



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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DATE: May 7, 2014

TO: Esther L. Valadez, Chair
Laura Shell, Vice Chair
David W. Louie, Commissioner
Curt Pedersen, Commissioner
Pat Modugno, Commissioner

FROM: Samuel Z. Dea 
Section Head, Special Projects

**SUBJECT: PROJECT NOS. R2011-00833-(5), R2011-00798-(5), R2011-00799-(5),
R2011-00807-(5), R2011-00801-(5), R2011-00805-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NOS. 201100079, 201100070, 201100071,
201100076, 201100072, 201100074
ZONE CHANGE NO. 2011000109
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 201100109
SILVERADO POWER WEST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECTS 1-6
AGENDA ITEMS 6-11**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 5th District Supervisor, Michael D. Antonovich requested that the Silverado Power West, Los Angeles County Projects 1-6 public hearing scheduled for May 7, 2014, be continued to a date certain that would include attendance by the 5th District Commissioner, Pat Modugno, who is not able to attend the May 7, 2014 public hearing. Consequently, staff recommends that the May 7, 2014 public hearing be continued to June 11, 2014.

Additional comment letters regarding the Silverado Power Projects 1-6 have been received and are attached.

Suggested Motion for continuation of public hearing to June 11, 2014:

**"I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR AGENDA
ITEMS 6-11 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 11, 2014."**

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Kim Szalay at (213) 974-4876, or, by email at kszalay@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments: Additional Comment Letters

To: The Honorable Members of the LA County Regional Planning Commission:
Date: 5 May 2014
From: Stephen DeGrey, Palmdale Resident
Subject: Comments on Proposed Construction of Solar Facilities

1. Irregular Issue with Signage:

After attempting to contact the Planning Commission to get more information via the phone number posted on the sign notifying the public of the hearing, I discovered that the posted phone number connected to a FAX machine somewhere in downtown Los Angeles. In fact, of the 4 signs I observed, all had erroneous, transposed phone numbers.

The posted phone number on the signs is: 213-947-4876

The correct phone number to contact the LACRPC Project Lead is: 213-974-4876

I expect this was most likely a QA error at the printer, but the effect was to frustrate the public's ability to contact the Planning Commission's Project Lead to answer questions, gather information, and provide feedback. Perhaps any decision should be delayed until the correct information can be posted for the required length of time.

2. Opposition to Project R2011-00798: Point 1 Negative Visual Impact on the Residents of the AV and Leona Valley.

Of all the solar projects proposed, this one is the most onerous. This property is in the rolling foothills on the south west side of the AV, west of 110th St West and bounded by Ave's J and K.

This is a scenic, lushly vegetated (for the desert) area enjoyed by many people driving to and from Leona Valley, out to the Poppy preserves, and on their way to Highway 138. In addition, this is a very popular and scenic auto, motorcycle and bicycle route. Compared to the many square miles of barren and flat wasted ex-farm land to the north and east, this area looks like an oasis. There are very few areas like this in the valley, please do not destroy it by paving it over with solar panels.

3. Opposition to Project R2011-00798: Point 2 Negative Impact on Wildlife in the Foothills.

This property supports an abundance of wildlife including small mammals, lizards, snakes and birds including burrowing owls, red tailed hawks and road runners. There are very few areas left in the valley like this as most have been stripped of vegetation and nutrients by decades of farming. In addition, there exists a wide variety of plant life including rabbit brush and the California Poppy.

4. Opposition to Project R2011-00798: Point 3 Negative Impact from Dust Generation on the West AV and Lancaster.

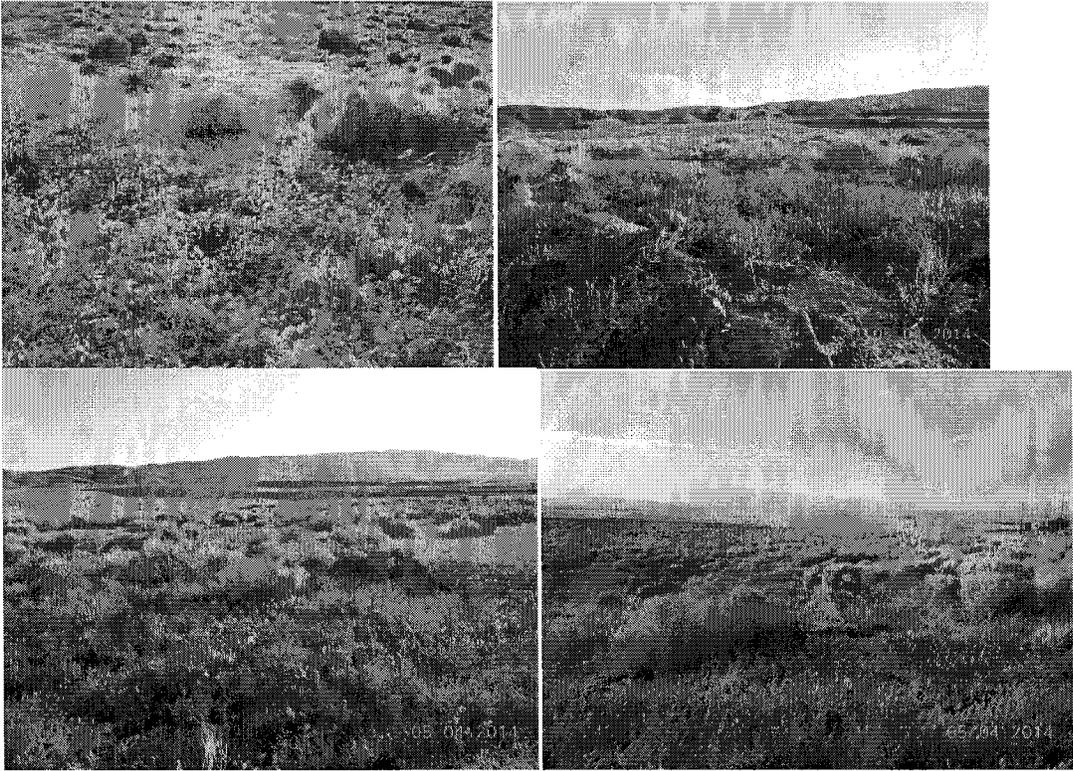
The wind commonly blows in the 20-30+ mph range in this part of the valley, and mostly from the West or South West. If you examine the downwind track, it leads directly to some of the most highly populated areas in the AV, including all of Lancaster. We already live in one of the dustiest areas around due to devastating farming techniques which consumed much of the ground water and left the land stripped and barren and existing solar facilities. Why build a solar facility where it will have such a direct contribution to dust generation for those living in the AV?

Photographic Documentation:

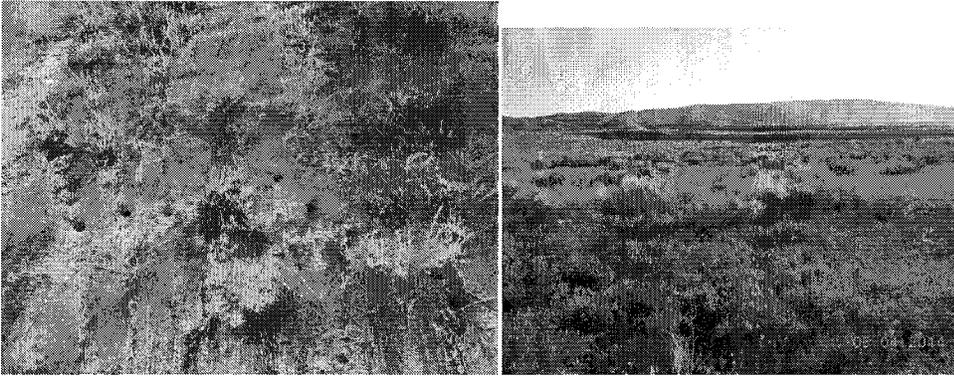
1. Signs with wrong phone number:



2. Point 1



3. Point 2



4. Point 3

