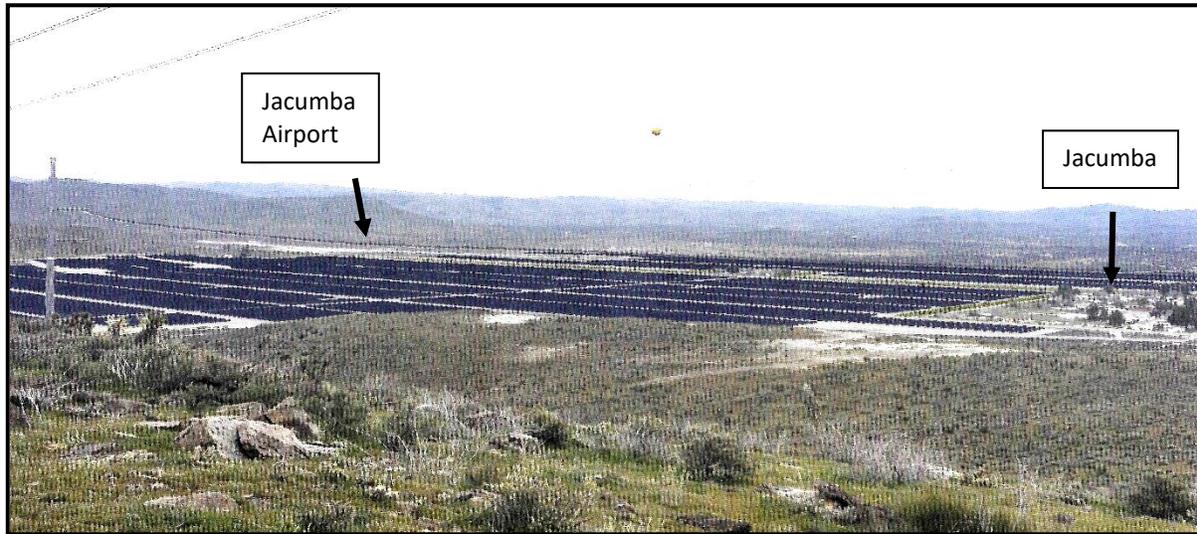


“Green Monster” Threatens to Swallow the Tiny Town of Jacumba...

Residents are waking up to the gloomy prospect that the rural lifestyle and natural views they once enjoyed in Jacumba may soon be a thing of the past...that is if BayWa r.e, a German company with an office in Irvine, CA has their way. The company has developed a 90MW solar project that would place 12-foot high solar arrays on more than 600 acres of the best vacant land immediately adjacent to Jacumba residences, the Jacumba Airport, and on both sides of Scenic Highway 80. (See simulated view of the JVR solar arrays covering the landscape.)



But how can the construction of a green energy facility be bad, you may be thinking...If you ask that question to the roughly 560 residents of Jacumba, many of whom are disabled and socially disadvantaged, you may be surprised to hear their responses. They are smart enough to know that an industrial-sized solar farm is not an appropriate land use next to their homes. They realize that it will destroy the community character of Jacumba, lower their property values, impact biological and cultural resources, as well as drive away any future prospects for attracting tourists, and new businesses associated with tourism that could provide jobs for residents.

Jacumba residents are not opposed to green energy generation. After all, they previously supported the construction of a 20 MW solar facility that currently operates well east of the town. They know the “JVR Solar Park” project is not the right answer environmentally as its power will be sent via long transmission lines to the urban areas of the county where a more efficient carbon-reducing alternative would be rooftop solar panels. They also know the JVR project will not provide any tangible benefits to the town. **Most importantly, Jacumbians are genuinely concerned that this particular green monster, will directly impact the future survival of their town.**