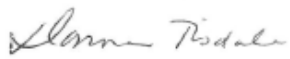


**BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP'S APPROVED ACTION/MOTION TAKEN FEBRUARY 6, 2014
FOR SOITEC SOLAR DRAFT PEIR (PDS2012-3910-120005)**

- Re-endorse our previous actions to oppose 80 MW Rugged Solar (6-14-12), 60 MW Tierra Del Sol Solar (8-2-12) and 6.5 MW LanWest Solar (5-3-12) (attached)
- Oppose the Soitec Solar Draft Programmatic EIR, the 22MW LanEast and newly proposed Los Robles alternative site(s) for reasons that include but are not limited to the following:
 - Lack of need for the project(s) & experimental nature and misrepresentations of Soitec's dual tracking CPV, with only 14MW currently operational globally (according to SDG&E PPA amendment)
 - Significant problems evident at Soitec's 1.5 MW Newberry Solar 1 site in Newberry Springs near Barstow
 - SDG&E has approved contracts (CPUC RESOLUTION E-4606) to sell the energy from these yet-to-be-built projects to other entities starting January 1, 2014—showing lack of need and raising questions
 - SDG&E's CPUC approved amendment to Soitec Solar Power Purchase Agreement (AL 2552-E) to move Boulevard projects to an already approved site in Imperial Valley that has survived previous litigation
 - Court ruling of unconstitutionality of AB900 judicial fast-tracking and failure of County and Soitec to provide notice to Planning Group and public of Soitec's AB900 application and public comment period
 - Insufficient information for Programmatic EIR and objection to County's first time use of PEIR
 - Inaccurate project description that downplays the rugged beauty of Boulevard, adverse impacts, proximity to homes and sensitive resources, and exaggerates the negative
 - Inordinate number of errors and omissions—sloppy work or purposely manipulated?
 - LanWest should be removed from DPEIR due to Soitec's withdrawal of MUP application and lack of information and sensitive location
 - LanEast should be removed from the DPEIR due to lack of MUP application, lack of information, and sensitive location with wetlands and adjacent Walker Creek Ecological Reserve
 - Los Robles Solar alternatives should be removed for lack of MUP application and adequate information
 - Lack of faith in Dudek's abilities due to multiple conflicts of interest, lack of neutrality, apparent bias, and recent failure to accurately analyze the groundwater / hydrological interconnections and adverse impacts to off-site wells at the Madera Golf Club in Poway.
 - Dudek's error became evident when curtailment of irrigation wells was mandated due to significant drop in water levels within a short 60 day period after pumping was resumed—as Dr. Ponce predicted.
 - Significant impacts do include adverse impacts to groundwater and increased fire risk
 - Lack of availability of fire services and County commitment for career staffing at Boulevard Fire
- Support new and viable alternative moving all Soitec projects to pre-approved Imperial Valley sites per AL2552-E
- Oppose all Boulevard Community Plan Amendments, proposed waivers, and overriding considerations due to increased risk, reduced, and unequal protections under the law, and violation of constitutional rights
- Underground all lines including collector lines—to reduce fire hazards and impediments to firefighting
- Endorse and incorporate by reference the report by Dr. V.M. Ponce entitled "Impacts of Soitec Solar Projects on Boulevard and Surrounding Communities", dated November 15, 2013
- Request a re-circulated non-programmatic Draft EIR; removal of LanWest, LanEast and Los Robles Solar
- If Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar projects are approved, they must be the most reduced alternatives
- Authorize the Chair to submit formal detailed comments for the Group, by the DPEIR by the Feb 17th deadline, that include issues and concerns raised and any new information that becomes available.

Action taken: M/S: Noland/McKernan: Adopt proposed action/motion as written: Passed: 5-0-0 (seats 2 & 6 vacant)

Vote taken 2-6-14:



Donna Tisdale, Chair

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP ACTIONS
ON SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS—9-14-12 THROUGH May 3, 2012

1. **June 14, 2012 action opposing Soitec's 80 MW Rugged Solar:**

M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: *Oppose/deny Rugged Solar for non-compliance with General Plan, Community Plan, MUP Required Findings (bulk, scale, harmony, density, coverage, fire services, utilities, traffic, suitability of site for type and intensity of use) and CEQA—Need to uphold the voice of overwhelming majority of registered voters who elected planning group members to help protect Boulevard's rural community character from being destroyed from over-development and large-scale industrial projects:* Passed 4-0-0 (Rivera, Noland & Burgio absent):

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/docs/PG/BO120614MI.pdf>

2. **August 2, 2012 action opposing Soitec's 60MW Tierra Del Sol project:**

M/S: Noland/Lawrence: *Send comment letter denying Tierra Del Sol Solar LLC using same reasons stated for opposition to Rugged Solar LLC and LanWest Solar LLC; add Homeland Security and military air traffic and other issues /impacts:* Passed: 5-0-0 (seats 2 & 6 vacant).

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/docs/PG/BO120802MI.pdf>

3. **May 3, 2012 action opposing Soitec's 6.5MW LanWest project:**

M/S: McKernan/ Noland: *Oppose LanWest Solar based on the fact it is a large-scale industrial solar project in close proximity to adjacent homes; non-compliance with community character, general plan and community plan that was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2011; public health and safety concerns, cumulative impacts :* Passed 4-0-1 (Lawrency absent, Daubach abstained, Rivera recused due to proximity of LanWest project to his home):

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/docs/PG/BO120503MI.pdf>

➤ **Sept 5, 2013:** Soitec withdrew their LanWest Major Use Permit application by letter from Clark Crawford to Ashley Gungle in PDS. However, the project is still included in the Programmatic EIR:
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2013-09-05-Clark-Crawford-Email-to-Ashley-Gungle-re-Withdrawal-of-Major-Use-Permit-12-002.pdf>

➤ No MUP was ever applied for Soitec's 22MW LanEast project. However, but it is still included in the PEIR