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## REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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**TECHNICAL AREA(s): Socioeconomics**

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**Meeting Location:** Via Telephone

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

**DATE:** 3/17/2025

**TIME:** 10:00 am

**WITH:** Sergeant A. Vanderberg, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department (SBCFPD)

**SUBJECT:** Barstow Sheriff Department Capacities

**COMMENTS:**

CEC consultant staff spoke to Sergeant Vanderburg about current staffing levels and any concerns of Soda Mountain Solar Project (SMS), with respect to law enforcement in the area. Sergeant Vanderburg mentioned that there are very limited personnel in Baker, and that the Barstow station is typically the first to respond (from Baker if available) to fire incidents. He mentioned that the station is part of a county-wide interagency service agreement and that they all provide services such as patrol, K-9, investigations, citizen volunteer patrol, search and rescue, concealed weapons permit processing, abandoned vehicle abatement, detention, and a human trafficking division.

Mr. Crawford-Martin asked about the current budget for the year to cover staffing and Sergeant Vanderburg explained that for 2024-2025, they have a budget for approximately 52 full-time equivalent personnel, broken down into 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 5 sergeants, 29 deputies, and 16 professional staff. Mr. Crawford-Martin asked about their current staffing levels for an incident call and Sergeant Vanderburg explained that the substation currently staffs 2 to 5 officers for the day shift, and 1 deputy for the Baker community per 12-hour shift. Mr. Crawford-Martin asked what his estimated response times would be for the project site and Sergeant Vanderburg mentioned that their current estimated response times for the site would be 10 minutes if an officer is on shift and available in the Baker area, and up to 1.5 hours if an officer needed to come from the Barstow area. Mr. Crawford-Martin asked if they had any concerns with the SMS and Sergeant Vanderburg said that he expects theft in the area to go up a bit, which is consistent with other solar projects in the area, but that they would be able to handle incidents on-site.

**CC:** *Lisa Worrall Project Manager*

**Signed:**

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