

## In support of CUP - case #24-5200 Rancho Viejo Solar

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I am a strong supporter of the Rancho Viejo Solar project because of all the positives it has with no negatives as far as I can see, in spite of all the misinformation out there. The big fear of battery storage fires is non-existent with the new technology in this project. Using the Moss Landing fire as an example of the danger is like comparing apples and horses.

We need as much renewable energy as possible and it is the cheapest energy available. There are no emissions from these solar panels, or batteries. There is little water used for the production of this energy for the next 30 years. Santa Fe long term planning calls for increased non-polluting energy use and this projects fits into those plans. Putting it off just prolongs our use of climate changing greenhouse gasses.

This project is safe, clean, and economical for all the rate payers that see costs increase year after year that result from reliance on fossil fuels.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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