



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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DATE: September 9, 2010

TO: Wayne Rew, Chair
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FROM: Samuel Z. Dea, Supervising Regional Planner *K/S for SZD*
Special Projects Section

SUBJECT: **PROJECT NO. R2009-02239-(5)**
AV SOLAR RANCH ONE, LLC
VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 071035
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200900026
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200900027
AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Attached are additional comment letters from the public received since sending of the Planning Commission's hearing package on September 2, 2010.

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ATTACHMENTS

Additional Letters from the Public

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August 31, 2010

LA County Planning Commission
Kim Szalay, kszalay@planning.lacounty.gov.

Re: AV Solar Ranch One

To LA County Planning Commission,

The Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance's (GAVEA) mission to attract, retain, and grow businesses in the Antelope Valley. The mission is more important today than at any time in recent memory because of the regions high unemployment and the continuing recession. With over 61,000 employees travelling more than 60 minutes one way out of the Valley for employment in the LA Basin, the need for local employment remains a major concern for the citizens we serve. With parents being gone from home for extended time, this causes problems not only for parents, but schools, law enforcement and social services.

The Solar One project is one of the solutions to this problem and GAVEA has worked with First Solar from its inception to educate the citizens of the Antelope about the benefits of not just employment but the prudent use of the Antelope Valley renewable energy resources. Those resources also accrue not only for the Antelope Valley but for the citizens of the Los Angeles Basin.

Using the latest and most advanced technology, the project make use of land abandon as being too costly for production of agricultural products, but is located in the prime location of being close to a SCE \$1.8B transmission system with available capacity serving the Los Angeles Basin. Therefore, the highest and best use of the property benefits the majority of the citizens you serve and has no significant impact on the environment after mitigation.

The long-term use of the land for power production, employment, and environmental mitigation is a natural for the Antelope Valley and serves the greater good of all citizens in Southern California. For this and the above stated reason, we strongly recommend your support of the Solar One Project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Layne", is written over a white rectangular background.

Mel Layne, President

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From: Brian M Schimelpfening [brian.m.schimelpfening@chase.com]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 12:47 PM
To: Szalay, Kim
Subject: AV Solar Ranch One

Ms. Szalay,

As a board member and past chair for the Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA), I would like to extend my support for this innovative and much needed project here in the Antelope Valley.

As you may know, the Antelope Valley has an abundance of sun, wind, and land available for development. Projects such as this will be a catalyst for development of similar projects. As more alternative energy projects become a reality, this will assist in our ongoing efforts to attract the manufacturers that produce the various equipment (solar panels, wind turbines, etc.) needed for these companies.

Best Regards,

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