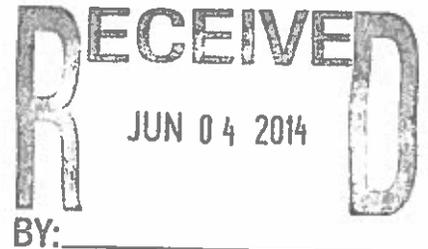


May 23, 2014

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Attn: Thuy Hua
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Los Angeles, CA 90012



Thank you for having the Renewable Energy Ordinance Scoping meeting (REO) on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the Antelope Valley, since most of the large projects will be located here. Enclosed are comments.

The meeting was poorly run: no sign in sheet was available; the screens for the presentation were more distracting than helpful; no one was able to read most of the slides on the screens. If every chair had been filled, then reserving one hour for the scoping meeting would not have been enough time, as the few people who did show up took up an hour with their questions alone. No handouts of the slides or written information were distributed by representatives of the County or the company preparing the REO Environmental Impact Report. Certain questions about the CEQA process could not be adequately explained to a general audience.

The comments during the meeting were not recorded, and all comments concerning the subject needed to be written or submitted electronically. Few questions could be answered so it appeared that no one needed to be present, since oral comments would not count.

Thank you again for the local Scoping Meeting. We, and many others like us who live here, care very much for good planning and for the rural character of our community. We look forward to see how we can demonstrate our viewpoint in a civil, gracious way. At the same time we would like the County to shows its support to the residents of the County.

Sincerely,

Judith Fuentes, 47458 92nd Street West, Antelope Acres, CA 93536

Virginia Stout, 9136 West Avenue F-4, Antelope Acres, CA 93536

Enclosure

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Supervisor Antonovich
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- 1) A separate Renewable Energy Ordinance for the unincorporated Antelope Valley must be created to attend to the significant environmental issues and needs of the people here because of a greater difference of topographical, biological and climate conditions. Because it is extremely important to local residents who spent their life savings to live in a rural area and because Antelope Valley is at a greater risk for utility-scale solar generating projects, a blanket ordinance would be irresponsible.
- 2) Another Ordinance could be crafted for the rest of the greater Los Angeles County, like the General Plan and Area-wide plan. .
- 3) Education, outreach, meetings and/or hearings must be conducted in the area where utility-size renewable energy facilities are to be located.
- 4) Utility size generating facilities should be in industrial zoned areas not agricultural zoned areas. People who chose to live in a rural area (N-1 or N-2) should not have to live with utility-size renewable energy generating facilities that belong in an industrial setting.
- 5) No utility scale wind generating facilities to be allowed in the Antelope Valley.
- 6) A rural locality that does not have any "sanctioned" scenic highways is not considered as a scenic area or having a view, but it is still a view that is considered as scenic open space, farmland-type vista and should be protected from utility size projects. Because utility-scale renewable energy projects in rural areas will have a significant environmental affect on the visual aesthetics, it cannot be properly mitigated. Mitigation must be held to a higher standard than the County has so far allowed on other projects in the Antelope Valley. Alternatively, it is more practical to promote renewable energy systems on homes and existing structures.
- 7) It is simple. No one would deliberately take a drive to see solar panels, transmission lines, etc. Why not? It is not scenic.
- 8) Landscaping should be required on all sides of utility scale projects, not just on some sides or on some projects

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- 9) At least one biological 'expert' working on the Environmental Impact Report for the ordinance should be from the local area or have demonstrated to have expert knowledge of the Mojave Desert flora and fauna.
- 10) Encourage and expedite the application process for home solar and wind energy.
- 11) Promote residential and rooftop solar and wind energy by keeping permits and processing fees affordable
- 12) New large scale buildings shall produce a percentage of renewable energy on site.
- 13) All renewable energy storage and collection batteries for use such as for nighttime utility size electrical generation facilities must be located on land currently zoned as heavy industrial.
- 14) If sensitive receptors within a 5-mile radius will be affected by utility scale renewable energy facilities, permits should not be granted without an agreement with those receptors. Another ordinance can be crafted, as done for the Antelope Valley Area-wide General Plan.



SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM

Renewable Energy Ordinance Environmental Impact Report

Please hand in during the meeting or mail or email by 5:00 PM PST on June 4, 2014. Comments submitted electronically can be sent to thua@planning.lacounty.gov and should include the submitter's name. All comments received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

* REQUIRED FIELDS. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.					
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Organization	Virginia Stout, Antelope Acres Town Council				
* Address	97458 92nd St. W.				
* City	Antelope Acres	* State	CA	* Zip Code	93536
Email	-None				
Phone	661-723-1882				
Completing this form will automatically add you to the mailing list for project updates and notices of document availability. If you prefer to not be on this mailing list, check this box <input type="checkbox"/>					

COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF ISSUES AND ALTERNATIVES THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:

Alternatives should include ^{Promoting} energy conservation, promoting more 'stand-alone' solar water heaters, solar-^{standalone} to run small fans, pumps - such as for swamp coolers. Promote solar (and lunar) clothes dryers. Hang clothes outside when there is no rain. Promote and demand more renewable energy systems on homes, buildings, parking lots that already cover impervious soil.

Cumulative impacts need to be recognized as collectively threatening the ecological balance of a delicate area - the desert, West Antelope Valley, north Los Angeles County's doorway.

Attached letter