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Re:

Sienna Solar and Storage Project

(AKA: Sienna, Sienna Solar Project, Sienna North, Sienna South, Sienna East, Sienna West, Yucca Solar)

Appeal of the October 23, 2025, Planning Commission Decision Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a single-axis tracker ground-mounted photovoltaic utility-scale solar facility generating up to 525 MW and battery energy storage system of up to 525 MW on approximately 1,854 acres (27 parcels), with associated gen-tie lines/towers ranging in 39-51.4 miles to the point of interconnection at the future Southern California Edison Calcite substation. And adoption of an Environmental Impact Report

PROJ-2022-00013

also known as

PROJ-P201600569/CF (Formerly Yucca Solar)

We, the Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA), Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware, Church of our Lord and Savior Southern California, Jim Harvey Founding Member - State Scenic Hwy 247 Committee, Mojave Communities Conservation Collaborative (MC3), The Sustainable Learning Center, Bill Peterson, and other Lucerne Valley organization(s) and representatives, believe there were defects in the information given and presented to the Planning Commission for review that prevented fair consideration of the facts and ultimately led to an erroneous decision.

These deficiencies misled the decision-making process for the Planning Commission (PC). These actions disrespected both the Planning Commission, citizens working to protect our desert, and members of the Lucerne Valley Community.

We believe an appeal of this decision to the Board of Supervisors is warranted to rectify the deficiencies in this process.

Requested Actions

That the Board of Supervisors take the following five actions in regard to the Planning Commission decisions:

- 1) Withdraw the Certification of the Final EIR (FEIR) (SCH No. 2022080518); and
- 2) Request the rescission of the PC action to adopt the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and MMRP; and
- 3) Request the rescission of the PC action to adopt the recommended Findings for approval of the Conditional Use Permit; and
- 4) Request the rescission of the PC action to adopt the Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a single-axis tracker ground-mounted photovoltaic utility-scale solar facility generating up to 525 MW and battery energy storage system of up to 525 MW on approximately 1,854 acres (27 parcels) with associated gen-tie lines/towers ranging in 39-51.4 miles to the point of interconnection at the future Southern California Edison Calcite substation, subject to the conditions of approval;
- 5) Direct the Land Use Services Department to withdraw the Notice of Determination in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

We proffer, given the course of action(s) by County Staff and the Applicant, there is no way to fairly rewind the timeline and re-adjudicate this matter. Even if corrective facts are considered, the fact that the County Staff and Planning Commissioners have reached an erroneous decision would make it impossible to guarantee a fair reconsideration and provide an untainted outcome. Given that travesty, the only decision that protects San Bernardino County and our Citizens is to take the above series of actions as indicated in items one through five and to consider the matter settled and preclude retrying this matter.

Thank you for your consideration

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association et al