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RECD. APR 27 2010

Eric,

Separate personal comments.

Comments:

Earl Wilson - taxpayer.

My personal stand on the project is that the Ridgecrest location is not suitable for development. Biological impacts alone should have stopped consideration of this location. Even the multiple iterations of the footprint should have been a glaring red flag that the impacts were way beyond "significant"

Water use in an already stressed aquifer is another "significant" issue that will never be adequately addressed.

The alternative location on Garlock Road would have significantly less impacts and the water quality issue could easily be addressed with a small water treatment plant.

Error noted in DEIS: NO map for Garlock Rd. alternative site. Forgot to write down section but it was with the Alabama Hills maps and aerial data. (Google?)

Land use is another concern. The CDCA lands area is being gobbled up and given away, in some cases, to foreign interests at the expense of the taxpayer and the loss of the public to access of "OUR" lands which BLM has been given the job to protect. Potentially 50% of the 12 million acres will be alternative energy "closed" lands and access potentially restricted or closed due to habitat mitigation at the 5:1 ratio. CDCA?? where is the "conservation here???"

Is this just more electricity for more growth and city sprawl, which is becoming less sustainable in the long run, at the expense of desert lands that most people think is wasteland that needs development. When will one coal permit be denied by adding more alternative energy or one coal plant be shut down??

Energy conservation needs to be implemented in the cities, in particular, esp. night lighting, which wastes billions of dollars per year just shining wasted light into the air. Intelligent lighting will help cut back on the wasted

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energy and maybe we could shut down a coal plant of two.

Don't get me wrong I'm all for alternative energy but not just to make more and more and more.  
All in all "staff" and others have done a pretty good job with the NEPA/CEQA draft but this project is  
"the right project in the wrong place"!!!

Thank you for letting me comment,

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