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Please docket the following concerns and questions for the Abengoa project from Jamie Hall.

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Hello, I attended the public informational hearing yesterday at Barstow City Hall, and appreciate the wealth of information supplied, and will be submitting written comments. However, I have a few questions that I thought of in the meantime I was hoping you or the Abengoa project manager might be able to answer:

1. What will the cumulative impacts be to the surrounding Desert Tortoise habitat, BLM watchable wildlife (marsh) area, and Harper Dry Lake bed ecosystem?
2. You mentioned that wastewater, and/or water from the cooling of the towers will be held in evaporation ponds. Will these ponds be ambient temperature or heated? Will they be covered or open to avian wildlife? This could pose impacts to the large population of birds that visit the marsh area adjacent to the project.
3. Where will wastewater go, and will it be recycled for the cooling of the towers?
4. Have there been any surveys on the site for Desert Tortoise burrows and/or Mojave Ground Squirrel habitat?
5. Is the sole reason for utilizing CSP (Solar parabolic trough) technology for this project because the existing solar plants SEGS 8 and 9 are CSP and in operation under that technology?

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing your responses.

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