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Project Manager

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California Energy Commission
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Subject: Carrizo Energy Solar Farm (07-AFC-8)
Wildlife Corridor Task 1

From: Intervener Michael Strobridge
Carrisa Plains Resident

Dear Mr. Kessler:

In regards to the April 2nd Task 1 Workshop I have a few concerns I would like to address:

1. There seems to be some discrepancy in the classification of critical land on SC Wildlands vegetation map. Various parcels of land are being classified as cropland such as the entire section 21 and section 16. This is incorrect as the southern half of section 21 is not farmed and section 16 is not farmed at all. The map provided to the CEC by Robin Bell of the Carrisa Alliance for Responsible Energy depicts a much more accurate account of current cropland. I am very familiar with the Northern Carrizo as I live in the middle of section 21. Perhaps Wildlands should conduct a field survey with a Fish & Game representative to get a more accurate picture of current land use.
2. Residential development does not seem to be addressed by Wildlands. There are multiple homes along SR58 east of Bitterwater Road there are also scattered homes along Bitterwater Road. The equipment yards, Ag Shops and storage areas along Bitterwater are not addressed either. All these structures present a barrier to Elk, Pronghorn and Kit Fox .
3. In addition the types of fencing do not seem to be addressed. This is very important. For example on section 27 adjacent to the CESF site the fencing consists of 8' high chain link. Certain areas of section 22 consist of barb wire with field wire attached 3 ft high. Pronghorn, Elk, and Kit Fox cannot negotiate either type of fencing. In areas where

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cattle are grazed electric wire is utilized commonly. A more accurate picture of the types and locations of these fences need to be presented.

4. Water locations are not addressed. I currently live in the center of section 21 the Pronghorn, Elk, and Kit Fox thrive in my area. I watch the Pronghorn on a daily basis and on the west side of section 21 there is a year round water trough for cattle fed by a 5,000 gal water tank. The Pronghorn are constantly in close proximity to this trough. The Pronghorn also bed their fawns down for night on the west side of section 20 adjacent to this water trough. I have taken many pictures of the Pronghorn with their young in this location. I strongly believe water sources need to be addressed as they attract and sustain Pronghorn, Kit Fox, and Tule Elk.

Thank you for your time. I would like to conclude that I would be more than willing to submit any pictures at your request, or Wildlands.

Sincerely,

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I, Michael Strobridge, declare that on April 08 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Comments on Corridor Task 1. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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