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Dear California Energy Commission,
I am attempting to participate in the public process surrounding the Imperial Valley Solar project (formerly SES Solar Two).

I believe I'm not alone in the opinion that the single most important document for this project (or any other renewable energy project, for that matter) is a clear map of the site.

This project is entering the all-important public comment phase, yet the project's Documents Page on the CEC Siting Cases website still does not have a simple project map -- see:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solartwo/documents/index.html>

I'm certain that the Commission also believes in the importance of having a project map that is easily accessible to the public; because the above Documents page template prominently features a tab for "Figures & Maps". Yet, for the Imperial Valley Solar project, there is none yet available.

How can a proposal for a project this large in size not have a site map readily available during the public comment period?

Sadly, even the 1500+ page Staff Assessment and DEIS and Draft CDCA Plan Amendment document does not have a map that clearly illustrates the potential impacts to lands, activities, and route network that would be displaced or eliminated by the project -- despite over 250 references to the word "map" in the document.

I would greatly appreciate that more attention be paid to providing clear site maps to the public so we can better assess the impacts of projects such as Imperial Valley Solar.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my comments as we move forward during these exciting and pivotal times.

Sincerely,
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