

The California Energy Commission
State of California
Sacramento, California

RE. Beacon Solar Project
Docket # 08-AFC-2

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Monday, April 20, 2009

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I am e-mailing you all today as a follow-up letter to Public Comments that I made during my two speeches during the Beacon Solar Meeting on April 13th at California City. Please enter my letter and all other attachments into the official records for this project.

During the morning I spoke about the importance of this project to help stimulate the local economy and stated California City is the closes City to the project. We have about 500 vacant homes and this project would do a lot to filling up some of these vacant homes. Construction works would rent some and the long-term workers would rent or buy homes. Also spoke about the mitigation measures for the Indian artifacts portion of the meeting. Talked about the cost involved and stated it is very easy to spend other peoples money in regards to the many costly request for these mitigation measures. My rebuttal responses are underlined

The artifact area recovery proposal called for a Geo. Survey to be conducted on 20% of potentially affected area. I spoke desiring that I felt that only 10% of area should have the Geo. Survey. If a Geo Survey was inconclusive it was suggested for 10% of the projected area to be graded with road graders making passes over the land. I asked that this number be reduced to 5%. The commission further called for Data Recovery efforts proposed on 15% of hits that

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would actually be excavated. My proposal called for 7%. Further more the commission called for Block excavations on 5% of hits. Me calling for 2%. The Commission also called for either 3 Meter by 3 Meter blocks or even 5 Meter by 5 Meter blocks depending on the discovered findings. My proposal called for 1 Meter by 1 Meter blocks. My reasoning for these entire requests is that this can all be very costly for the applicant and involve project delays. The block excavation can be extremely costly and involves a very considerable project delay. This is why I asked for a much smaller block excavation area of 1 Meter by 1 Meter. Also requesting the block excavation work is done during construction while work is done in other areas of the site?

Next I spoke in the afternoon portion of the meeting in regards to the land mitigation portion of the meeting. I said I felt that everyone is to concerned about animals and plants and are not paying enough attention to state mandated clean energy requirements. Stated that I was the guy whom wrote to President Bush, Vice president Cheney, Governor Schwarzenegger, State Assemblyman Maze, State Senator Ashburn, and Kern County Supervisor Maben, Us Congressman McCarthy and California Fish and Game Julie Vance and The Director of it, this was done in regards to the rather large amount of land mitigation first being proposed for this project. (I am also attaching some of these letters) In regards to item # 27 the 100 acres being proposed I stated the location of the land should be cost driven not location driven. It should not be required to be one parcel of land or even adjoining parcels. The location of land required to be limited to a certain area, would most likely drive up the cost. In the desert near the site, land is divided up in parcels of many sizes examples 20, 40, 60, 100 acres with prices normally ranging from \$2,00 - \$5,00 an acre. Stated what would be wrong with Beacon buying say 2 parcels one 40 acre and one 60 acre, with them not even near each other?

I personally thanked Julie Vance and The Director of California Fish and Game for there efforts to mitigate this low amount of land for this project.

Thanks for reading this letter of great importance to California City and myself. Could you please provide a written response to this letter ASAP?

Respectfully

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Thursday, December 04, 2008

President George W. Bush
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Honorable President Bush

I am faxing you today asking for your assistance to help smooth out a major problem that Beacon Solar has been experiencing. Beacon Solar proposes to build a large Solar Plant near California City, CA on about 2,200 acres of private land. Your help could enable them to overcome one of their greatest hurdles that prevent them from building their Solar Plant. This all involves a Biologist from California Fish and Game, her name is Julie Vance and she works out of the Fresno office.

The problem is that for 7 months Beacon Solar has been trying to receive clearances from Calif. Fish and Game. They kept stalling, and then recently decided to impose **economically unreasonable mitigation measures** on private desert land. This all involves **The Federal EPA Endangered Species Act**. I understand that you recently signed papers to ease EPA Endangered Species Act requirements to allow major energy projects to receive approval in a reasonable amount of time. It appears that Beacon Solar has offered an economically feasible compromise to no avail. Could you please help to get this project moving closer to final approval?

I recently decided to act on this matter of utmost importance to our Country, State and City. The Country, and State really needs large projects of this nature for economic stimulation and to meet mandated, renewable energy needs. At this present time this small City named California City, has over 500 vacant homes and businesses are leaving our City. The numbers have been rising steadily. Beacon's Solar Project could really help to reduce these increasing numbers. (See attached copy of a recent Mojave Desert News article about the latest meeting on this project and Julie's letter that I faxed to her.)

Thank you in advance for any help that you may offer to resolve this issue in a timely manner.

Sincerely

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Sunday, November 16, 2008

Julie Vance
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Kim Collins
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Dear Julie

I do not understand why you insist that Beacon Solar has to mitigate potential loss of habitat for Desert Tortoises and Mojave Ground Squires. Bellow are listed a number of reasons while I feel that you should reverse your position on this matter; of utmost importance to Beacon Solar and Our Local City.

1. One of the reasons Beacon Solar chose there site is the fact that this area was cleared, leveled and used as an alfalfa ranch for decades and is not suitable habitat for desert critters. People that understand the desert know that critters do not live on totally clear and leveled lands. There are a number of reasons for this listed below

- A. There is very little food; shelter or water available on these cleared and leveled lands. To survive in the desert animals need food; shelter and water
- B. Desert critters realize that by living in these areas they would become easy pray for predator type animals. Desert critters instinctively know they need the little hills and brush to hide, so they no not become a predator's meal.

2. The Governor has asked all departments to expedite the environmental paper work and ease off on requirements when it can be proven that in fact they can approve projects with far less restrictions than before. The purpose for this is to get shovels into the ground for reasons listed below

- A. To get California's back to work
- B. To help the state and local economies
- C. To raise revenue for the state
- D. This project will help the state to meet the state mandate to increase the amount of renewable energy projects. This solar project meets this need.

3. California City at present time has over 500 vacant homes and businesses are leaving our City. The numbers have been rising steadily. Beacon's Solar Project would really help to reduce these increasing numbers. California City is the closes incorporated City to this area. The reasons this project would help are as follows

- A. Due to the close proximity, some of the 100's of long-term construction workers would want to rent here in California City.
- B. Some of the managers and bosses for this project would rent or buy homes here.
- C. This project would bring substantial revenue to this City and the surrounding areas.

Julie after reading this letter please reconsider your position on this matter and send copies of letter stating the same, to all parties involved in the Beacon Solar Project.

Thank You

Kim Collins

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Governor Arnold Scharzenegger
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The problem is that for 7 months Beacon Solar has been trying to receive clearances from Calif. Fish and Game. They kept stalling, and then recently decided to impose economically unreasonable mitigation measures on private desert land that was previously disturbed from alfalfa farming for very many years. I understand that you have recently eased regulations to get projects approved in a reasonable amount of time. It appears that Beacon Solar has offered an economically feasible compromise to no avail. Could you please help to get this project moving closer to final approval?

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Tuesday, December 02, 2008

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