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Re: Action Item 4992 / Public Hearing Item - CUP03684, PUP00916, DA00086, EIR00532: Palo Verde Mesa Solar Project (CUP No. 3684 and PUP No. 916) / Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Chair Tavaglione, Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Harper-Ihem, Mr. Brady, Mr. Ross and Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of Citizens for Responsible Solar ("Citizens"), we submit these preliminary comments on Action Item 4992 and the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Palo Verde Mesa Solar Project ("Project"). These comments address the FEIR's response to Citizen's comments regarding the Project's potentially significant impacts on avian and bat species due to collisions with the Project's solar photovoltaic ("PV") panels and other Project structures. Citizens expressly reserves the right to supplement these comments at the Board hearing, and at any later hearings and proceedings related to this Project. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Citizens submitted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project November 28, 2016, and supplemental comments on February 16, 2017. Those comments are incorporated by reference. Citizens reserves the right to supplement these comments at later hearings and proceedings on this Project. Gov. Code § 65009(b); PRC § 21177(a); Bakersfield 3447-017acp

Citizens also requests that the Board of Supervisors continue the August 29, 2017 hearing on the Project by at least 30 to 60 days in order to give the public adequate time to review and respond to the massive amount of new information contained in the FEIR. The FEIR was released on August 17, 2017, less than 10 days ago, and contains over 1000 pages of new evidence and information that was not contained in the DEIR. Citizens and its technical consultants are still in the process of reviewing the FEIR. A continued hearing is necessary in order to ensure a meaningful opportunity for public review of the FEIR and public comment at the Board hearing, in order to give the Board the opportunity to consider the public's comments before the County makes any final decisions regarding the Project.

Citizens for Responsible Solar is an unincorporated association of individuals and labor organizations that may be adversely affected by the potential health, safety, public service, and environmental impacts of the Project. The association includes Blythe resident George Ellis, Riverside County resident James Hennegan, and California Unions for Reliable Energy ("CURE") and its members and families and other individuals that live and/or work in east Riverside County. Citizens was formed to advocate for responsible and sustainable solar development in and around Riverside County, in order to protect public health and safety and the environment where Citizens' members and their families live, work, and recreate. Citizens has a direct interest in ensuring that the environmental impacts of the Project are fully disclosed to the public and mitigated to the extent feasible, and in ensuring that the County and the Applicant comply with all applicable local, State, and Federal laws in their consideration of this Project.

These comments, and the enclosed resource agency data documenting avian and bat collisions at solar PV projects, constitute substantial evidence demonstrating that the Project will have significant impacts on avian and bat species that the FEIR failed to adequately disclose and mitigate. Citizens urges the Board to fully consider the these comments and evidence prior to conducting any further hearings on the Project.

I. THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING THAT THAT THE PROJECT MAY HAVE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON BIRD AND BAT SPECIES FROM COLLISIONS WITH

Citizens for Local Control v. Bakersfield (2004) 124 Cal. App. 4th 1184, 1199-1203; see Galante Vineyards v. Monterey Water Dist. (1997) 60 Cal. App. 4th 1109, 1121. 3447-017acp

### SOLAR PANELS THAT THE FEIR FAILS TO DISCLOSE AND MITIGATE

Citizens' DEIR comments included evidence from its biological consultant demonstrating that the Project is likely to have a significant impact on avian and bat species due to collisions with the Project's solar PV panels. Rather than disclose this impact as significant, the FEIR ignores the evidence submitted by Citizens, and instead erroneously concludes that "due to the available scientific knowledge collected at this time, avian mortality due to collision at solar projects is considered low, and impacts would be less than significant in this regard." The FEIR cites to data from a single project, Desert Sunlight, in support of this conclusion. In contrast to the conclusion stated in the FEIR, a review of the Desert Sunlight Project, and numerous other solar PV projects in California and the Western States, demonstrates that solar PV projects have documented hundreds of bird deaths from collisions with solar panels and other project structures at industrial solar sites just like the Project.

In an effort to further document the significance of this impact, and to provide the County with further empirical evidence and expert testimony documenting recent avian collisions at solar PV facilities in California, Citizens has obtained monitoring studies, statistics, and reports of avian collisions directly from CDFW and USFWS, the two wildlife agencies with regulatory oversight over the Project's impacts on avian species.

Citizens hereby submits those studies to the County with this letter. The studies, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A (CDFW Records) and Exhibit B (USFWS Records). The CDFW Records and USFWS Records include avian mortality monitoring reports from numerous solar projects within the California desert regions and the Western states. These studies, and the evidence previously submitted to the County by Citizens and its biological resources expert, constitute substantial evidence demonstrating that the Project may have potentially significant impacts from avian and bat collisions that require mitigation under CEQA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RTC O3-66, FEIR p. 2-221.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Id.

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The below table is a *partial* summary of the mortalities documented in the CDFW and USFWS Records. This summary clarifies that solar projects in California have been responsible for hundreds of bird deaths in the past 5 years from direct collisions with solar panels and other Project structures, including 155 bird deaths from collisions at the Desert Sunlight Project between 2011 and 2014 alone.

The County's failure to acknowledge and disclose this potentially significant impact is a blatant violation of the County's duty to analyze and mitigate the potentially significant environmental impacts of the Project.

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1Q	Q4 2013 10/2014 – 12/2014	Campo Verde Solar	First Solar	123-139 / PV	Imperial County	Imperial County	36	Lesser Nighthawk
1A	Q1 2014 01/2014 - 03/2014	Campo Verde Solar	First Solar	123-139 / PV	Imperial County	Imperial County	17	Mourning Dove Sora American Kestrel Egret Sp. Indian Peafoul American Coot Red-Tailed Hawk Burrowing Owl (1)
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15A 15B 1SC	Q1 2015 01/2015 – 03/2015	Campo Verde Solar	First Solar	123-139 / PV	Imperial County	Imperial County	24	Eurasian Collared Dove American Coot Burrowing Owl (2) Horned Lark Icteridae sp. Mourning Dove Cattle Egret Sora Unknown
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1K	Quarterly Report 01/2014 – 03/2014	Topaz Solar Farm	First Solar	550 / PV	San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo County	11	
1L	Quarterly Report 04/2014 – 06/2014	Topaz Solar Farm	First Solar	550 / PV	San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo County	5	
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#### II. CONCLUSION

Citizens respectfully requests that the Board continue the August 29, 2017 hearing on the Project by at least 30 to 60 days, in order to afford Citizens and other members of the public adequate opportunity to review and consider the FEIR. Citizens also urges the Board to remand the Project to staff to revise and recirculate the FEIR to accurately disclose and mitigate the Project's potentially significant impacts on bird and bat species from collision with solar panels and other Project infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please place them in the record of proceedings for the Project.

Sincerely,

Christina M. Caro

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Public Hearing



NO 1170:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PUBLIC USE PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE IN THE CHUCKWALLA – PALO VERDE AREA, FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CERTIFY AM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, on the 1st Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the application submitted by Renewable proposes to permit a 463.5 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant on approximately 50 parcels totaling approximately 3,250 gross acres; Public Use Permit (PUP) No. 916, which proposes to permit the approximately 11.8 miles of transmission lines beyond the Project area that will connect the power is right-of-ways; Development Agreement (DA) No. 86, which proposes a development agreement with the applicant and County consistent with the County's solar plant program and grants vesting rights to develop the project in accordance with the terms of the agreement No. 86 ("the project"). The project is located northerly of Interstate 10, west of Neighbors Boulevard, Fourth Supervisorial listrict.

The Planning Commission approved the project, found that the environmental effects have been addressed and recommended to certify Environmental Impact Report No. 532.

The project case file may be viewed from the date of this notice until the public hearing. Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California 92501, and at the Riverside County Planning Department at 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT RUSSELL BRADY, PROJECT PLANNER, AT (951) 955-3025 OR EMAIL rbrady@rivco.

Any person wishing to testify in support of or in opposition to the project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing, or may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. All written comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the project.

If you challenge the above item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of the public hearing and the consideration of all public comment, written and oral, the Board of Supervisors may amend, in whole or in part, the project and/or the related environmental document. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the project, may be ehanged in a way other than specifically proposed.

Alternative formats available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation, please contact Lisa Wagner at (951) 955-1063, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Please send all written correspondence to: Clerk of the Board, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, CA 92502-1147

Dated: August 16, 2017 Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board By: Cecilia Gil, Board Assistant

Published: 8/19/2017

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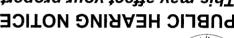
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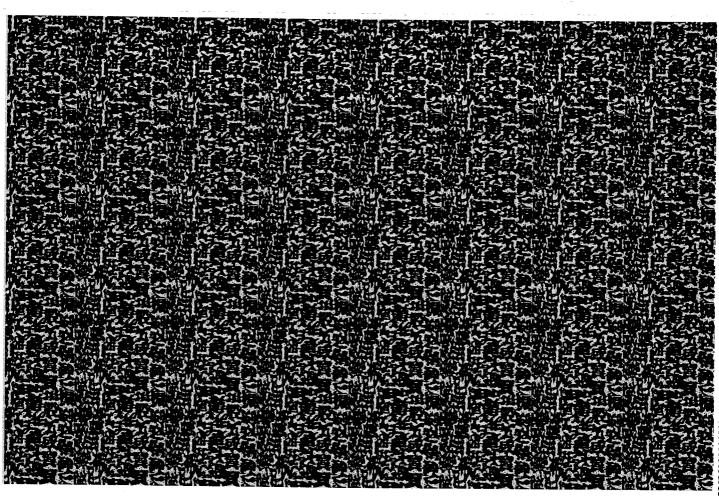
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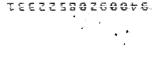
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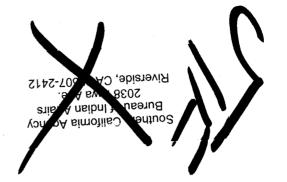
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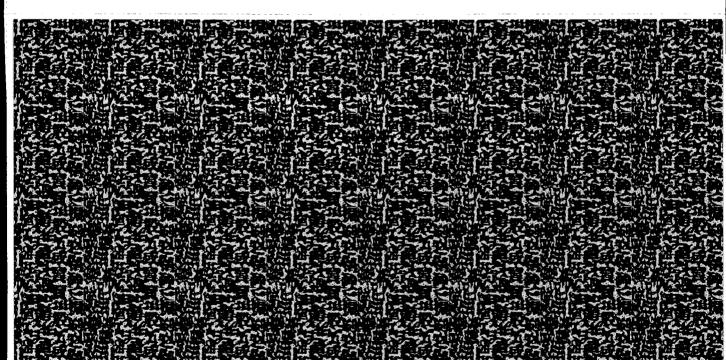




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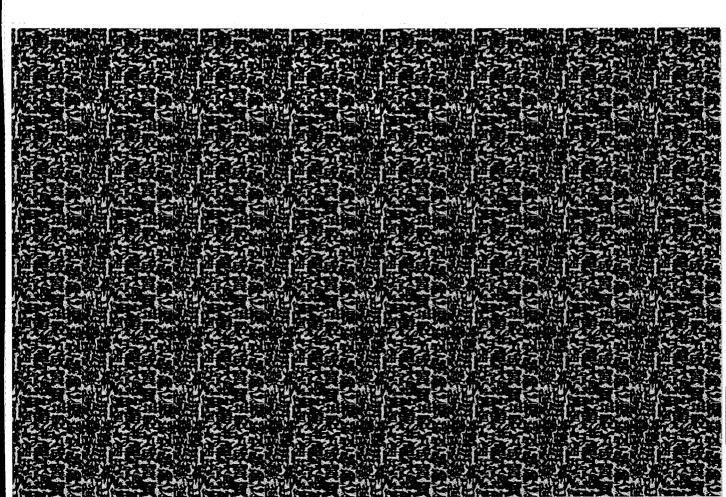
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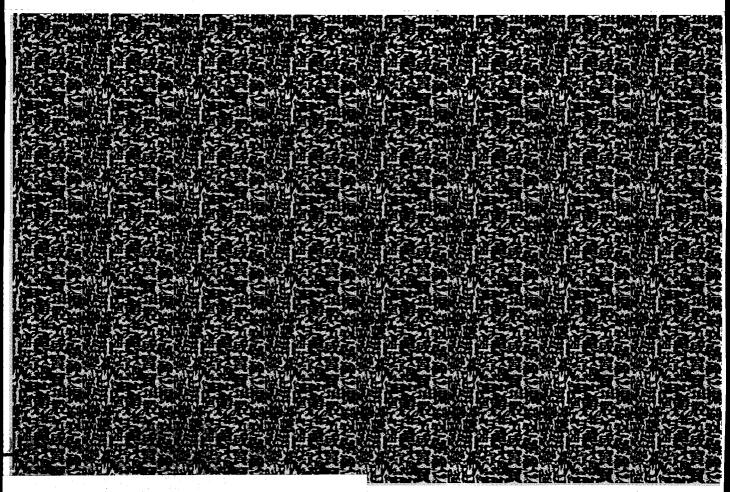
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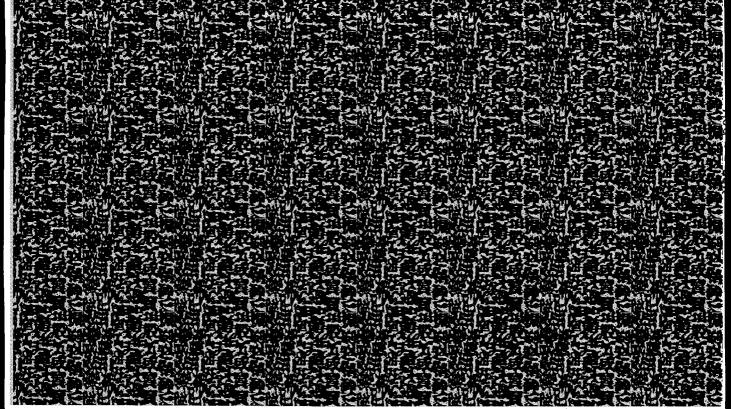
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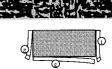
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Dated: August 16, 2017

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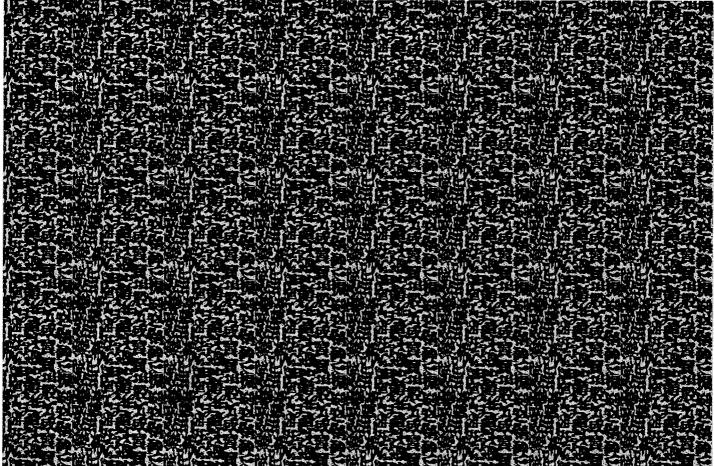
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County of Riverside Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside c/o Clerk of the Board 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501 VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL and EMAIL to: cob@rivco.org

Re: Notice of Intent to File CEQA Petition in the Matter of the Approval of the Palo Verde Mesa Solar Project

Dear County of Riverside and its Board of Supervisors:

Please take notice that under Public Resources Code § 21167.5, this letter serves as written notice of the intent of Petitioner Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance ("GSEJA") to file a Petition for Writ of Mandate under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") against Respondents, County of Riverside, and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riversides ("Board"). The Petition will challenge the Board's approvals on August 29, 2017 of Resolutions approving the Palo Verde Mesa Solar Project. You will receive the Petition shortly.

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Carolyn, being duly sworn, says:

I am a citizen of the United States and am employed by a publication in the county aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years and I am not a party to, nor interested in the above entitled matter. That she is Principal Clerk of the Printer of the Palo Verde Valley Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Blythe, Riverside County, CA; and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California under the date of June 20, 1952, Case No. 54744, that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

August 23, 2017

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Principal Clerk of the Printer

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 23rd day of August

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Carolyn, Kribbs, Riverside County, CA

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