

SPECIAL MEETING 1/30/18

Shaw moved to discuss
Clark second discuss

Pam Barber – Wants letter to Soil Conservation [the file she handed out ahead of time has excellent points in it]

Here the computer deleted comments from two or three speakers: Paul Deel, Bob Vasseur, etc.]

Young man who lives opposite Soitec - two years havoc on his road. Prop value in toilet. Vehemently oppose this.

His mother says - Route 66 – illegal to block view on historic highway. She lives near the Mt View site. Son shovels sand every day for 3 years. 100 panels or so. Wind is super strong on ground because of the configuration of panels.

Jack - pilot. Bad with the airport. Tie line is way too high. Reflections from solar panels bad for pilots.

Kim Bennett – At Ft Cady she gets sand blowing. COPD, oxygen, nebulizer, children. No good reason for it.

Ted Stimpfel – Bob Berkman was the first to spot it. Spoke with attorney and spoke with a planner in Sbdo. Sacramento, Feds like it, and County. The only way to stop it is if we have consortium of like-minded people to fight it. Declare war. This is the first of many to come in. Learn from Morongo Basic Conservation group, Lucerne, and San Diego. Form a coalition. Spend money on it - A lead time – small. But there. EIR bid is out there. 8-9 months. The legal rep said we will need all the time we can have.. Vasseur says less than a month – de facto.

Pam Barber - The County has to accept the application, but that doesn't mean they accept the project. We need to form a coalition that will intimidate the county and the company (her experience on hazardous waste board). Need to change zoning regs. The Soil Conservation District will give us ammunition. Take pix of blowing sand.

Ted – RECE – taking out protection for RL. He saw the full proposals, inches thick, so it has been in the works for a very long time.

Woman – appeal and pray to God.

Cindy – all over the U.S. when it comes to land less occupied. Sludge history. Companies losing money and getting paid for their losses. Talks of fracking, hurting rural areas. When the solar people leave, it will be disaster, they will lose money, not cleanup afterwards. Invasive plants coming in.. The panels are humongous – out on 58.

Get the airport, Burlington (BNSF) behind us.

Don Holland - Policy advisor to Lovingood. This project not approved yet. County LUS has not yet officially accepted. All docs not complete. Docs already submitted - but not completed. Example of Soda Mountain, which was rejected. The new county solar ordinance. Soil analysis required. Remediation plan part of county regs.

Phases of development. Once complete then prop owners get notice and CSD and anyone who asks, about public meeting. Requires EIR from County. NOP will announce time and place for public scoping mtg and EIR so public can express concerns. When draft EIR complete have 45 days review.

Bob Berkman - County doesn't know who is responsible or who to go to in the operation

Deel - did they pay a fee to submit to LUS? Has receipt for CUP - from fire dept.

Woman - What would kill this whole thing? How do we fight it?

Don - go through the process and let your voice be heard.

Vasseur - assumes a quick approval because of CA rabid love of solar.

Margaret - RL land - why can't the projects be In BLM instead of RL. Stop wasting their money and go elsewhere.

Have break time -

Shaw - appreciate Mr Holland comments. Would like it in writing from Supervisors.

Springer - need to take a position and send notice to County - requesting info, first to Supervisor, Lafco, and LUS. Demand to know when we can put input in. The more we do, the better. State representatives, Senators. Mojave Desert Air Quality Mgmt. SCE. Airport.

Deel - work with community orgs to get info to keep views before powers that be.

Springer - can have separate meeting=. Have comments in CSD mtg. from agencies and etc

Band together in joint effort .

Deel - Daggett, Yermo, Lucerne, Barstow Hts,

These things can pop up anywhere.

Karen Gray - When you write your letter, keep on mind who has jurisdiction. Beg. of EIR process. One request needs to ensure cumulative impacts for everywhere.

Talk right now EIR process. Rte 66 people. Military training in area.
Helicopter path. .BLM.

Woman on Mt View – If project operator proves unable or unwilling, county will absolutely consider taking action to make the operator . San bdo pub info officer David Wirt. “Still can’t find the owners.” June of 2014 put cover down; San Diego came and didn’t approve. Have been clearing land and done nothing else.

Shaw – move to put together committee of 3 to give to next meeting.

Paula Deel – and get info from fire dept.

Stimpfel – reactionary if we take that route. Need to be proactive. Once EIR is released we have 45 days.

Springer – Yes, we need to get on it, get our foot in the door for dialogue.

Woman – request what the schedule is for the application.

Pat – request any and all info they have so far. Soil Cons Dist won’t charge, will come and speak if interested.

Vasseur – Prop owners sent letter. Send letters now from community

Snively – Agenda-ize water. Include MWA and watermaster about needs for the project.

Cindy – In letter include we are not just upset but that Lovingood reversed the RL zoning.

Lorrie – include 4.10 put back in to the Element. Get ahead of the EIR – they are always the same.

Stimpfel – to Don Holland. Why did RL change the 4.10 Reinstitute.

Holland – Back to LUS for review.

Deel and Shaw volunteer to work with Staff.

For next meeting, appoint a committee including community. Anyone is eligible. Need to keep track of all the communication, emails, notes, and we must be on it. If public has info, email it to csd. All will be available.

Kim – can CSD post on web page the addresses of all the people to contact?

Springer – yes. It will be building as we do it. Go to Supervisor meeting.

Pam – get further if you list specific reasons why it is bad for the community. Point out that it is bad business for them.

Shaw – withdraw motion. New motion to have 2 directors work with GM and staff to draft letter for Springer to sign.

Adjourned at 8:02