

From: John Kessler
To: Docket Optical System
CC: Kristin Ford
Date: 5/17/2010 8:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Rice Solar Energy Project - North of Desert CenterAlternative

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Dear Docket Staff

Please docket this email to Rice (09-AFC-10) and include in the file name, "Staff Contact with Riverside County Sheriff re Response to RV Park".

Thank you,
John

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>>> Kristin Ford 5/14/2010 2:53 PM >>>
Dear John,

Can you please docket this at your earliest convenience?

Thanks,

Kristin

>>> Rodney Vigue <RVIGUE@riversidesheriff.org> 5/14/2010 1:59 PM >>>
Kristin,

The area you are describing is patrolled by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station.

The addition of a workforce camp in the area you have described could have an impact to our operation, depending on the number of employees that take advantage of the location. With the possibility of 300+ employees on site 24/7, we would see an increase in calls for service to the location. Currently we have staffing to accommodate the Desert Center area and conduct patrols in the area. However, our actual calls for service are very low. While most of the calls generated from the area you described would most likely be categorized as minor, any incident(s) requiring the response of more than one deputy would be significant to the operation of the Colorado River Station. We generally operate with a minimum of two deputies per shift. If a call required two deputies to respond (ie. fight, domestic violence or other officer safety issue), there may not be anyone remaining in the County area served by the Colorado River Station to respond to an emergency situation. The remoteness and travel times for deputies getting to this area would further complicate our response.

Overall, it's not the alternative construction site, but the addition of the RV/Trailer camping area and the 300+ temporary that would change our assessment.

Captain Rodney Vigue
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>>> Kristin Ford <KFord@energy.state.ca.us> 5/14/2010 10:12 AM >>>

Dear Captain Rod Vigue,

Good Morning. My name is Kristin Ford, and I work for the California Energy Commission - who is currently going through the environmental process for the Rice Solar Energy Project. In August of 2009, Ashraf Shaqadan (from CH2MHill) contacted you regrading Sheriff Services Response. He asked questions regarding jurisdiction, who is the first responder, etc.

I am not sure if Ashraf Shaqadan and you discussed this, but, the applicant would make available a construction workforce RV/trailer parking camp for the proposed project. The workforce camp would offer spaces up to 300 trailers or RVs, electrical hookups, and mobile water and sanitary sewer service for the trailers and RVs.

The environmental document is proposing a second alternative to the proposed project. This alternative is called the "The North of the Desert Center Alternative", and would be located along Desert Center Rice Road (State Route 177), east of Kaiser Road, north of Oasis Road, and approximately 1.6 miles north of 1-I-10. This alternative, if built, would also make available the construction workforce, RV/trailer parking camp.

You indicated in August of 2009, that the project would have a minimum impact on sheriff services. Would the proposed construction workforce RV/trailer parking camp impact the service to the proposed project and/or the alternative? Please advise at your earliest convenience. My contact information is below if there is any additional information I can provide for you. We are at the end of the environmental process, so if you could respond promptly I would greatly appreciate it. I will follow this email up with a phone call soon.

Thank you,

Kristin

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