

To The Energy Commission,

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I've been going to El Mirage Dry Lake since the late 1970's riding motorcycles and off road cars and have always enjoyed the area's recreation and resources. The view on a clear day (almost always) or clear night is absolutely spectacular. You should come out and enjoy it sometime. You "would" reconsider this project seeing what the view is that could be ruined.

I've brought my children there since the late 1990's when I got into Landspeed Racing. The history alone of this sport and the friendships made there are amazing. To shut this recreational area down (which there aren't many left) would really be a heartbreaking day for all Americans. People come from all over the world to see this area as well as the SCTA events. I've personally met people from Germany, Holland and Japan that have come here just to see and photograph an SCTA event. We're currently working with a German film crew, so this shows you that some of the finical effect is world wide. Even Hollywood uses these areas quite frequently in magazine photos and commercials. I notice a lot of car commercials have the background of either El Mirage or the Bonneville salt flats which relates into jobs as well as support to that community.

I just don't see the solar energy on the El Mirage Lake bed being a win win situation. There is so much land in this wonderful state that could be used besides this one little flat piece of dirt called El Mirage Dry Lake.

Someone will profit from this, but in my felling I think the people in this state will be the losers. (As well as the SCTA, Land Sailors Gyrocopters, Off Roaders, etc.) It sounds like a short term fix for a long term situation.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and please reconsider.

Sincerely,
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