

Energy - Docket Optical System

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To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: Please EXCLUDE NEWBERRY SPRINGS from Massive Renewable Energy Projects

The DRECP CA DESERT plan targets Silver Valley, including Yermo, Daggett, and my home town of Newberry Springs, as a prime area for development of massive renewable energy projects. I wish to join my voice to San Bernardino County's objection to such development--along with the objections of many others.

The County recommends that the DRECP consider eliminating DFA designations in Apple Valley, unincorporated Apple Valley, Phelan (south of SR 18 between US 395 and the Los Angeles County line), Stoddard Valley, Helendale, Lucerne Valley, Johnson Valley, Newberry Springs and along historically sensitive sections of California Highway 66.

--SB County DRECP Position Paper, 3 February 2015



This is our home. We do not want it to be turned into an industrial area.

Within the last couple of years, a rather small solar installation was installed less than two miles from my home. The disturbed earth has created a huge dust problem. In high winds, visibility on Newberry Road is reduced to zero. Our cars have been sandblasted. My neighbor was trapped in her car for hours during a wind storm before the CHP rescued her and took her home, leaving her new car out in the storm. The windows in the car had to be replaced and the car repainted. Our natural desert view has been replaced with large solar panels. In the evening, when the sun is lower in the sky, the glare from the panels adds a glare in the eyes of a driver.

We do not want to live in a forest of wind generators with their towers obscuring desert vistas and their noise. We have chosen to live where we are because of the natural environment of open spaces, some agriculture, the open view of the mountains, the uncluttered horizons. Please do not take that away from us.

Sincerely,

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