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I am opposed to the solar heated tower at Rice Valley due to reliability and storage issues. No data is provided with respect to the amount of energy which might be generated from stored heated salt. It is not likely to be very much of the rated capacity or for very long, but we aren't given any data. Part of the justification of this plant is the feature to create off-peak output, but without any more than generalities, its usefulness can't be evaluated. And any statements regarding its output can be considered dubious at best. We can't continue to displace wildlife and clearcut thousands of acres of desert for these projects that are less than efficient just to please some political office somewhere. Dispersed solar on rooftops would be a much more efficient use of the equipment.

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