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Dear Sir/Madam:

As a resident of Ridgecrest I would like to go on record opposing the construction of the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project. This project would have an adverse impact on the residents of Ridgecrest now and in the future because the construction and operation of this project will hasten the depletion of the aquifer we use as a water supply. Any water conservation should be directed toward slowing the eventual depletion of the aquifer, not for providing water to the RSPP. I am skeptical that the water use estimated by Solar Millennium is accurate; Ridgecrest is an extremely dusty, windy area, and keeping those mirrors clean will require a lot of clean water. Water conservation will be difficult and unpleasant to legislate in Ridgecrest; residents are averse to any mandatory regulation from the government, as witnessed by the recent court challenges and boycotts of the mandatory recycling program.

Solar Millennium also seems to have chosen one of the most scenic spots in the valley to tear up. My husband and I like to photograph this area in the spring, when the goldfields and lacy phacelia make a carpet of gold and purple during the day, and the evening snow turns it white at dusk. If this project goes through, I will miss them.

Sincerely,

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