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Below are some of my comments on the East County Substation/Tule Wind/Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects EIS/EIR:

1. The environmentally superior no project alternative is by far the most feasible and taxpayer friendly alternative.
2. Noise impacts do not include noise from turbines. Please include a discussion on the effects of the full spectrum of wind turbine noise.
3. Based on the visual simulations presented in the EIS/EIR, please provide maps depicting locations of proposed wind turbines. The visual simulations, specifically in KOP 19, 20, 21, and 22, state the following: "conceptual representation of turbine locations only". This tells the reader of the document that locations, rather than types of turbines have been selected, and that these locations, even if preliminary, can and should be represented on a map.
4. Please include a nighttime visual simulation using current satellite data of the entire project area before and after construction.
5. Property Value guarantees are a necessity for the cumulative impacts of this project and the other projects that are discussed in this EIS/EIR.
6. The resources for groundwater for Tule Wind are extremely lacking. Groundwater has been deemed a non-issue by consultation with the County of San Diego Groundwater Geologist. As a licensed professional in the State of California, it is entirely speculative to assume that groundwater will be a non-issue at the project site. There is also no mention of groundwater resources that are going to be used by the Tule Wind project for construction.
7. Firefighting capability will be greatly reduced when extremely tall (greater than 500 foot) turbines and power lines will stretch across some of the highest fire danger areas of the county. This, along with a greater chance for ignition sources, makes this entire project something the entire County of San Diego should be concerned with. We do not have to look far back in our history of the 2003 and 2007 fires to see what wildfires can do and how important it is to have aerial firefighting resources, which if the project is built, will be severely limited.

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