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To who it may concern,

I am adamantly opposed to the North Peak Wind Project and the Coolwater Lugo substation that is being planned for my neighborhood (my residence is at 10355 Milpas Dr. Apple Valley,CA 92308). This kind of large scale project is unacceptable in a residential area. This will ruin the quality of life here and decimate property values.

I am afraid that our water system (owned by Golden State Water and serving hundreds of people) will be contaminated by the construction of this substation which is approximately 1 mile from our community well. Do we want another Hinkley ? I don't ! There is also habitat degradation to consider, brought on by the construction of 71 windmills on BLM land which can't help but have a negative effect on wildlife including endangered species.

The wear and tear on our archaic road system will be substantial and who knows what this will do to the headwaters of our aquifer which is below the planned site of these windmills. The west end of this proposed project abuts an earthquake fault. The 500 foot windmills on the ridge line above our houses will make it impossible to use water and fire retardant dropping aircraft.

Projects on an industrial scale like this don't belong in a residential area, this area is zoned for rural living. I have a good portion of my life savings in my house and if I would have known something like this was going to be put here I wouldn't have and neither would most of my neighbors, I think. I really like this area, I like my house and I like my neighbors. I'd like to stay here. Any help you can give in this matter would be appreciated.

Thank You
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