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Dear Emma Howard.

Subject: Antelope Valley Areawide request for changes.

When is enough, enough? More dust storms, valley fever on the rise, well water levels dropping and water rationing has come to our area, just like the rest of Southern California. Do we really need more Solar Projects? REALLY? This is what solar projects create, a dust bowl, severe sand storms, plus using thousands of gallons of our water aquifer, which is shrinking, to keep the dust down. On top of this, we have a drought. Bad combination. Where has our desert gone? Have any of the 'blue ribbon committee members', that are pushing zone change and industrial projects, driven out to the west side of Lancaster to see what's happening? Our desert is disappearing, it's becoming a wall to wall sea of glass. Is progress dissolving our desert, completely obliterating it, as in 'non- existence'. This area was chosen for the home of our California State Flower, the California Poppy. Miles of desert acreage are being covered with solar panels and chain link fencing, gone forever, eliminating wildflower growth, Joshua trees, and Yucca's, not to mention wildlife. This leaves only the Poppy Reserve and in hopes the Poppy's will continue to grow in their designated area. Are the words 'rural' and 'country life', disappearing in the Antelope Valley? Thousands of us moved out to the country to enjoy the scenery, retirement, wild life, have our mini farms, our gardens, raise horses, sheep, chickens, a breath of fresh air, and clean living. It's all being surrounded and choked out by wind and solar projects, totally ruining our landscape. Keep the A-1 light agricultural zoning the way it is. Protect what's left of our desert, before it's too late.

Thank You  
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