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Dear Mr. Solorio:

As a private well owner within the Indian Wells Valley, I am most adamantly opposed to the Ridgecrest Solar Millennium project due to the negative impact that it will have on the ground water in this valley. The Indian Wells Valley has been in Critical Over-Draft for a number of years. Additional water extraction from our aquifer, even in small amounts, is totally unacceptable. Mitigation measures such as "Cash-for-Grass" schemes will not have any affect on the critical overdraft situation in the valley but will merely exacerbate an already serious situation. The idea of reducing water use in one area, while increasing water use for a solar generation plant is not mitigation, nor a solution.

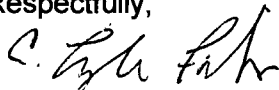
The suggested mitigation measures will not do anything to mitigate or alleviate the critical nature of this valley's approaching water crisis. It is not a question of *IF* this valley will have a water crisis, but only *WHEN* will it happen.

The only acceptable water mitigation measure for this project would be the importation of water from a source that is outside of the Indian Wells Valley.

During the Ridgecrest workshops, it become apparent, from my observations, the individuals that favor the project are only looking for short term economic gains for this area and are not looking at the long-term negative impacts that the project will bring. Not only the worsening of the severe water issues, but also the complete lose of the Native American historical and culture sites along with the complete lose of some very pristine biological habitat for a number of endangered desert creatures.

I respectfully request that this letter be made part of the official records of the Solar Millennium Ridgecrest project. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



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