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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Suite #204

RE: Beacon Solar Energy Project – Docket 08-AFC-2

Dear Commissioners,

Lancaster

As the Editor of DeathValley.com, I know as well as anyone the various recreational sites and activities in the California Desert. In 2008 I was formally appointed by Interior Secretary Kempthorne as a public advisor to the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District. Being a longstanding member of the Friends of Jawbone, I am intimately familiar with the public lands in the vicinity of the proposed Beacon Solar Energy Project.

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I am writing in support of the project, specifically to say that it will not result in a significant visual impact to recreation and other activities in the Jawbone area. Whether recreating at the Jawbone Canyon OHV site or hiking the nearby Chuckwalla Mountain trail, one already sees several existing visual impacts in the Fremont Valley, including the Honda Test Track, the Mojave-Searles railroad line, the California City Correctional Center (particularly at night), and State Highway 14.

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Therefore, the addition of 1,200 acres of mirror arrays on already blighted and fallow farm lands will not result in a significant change in aesthetics for those who visit and recreate in the Fremont Valley and Jawbone Canyon area.

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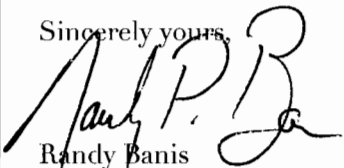
I believe that the location proposed for the Beacon Solar Energy Project is most appropriate, and that building it there will help stave off the significant loss of recreational opportunities that are certain to result from the encroachment of energy production plants on our precious public lands.

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I urge your support for the project. Thank you for your kind consideration of my comments.

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Sincerely yours,



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