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As a younger resident of the San Luis Valley, I am deeply concerned about what the 22,000 acres of solar farm will do to both the land itself and the water of the Valley. By pumping water out of the aquifer 12 months out of the year, there are going to be huge ecological impacts, including drainage of naturally occurring wetlands, increased concentration of salts and harmful substances in the water, and less plant life due to reduced sunlight on those 22,000 acres and to less water. I realize that solar energy is being required by the government. However, I feel that less concentration of solar panels, new technology that allows for the cooling and cleaning of the panels in another way besides water usage, and the forfeiting of the La Veta powerline would all be economical ways to compromise between solar and environmental sanctity.