Robert, A point was made in the Bakertsfield Californian paper Dec 10th on page 14 concerning prime farm mitigation. HECA said their 400 plus acre project is using an insignificant amount of farm land and thus they do not plan to mitigate developing it. Taking prime farmland out of production IS significant and the CEC should object to HECA’s position and require them to act accordingly.

Per this article, ”Projects developed on Kern County's vast agricultural lands are required to mitigate the use of that land by conserving an equal amount of farmland for every acre developed.” SunEdison's solar project in Kern has ensured that for every acre of farmland developed for solar, 1 acre of prime farmland will be preserved by Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.

Please pass this to the appropriate CEC people and require HECA to do the right thing.

Thank you

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