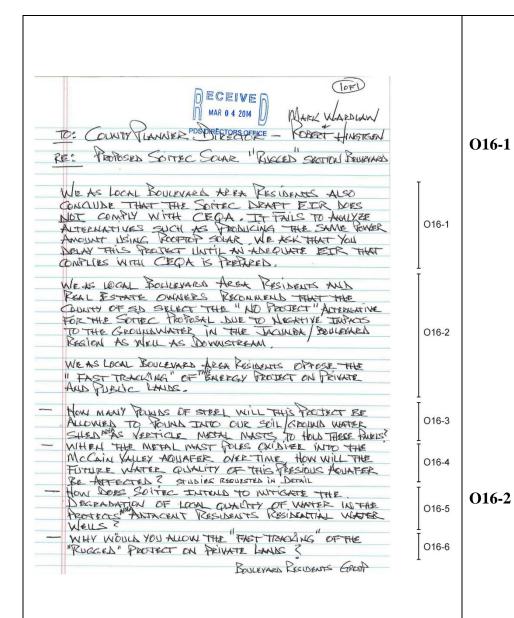


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Response to Comment Letter O16

Boulevard Residents Group York Heimerdinger March 4, 2014

016-1 The County of San Diego (County) does not agree that the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) does not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In conformance with CEQA, the DPEIR evaluated the whole of the action and analyzed each environmental subject area with regard to potential adverse effects, as well as a reasonable range of alternatives. Per Section 15126.6 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.), an EIR need not consider every conceivable alternative to a project, rather it must consider a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives that will foster informed decision making and public participation. As suggested by the commenter, a distributed-generation solar alternative was considered by the County, but was rejected as infeasible for the reasons stated in Section 4.2 of the DPEIR.

The County acknowledges the commenter's support for the No Project Alternative. The decision makers will consider all information in the Final Program EIR (FPEIR) and related documents before making a decision on the project. The information in this comment will be provided in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.

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The Proposed Project is being processed pursuant to AB900 (PRC §21178 – 21189.3). This project is identified as a "Leadership Project" and streamlining is allowed if certain criteria are met (PRC §21183). The Proposed Project has been certified pursuant to AB900. Streamlining pursuant to AB900 does not reduce any environmental or planning requirements, and the Proposed Project is subject to all applicable laws and regulations.

- O16-3 Please refer to Table 1-1 of the DPEIR for the number of tracker masts proposed; the exact pounds of steel is a project detail that is beyond the scope of CEQA to provide.
- Please refer to DPEIR Section 3.1.5.3.3, which provides an analysis of impacts to surface water and groundwater quality. Tracker masts are designed and maintained to be rust-free. Regardless, tracker masts—even if rusty—would not contribute to water quality problems, either in surface water or groundwater. As discussed in Chapter 1.0, all materials on site would be dismantled, removed, and disposed of at an authorized facility upon site decommissioning.
- O16-5 Please refer to DPEIR Section 3.1.5.3.3, which discusses the various best management practices used to minimize potential adverse effects on water quality.

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O16-6 The County disagrees with the commenter's assertion that it has allowed the "fast tracking" of the Proposed Project. The commenter is referred to the response to comment O16-2.

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