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Subject: Comments on Docket Number 09-AFC-0, "Solar Millennium, Ridgecrest Solar Power Project"

Dear Sir:

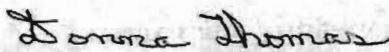
Referring to our letter of 12 May 2010, Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District is still concerned with the following which were previously stated:

<b>Soil</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Plants</b>
<b>Wildlife Resources</b>	<b>Air Quality Issues</b>	<b>Health Issues</b>
<b>Private Land Mitigation</b>	<b>Land Use Issues</b>	<b>Habitat/Endangered Species</b>

In addition there is another concern regarding groundwater issues. Of particular concern is the fact that the Indian Wells Valley Water District is asking current users to cut consumption by 20% as a conservation measure, while at the same time proposing to add a distribution line along South China Lake Boulevard, that will be a growth enabling measure allowing many additional users to be added to the system.

Although the stated purpose of the construction of the distribution line is to provide water to the Solar Millennium Project, there is a potential for every parcel en route to be able to tap into the service. A cursory review of parcel maps shows that there are approximately 322 parcels within a one mile area on each side of South China Lake Blvd, that are currently hauling water or have no water service, that could ask to be served by IWVWD. EKCRCD is concerned about the potential impact of the increased demand on the groundwater supply for the valley.

Sincerely,

  
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Cc: Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group  
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