively impact the rural community character and the native wildlife. In response to this massive facility, the community of Jacumba has developed a proposal called the "Equity for Jacumba JVR project alternative" that would restore important wildlife habitat, create local economic opportunities, and accommodate the development of a smaller solar project. This Equity Alternative delivers a significant number of benefits which include the following:

- Opening an opportunity to create trail access to Anza-Borrego State Park (ABDSP) next to Jacumba, which would enhance economic development of local tourism and promote physical well-being of residents and visitors.
- Developing a robust wildlife corridor that helps to protect the upper Carrizo Gorge watershed, which provides a water source for the federally endangered and state threatened Peninsular bighorn sheep.
- Building a connection between the Carrizo Gorge in ABDSP and the international border to maintain landscape-scale connectivity functions in this region of San Diego County and cross-border connectivity with habitat in Baja California.
- Reserving land for the eco-friendly future expansion of the village of Jacumba and the local airport that would improve aviation safely and provide for the economic sustainability of the town.

Jacumba is one of San Diego County's most economically challenged and underserved communities with an annual median household income of just \$32K. The Equity for Jacumba solar project alternative would, over time, allow for a measured expansion of residential, agricultural, and recreational land uses. This expansion could provide a reliable revenue stream to the local economy while preserving community character and important wildlife habitat, and it would also accommodate the development of an appropriately sized (up to 300-acre) solar energy facility that will not destroy the future sustainability of the town.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Julie Rentner  
President



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**From:** Sergio <studio@4designs.com>  
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**Subject:** [External] NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Supervisor Joel Anderson

Want to voice my support of **rejecting the proposed solar farm in Jacumba town.**

**Please don't let Jacumba beautiful town died surrounded by solar panels.**

**We have spend so many years going every summer and every winter and nothing will be more sad that having this town be surrounded and killed by solar panels.**

Best Regards,

SERGIO LARIOS  
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**Subject:** FW: NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Hi guys, If you could send an email to the county – those CC'd below with a statement of supporting a NO vote for this project I would appreciate it.

Use the same subject line.

Many thanks

MEW

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**Subject:** NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Dear Supervisor Joel Anderson,

I am writing to you pleading for your support by rejecting the proposed 630 AC Solar Farm that will completely surround the 100 AC historic town of Jacumba.

Although founded in the early 1920s, Jacumba Valley has a rich history dating back thousands of years with occupation by the Kumeyaay Nation, then fast forward to 1785 when California Governor Don Pedro Fages's entourage stumbled upon Jacumba Valley in search of water. Today Jacumba Hot Springs is a historic community built around the healing hot spring water uniquely found in the area, but it struggles to survive. When Highway 8 was built bypassing Route 80, the town became one of the lowest income communities in San Diego County. This project will completely surround this at-risk community, devastate its only economic engine (tourism) that is under extensive revitalization right now and permanently turn a beautiful rural community into an industrialized utility wasteland. Jacumba sits over one of California's largest aquifers. The heat alone from the Solar Farm will destroy the ecosystem that replenishes the aquifer and the wildlife. Because this Solar Farm is un-maned, there will not be any new jobs to help sustain the town's economy. This request is not with a NIMBY agenda, just a plea for equitable, low environmental and community impact development that respects community input.

I am an Architect who discovered Jacumba some 20 years ago when the then owner of the Jacumba Hot Springs Resort hired my firm to develop a town master plan in hopes of attracting positive development. Rich in history from 1920's Hollywood movie stars to cowboys and Indians, Jacumba stole my heart and that is why my partner and I invested in 42 acres of beautiful boulders at Starship Gate just west of the town.

I will attend and speak at the County Board of Supervisors meeting this Wednesday 9/18 at 9 am along with many many of my fellow Jacumbanites! This little precious town deserves your support and I am hopeful you will make the right decision for the town and it's future.

Please vote NO on this project to save our town.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** [External] Jacumba solar project 623 acres public comment vote NO

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Coast Highway Room 335  
San Diego, CA. 92101

Re: Equity for Jacumba Alternative Solar Project-Save a Town and create solar power

Dear Chairman Fletcher and County Supervisors:

The small rural east county town of Jacumba will be swallowed up by over 600 acres of Solar panels if you approve this project.

Please vote No on this 623 acre solar farm project.

Please consider an alternative to this project.

Alternative:

Reduce project footprint to approximately 300 acres.

Move project away from town creating a meaningful buffer (not just 30 feet) allowing Jacumba safe growth.

Provide emergency solar power for the town of Jacumba when Red Flag warnings are issued and SDG&E turns off power.

Please respect the community of Jacumba.

Vote No on the 623 acre solar farm project.

Consider and approve a smaller alternative (300 acres) that does not butt up against this town.

Daniel Barger  
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**From:** Tod Swank <todswank@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** [External] Jacumba solar project 623 acres public comment vote NO!

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1600 Pacific Coast Highway Room 335  
San Diego, CA. 92101

Re: Equity for Jacumba Alternative Solar Project-Save a Town and create solar power

Dear Chairman Fletcher and County Supervisors:

The small rural east county town of Jacumba will be swallowed up by over 600 acres of Solar panels if you approve this project. Jacumba is a jewel in the rough, has historical value and a great family visit en-route to and from San Diego. One hour away from San Diego.

Please vote No on this 623 acre solar farm project.

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Tod Swank  
San Diego, CA 92104

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**Subject:** [External] NO JVR ENERGY PARK

**Please vote against the JVR Energy Park.**

The project will have a negative impact on Jacuba. The project is too large at over 600 acres, JVR Energy Park is by far the largest solar project ever proposed in San Diego County. It is 6 times the size of the town. The placement of this project is not well considered. In addition:

**There was No community feedback.**

**The project will destroy the tourism of Jacumba.**

**It appears the developer is unwilling to negotiate with the community.**

**Please reject this JVR Energy Park proposal and move forward with a smaller design that takes the local feedback into the project plan.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Shannon Jones  
San Diego, CA 92103**

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**Subject:** [External] VOTE NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

Please vote NO tomorrow and help save the beautiful small town of Jacumba.

My dearest friends have recently invested so much time, money, & effort to help restore and beautify the area to attract more tourism and business to the community and this project will destroy all of their hard work. Please ask them to take this project elsewhere where it won't affect sacred lands and affect a small town already short on jobs and tourism.

thank you for your time,  
Sarah Sanaee

A San Diego resident, who has enjoyed the 1hr drive to Jacumba and hopes to be able to visit there again soon

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**From:** Al Ad <vpnalad@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Anderson, Joel  
**Subject:** [External] VOTE NO JVR ENERGY PARK AUGUST 18

**Dear county and city official**

**I urge you to please support the community of Jacumba Springs in their opposition of the JVR Energy Park from ruining Jacumba and its surrounding towns.**

**Thank you**

**-Albert-**