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## **24-OPT-03, Soda Mountain Solar Project NOP Comments**

Hello,

I have read, and am in agreement with the current report on Soda Mountain by Basin and Range Watch. I also have heard about groundwater restoration work projects in Zzzyzyx, for the last couple of years.

How long will it be, til the facility is built? Should other environmental conservation projects bordering the project, in their funding, intents and purposes, be put on hold? And what is the calculated shortest time needed, to completely remove the facility, if built?

International energy Business developers and BLM already know, solar and other renewable energy tech, engineering and Business culture, have evolved past the utility scale solar "large array" infrastructure's concept of practicality - lowest development costs for the developer, and absolute control over pricing - for the developer. To build, may no longer be acceptably profitable; "added-on" enhancements to older carrying infrastructure will only increase its costs, not its usability. Maybe starting this project has value as a trade-able tax credit, or financing shelter, of some sort.

A question: Is there any new or old angle? unmentioned (to us), unexplained (to us, the consumers, wildlands & water conservation advocates, other utility agencies and businesses?), that makes this already-studied, possibly "Unsound Business" proposal worthwhile - now? - when it has been determined (by biologists, natural environment conservation groups, engineers and business experts) to not have been worthwhile, throughout a decade of faster change, increasingly more competitive tech? And who now promotes for, and benefits from approval for this 2025 changed determination? What happens to Zzzyzyx water work? Soda Mountain desert? and the Mojave National Preserve?

Thank you for the space to comment,

K Beyers