

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**  
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**Energy Facilities Siting and  
 Environmental Protection  
 Division**

**FILE: 08-AFC-5**

**PROJECT TITLE: Stirling Energy Systems Solar II**

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<b>NAME:</b>	David Black, County of Imperial, Department of Planning	<b>DATE:</b>	5/13/09
		<b>TIME:</b>	3:50 PM
<b>WITH:</b>	Susanne Huerta, Staff – Land Use, Aspen Environmental Group		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Zoning – S-2		

The Land Use section of the AFC states the private portion of the project (under Imperial County jurisdiction), is in the S-2 zone and labels the zone as **Recreation**/Open Space. The section also states that electrical generation is an allowed use with a permit within Ag Rural Land and Open Space, and as per discussion with the Planning Department, the project would be subject to a CUP (pg 5.9-10). However, according to the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance (LUO), the S-2 zone is Open Space/**Preservation** and electrical generation is not a permitted use, nor is it a permitted use with a CUP. Also worth noting is that the S-1 (Open Space/Recreation) zone does permit major facilities related to the generation and transmission of electrical energy with a CUP.

Mr. Black confirmed that in the S-2 zone electrical generation is not a permitted use, but is permitted in the S-1 zone with a CUP. In addition, Mr. Black verified the Planning Commission’s determination that solar facilities shall be allowed in the S-2 zone with a CUP due to the “similarity of use” concept.

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