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The Mojave ground squirrel is a state-listed species that is a candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act. The project site is located in a major geographic "corridor" that provides connectivity between the southern and northern populations. The proposed solar fields would block movement and genetic linkage between the 2 populations. Isolation of the northern and southern populations is a significant impact that cannot be mitigated. I would support the project on a different site.

Sincerely,

John F. Ellis

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