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Subject: October 28, 2020 Public Meetings re the Stagecoach Solar project

RE: October 28, 2020 Public Meetings on the Proposed Stagecoach Solar project

Hi everybody,

On October 28, 2020, two public scoping meetings will be held – by Zoom -- regarding the Environmental Impact Report being prepared for the Stagecoach Solar project. One of the Zoom meetings will be at 2:00 p.m., and the other will be at 6:00 p.m.

Stagecoach Solar is a huge, utility-scale solar panel project that would, if built, tear up 3,000 acres of undisturbed state land near the Lucerne Valley Cutoff. It would also run a transmission tie line south along Hwy. 247 to where a new Edison substation would need to be built (near Peterman Hill). The new substation would, in turn, encourage even more utility-scale renewable energy projects in and around Lucerne Valley. In other words, Stagecoach Solar would be the opening gun in industrializing the region. And all of the profits and power generated would go out of the county, while our communities would be left holding the bag.

The October 28 public meetings give us a great opportunity to tell the State Lands Commission that we won't go along with sacrificing the region's rural desert character, or our communities, so the state can achieve its renewable energy goals. Because they're scoping meetings, we'll need to point out the many issues and concerns that should be addressed in the project EIR, rather than just saying we oppose the project. Some of those issues and concerns are discussed in a coalition letter sent to the State Lands Commission regarding Stagecoach Solar, but feel free to present your own. A copy is attached to this letter (without its exhibits).

Your participation is very important. Decision-makers, governmental and private, will be waiting to see how much opposition this project gets. We want to encourage the state and the developer to put it somewhere away from people and sensitive environmental areas.

A copy of the project Notice of Preparation is attached. Click on <https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/stagecoach-solar-project/> and it'll take you to the official website where, when you click "notice of preparation," you'll get the actual links for the Zoom meetings. Written comments are due on November 13, 2020.

Feel free to respond to this email to let others know that you oppose Stagecoach Solar and intend to speak on Oct. 28. Also, feel free to send it to people who aren't on this email list.

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