Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Peter Brierty of the San Bernardino County Fire Department called me to discuss my earlier e-mail to him asking him to confirm my understanding of the costs involved in building and staffing a new fire station as mitigation for the impacts caused by the AMS power plant. My e-mail to him was based on a spreadsheet Chief Brierty had sent to me earlier and reads as follows:

“Looks like if you place a new station at Kramer Junction, it would cost ~4.7 M to build and equip with one engine and annual O&M for (3 or 9?) fire fighters would be $2.0 M. If you allocated 1/3 of the costs to Abengoa to mitigate its incremental direct and cumulative impact, that would be an initial payment of $1.4M and annual payments of $667K. Is this what you have in mind?”

I am not sure the applicant would go along with that amount. Are there other facilities or new developments in the area that a new station at Kramer junction would serve so as to reduce the incremental cost to AMS?”

Chief Brierty replied that this fire station and staffing levels of nine (9) fire fighters (FF Paramedic, Engineer, Captain for 3 shifts) were needed and in his opinion, allocating 1/3 of the costs to the AMS project was fair.