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Santa Fe County Commissioners
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Re: AES Rancho Viejo Solar Project

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to submit our opposition to the solar project proposed by Applied Energy Services (AES) on Rancho Viejo property south of Santa Fe.


We are residents of Eldorado, which, given the historical prevailing winds of this geographical location, is directly in the path of any fire that starts west of us. Proponents of the project claim that the chances of a fire getting out of control at the AES proposed site are less than the odds of being struck by lightning. That may be true, but one doesn't go outside in a thunderstorm and hold a 9-iron overhead to tempt the odds. This proposed project is doing precisely that.

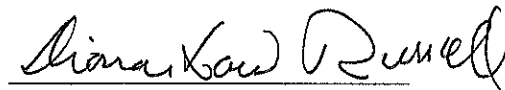
We are being told by the proponents of this project that there has been improvement in lithium battery storage. "Improvement" does not mean minimal. There still exists the risk of fire and toxic fumes caused by the fires. Moving ahead without better protection does not make sense.

Both of us support alternative energy projects, energy-efficient appliances, and energy-use reduction. This project is a good project in a bad place. If wise use of land is considered, the AES Rancho Viejo solar project fails the test.

We encourage you to reject this project.

Sincerely,


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