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Subject: East County Substation/Tule Wind/ESJ Gen-Tie projects

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thompson

I am requesting a moratorium on wind turbine project approvals until legitimate 3rd party studies are conducted -- and accepted as valid -- to determine turbine setbacks that are adequate to protect public health and safety, and to protect our sensitive wildlife ie: Big Horn Sheep, Golden Eagles, Quino Checkered Butterfly, to name a few, and a CONCISE AND CURRENT STUDY of the depth of drilling necessary to place the 40 story windmills and the possibility for the disruption of the flow of our ground water that flows over, between and around fractured rock in streams and trickles (that no one has been able to map) AND the very real possibility of disruption of the flow of that groundwater, causing it to go off in an entirely different direction, thereby bankrupting local individuals wells. Their homes and properties would become worthless and unlivable.

We do NOT sit on a large body of water, a 7500 acre lake, and 200 feet down (if you will). NO, our water is hit and miss, here and there, flowing through fractured rock in veins and it can be caused to be dislocated, finding a new avenue in which to flow, leaving the homeowner with no water.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF OUR GROUND WATER THAT SERVES THE FARMS AND HOMES IN OUR ENTIRE AREA (FROM ALPINE EAST) IS THE ABSOLUTE PRIMARY CONCERN AND MUST BE ADDRESSED. EACH INDIVIDUAL FAMILY IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THIS GROUNDWATER AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL WELLS. THERE IS NO OTHER SOURCH OF WATER FOR US IN THE "BACKCOUNTRY". I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH.

A moratorium must be put in place on the wind turbines and the entire PROJECT until this has been done by a legitimate 3rd party and accepted as valid.

According to the EIR/EIS, the environmentally superior analysis presented in section D.2 through D.18 was determined to be the NO PROJECT ALTERNATIVE.
So, let's go with that.

Sincerely,

Patricia & Elliott Stuart
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Elliott is 4th generation resident, his great-grandparents having settled the area, his great-grandmother was a McCain (of the McCain Valley clan).
Pat has lived here 40 years, retired Postmaster of Boulevard (13 years service) and previously a clerk in Jacumba Post Office for 5 years.

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