Comment Letter I33

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Dear Mr. Hingtgen,

After reading the article recently printed in Valley Views I felt compelled to voice my strong opposition to the planned Soitec Solar project. Construction of any or all of the four sites under consideration would severely damage the area, negatively impacting the residents, wildlife, water availability, and beauty of this backcountry gem. Also, as you are certainly aware, we live in a fire prone region and these massive panels would create havoc in a wildfire. I33-1

Our San Diego County backcountry has already been scarred by the numerous power towers that are such a blight on a once pristine area. Please DO NOT add to the further degradation of our rural communities.

For these reasons, I support the NO PROJECT alternative listed in the Soitec PIER. I33-2

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Letter I33

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February 10, 2014

I33-1 The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment letter will be provided in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

Based on the environmental evaluation, it has been determined that the Proposed Project would not negatively impact wildlife or water availability. It has been found that the Project would have a less than significant impact on biological resources and groundwater (DPEIR Sections 2.3.3, 3.1.5.3.4, 3.1.9.3.1). The amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from the on-site wells will be restricted in order to prevent interference with off-site wells (DPEIR Section 3.1.9.3.1). Please refer to common response WR1. In regards to wildfire, it has been determined that the Proposed Project will have a less than significant impact related to wildfire risk and fire response capabilities. Please refer to the responses to comments C3-4 and O10-82. The County acknowledges that there are significant and unavoidable impacts related to scenic vistas, visual character, and glare. (DPEIR Section 2.1.7). See response to comment I17-5 and

	Chapter 2.1 of the DPEIR for details related to visual impacts and mitigation. **I33-2** 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.