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Dear Mr. Bartsch,

We are writing to you regarding a company, Beacon Solar, who want to build a solar mirror plant in Kern County. The concern we would like to raise is directed at the amount of water Beacon Solar will require to maintain the solar plant. The annual water requirement to wash these solar mirrors will be approximately 521,361,600 gallons or 1.5 million gallons per day, which will come directly from Cantil and California City. It is disturbing to the residents of the area that, while the water and land will come from Kern County, the energy produced will be for Los Angeles County and will in no way benefit Kern County.

Kern County Planning Departments preliminary comments concerning the Beacon Solar project, dated April 22, 2008 states that as water resources are already limited in Kern County, the use of potable groundwater for this project should be discouraged and other sources required.

On June 5, 2008 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought across the nation of California stating that "water is like gold and we have to treat it like that". We should hope under the circumstances, the use and waste of 1.5 million gallons of potable water per day to wash solar mirrors would be out of the question. As our Governor previously stated, we are at risk of rationing water next year if we are not careful. This solar plant would unnecessarily deprive Kern County of much needed potable water for the sake of producing alternative energy with no benefit to those who would pay the highest price for the loss of so much potable water! We can live without energy, we cannot live without water!

In addition to the extreme amount of water Beacon Solar is proposing they will need to maintain the solar farm, they are not intending to recycle any of the water used but rather put the waste water in holding pools to evaporate so the chemicals they add to the water can be removed for disposal. We cannot imagine what kind of potential environmental repercussions this could have on the people and wild life in the area.

We intend to make the property that we own near the intended solar mirror plant our retirement home and as part of our efforts to contribute to alternative sources of power, we plan to put in some solar panels and a small wind turbine on our property for power. We agree with finding alternative sources of energy but not if that source is going to deplete other sources detrimental for living, such as water.

We hope that you will take this matter into consideration and help protect the water, people and wild life in Kern County by stopping this solar farm from being built.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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cc: Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, Congressman Berman, Linda S. Adams, Kern County Supervisors ( McQuiston, Don Maben , Mike Maggard, Ray Watson & Michael J. Rubio), Bill Pfanner, Eric J. Evenson U.S.G.S., Department of Water Resources, Lester A. Snow, Janiene Friend