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Historical Willow Springs

I'm writing today to give my opinion on the proposed Willow Rock Energy Plant in West Rosamond. It seems not much consideration has been given to the location of the plant.

I and a full-time DoD employee at Edwards AFB and had planned on making Rosamond my permanent home. The beautiful Willow Springs looked liked the perfect place for me to purchase land and build a home, until I found out about this project.

The "25 to 40 full-time equivalent jobs during operation," is a very poor return on our investment. We would be giving up the culturally rich history of Willow Springs, and some of the most beautiful residential land in all of the Antelope Valley. There should not be structure 80-90 ft tall built in residential zone, and blasting 2,000 feet down into the earth over five years must be terrifying for the residents living very close by. What a shame for the immediate area which could be a wonderful opportunity to build homes, so sorely needed in the Antelope Valley.

The small economic benefit will not outweigh the damage done to this beautiful and historical residential area. This project needs to be located west, closer to the SCE substation. if the project "can be located anywhere," why not create an industrial zone further west where most of the land is already taken up with solar farms?

Please take in to consideration the history and cultural significance Willow Springs has for our community, and locate this project 5-10 miles further west. https://www.lancastermoah.org/single-post/the-history-of-willow-springs