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## REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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### Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division

FILE: n/a

**PROJECT TITLE:** Soda Mtn. Solar Project

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#### TECHNICAL AREA(s): Socioeconomics

Telephone  Email

Meeting Location:

**NAME(s):** Collin Crawford-Martin, Aspen EG (CEC consultant)

**DATE:** 1/15/2025

**TIME:** 9:55 am

**WITH:** Captain Pat Fleckenstein San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD)

**SUBJECT:** Potential impacts on fire department

#### COMMENTS:

CEC consultant staff spoke to Captain Fleckenstein to discuss the current staffing levels, services provided, questions and concerns with the proposed project. Captain Fleckenstein explained there were a total of 6 staff members and a daily staffing consisting of one fire captain, one fire apparatus engineer, one firefighter paramedic, and one firefighter emergency medical technician (EMT) on the station's single engine, and one ambulance paramedic and one EMT on the station's single ambulance. Mr. Crawford-Martin asked Captain Fleckenstein about their existing equipment, and he explained that their station is equipped with its own fire engine, an ambulance, and a water tender apparatus.

Mr. Crawford-Martin asked Captain Fleckenstein if he had any concerns about the SMSP and he brought up a previous incident that occurred on I-15 where a BESS fire shut down the interstate for a long period of time. He mentioned that their station provides service to around 4,000 square miles of rural residents and that a fire at the project site would pull resources from a limited station. He mentioned that Hazmat crews would likely come from other areas in the county but would take several hours to reach the site. Mr. Crawford-Martin asked if their current equipment was sufficient to handle a fire at the project site, which he responded that it was likely not as they only have one water tender.

**cc:** Lisa Worrall, Project Manager

**Signed:**

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**Name:** Collin Crawford-Martin, Env. Scientist Aspen EG