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California Energy Commission  
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**Re: Project Beacon – Visual Impacts  
Docket No. 08-AFC-2**

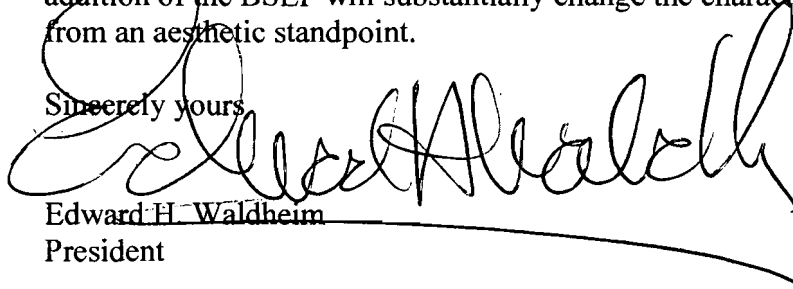
Dear Commissioners:

My name Ed Waldheim and I am President of Friends of Jawbone, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation dedicated to promoting preservation and integrated multiple uses of public lands. Our goal is to support and develop projects to improve, protect and maintain existing trails and to promote understanding, education and cooperation between all users of public lands.

I am a regular user of the Bureau of Land Management's Jawbone Canyon OHV Open Area and am familiar with the field office located off State Route 14, also referred to as Jawbone Station. I am also familiar with the proposed Beacon Solar Energy Project (BSEP), and am aware of its proposed location and the fact that it will cover approximately 2,000 acres, including over 1,200 acres of mirror arrays, and will be visible from both Jawbone Station and the Jawbone Canyon OHV Open Area.

Given the already disturbed nature of both the proposed BSEP site and the surrounding landscape, I do not believe that the BSEP will create a significant visual impact once built. There are already numerous man made modifications to the valley floor in the area, including the old farm (project site) and the Honda Test Track, so I do not feel that the addition of the BSEP will substantially change the character of the surrounding landscape from an aesthetic standpoint.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward H. Waldheim". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, sweeping loops. A horizontal line is drawn across the bottom of the signature.

Edward H. Waldheim  
President