

Fw: Proposed Solar Project.

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Commissioner Hughes,

I'm writing about the proposed Rancho Viejo Solar Project west of Eldorado. My wife and I have lived in Eldorado for over 43 years.

I don't know whether the County Commission should approve the project or not, but I hope that the Commission has access to good quality, impartial experts to help it make its decision. During my 77 years, I have seen more than enough lies and misrepresentations from large corporations, and I think the Commission would be wise to view with skepticism the representations and promises of the developers of the project.

There has been a lot of reporting on the fire risks presented by the project but little on the dangers to people downwind of the project from the chemicals in the smoke that a fire will release into the air. I understand that the recent fire at the solar project near Monterey, California, released into the air chemicals harmful to humans. I urge you to question the parties and experts to learn about the chemicals that would be carried in the smoke from any fire at the proposed facility. The hazards from that smoke should be considered by the Commission as it considers what its decision will be.

Thank you for your service on the Commission.

Kevin Reilly