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File: Ridgecrest Solar
Solar Millennium

California Energy Commission
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Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District Office
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**RE: Additional Kern County Planning Department Comments – Roads
Review of Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (09-AFC-9)**


Dear Mr. Solorio and Mr. Villalobos,

The Kern County Planning Department has been asked to submit comments on various concerns that have been raised by the California Department of Transportation (Cal-trans) on the construction and operations traffic movements on State Route 395. After consultation with the Kern County Roads Department please note the following additional comments.

1. The proposal of any alternative route for construction traffic is completely within the domain of Cal-Trans. If an alternative route is recommended than any impacts on county maintained roads needs to be mitigated through the applicant providing pre and post construction comparison of the affected roadways with recommendations that would restore the damaged areas to pre construction conditions.
2. The proposal by the applicant and Cal Trans for a new access road from State Route 395 is under the jurisdiction of Cal Trans. The Kern County Roads Department has no comment except to note that it will not be accepted into the County roads system as a public road. It must be maintained privately.

Kern County supports all forms of renewable energy if appropriately sited with mitigation that provides protection for existing property owners and Kern County interests. Thank you for your partnership on this opportunity for Kern County to be a part of solar development in California.

Sincerely,



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Special Projects Division Chief

cc: Roads Department