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To Whom It May Concern:

I have several serious concerns regarding siting this project near to Ridgecrest in the Indian Wells Valley.

Even though the project has been changed to a "dry" solar plant, water here is already scarce. Another major water user in this area may not be sustainable. Then there are the issues of endangered species and sensitive habitat, considering that the plant will devastate several square miles of now pristine desert. On top of all this, the area has special significance to the Native American people still active in the area.

Though I am in favor of solar power and alternative energy development in our country, it seems to me that the siting has to make sense. There needs to be water, land that is flat and preferably already disturbed by humans for agriculture, roads, or other development, and not a sensitive, historic Native American area.

There are locations south of the Indian Wells Valley that may fit these requirements. I would suggest the area on the outskirts of California City, CA. The Cantil area, for example, was formerly used for agriculture and the land is already flat. I do not know the water situation in that area. It's much closer to LA and maybe water can be obtained from the LA aqueduct and LADWP if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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