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## **A Solyndra-like media circus over avian mortality endangers California's future**

I was really shocked by what passes for testimony before the CEC, making mountains out of one molehill after another. I don't understand how figures that bear absolutely no connection to reality, such as the avian mortality figure of 28,000 claimed in sworn testimony by the Center of Biological Diversity, can be allowed as sworn testimony in a legal setting.

This bogus number "off a napkin" was then obviously spread to AP which with its news monopoly makes it the functional equivalent of Pravda in the US, because the reduction in independent reporting budgets decimating the news industry has resulted in a decline of basic fact checking.

Surely whipping up opposition with exaggerations and lies prejudice California regulators' ability to decide impartially on any future power CSP projects when a Solyndra-like frenzy is being stirred up with such lies.

I sincerely hope you will instead accept the fairly similar numbers between those provided so far for Ivanpah's first six months (321) and NextEra's Genesis CSP project over six months (336) that make common sense.

At Genesis: "A total of 336 birds were detected during spring avian point count surveys and 274 birds during winter avian point count surveys" according to your earlier CEC filings.

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