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RE: SOLAR ENERGY

As a resident of Imperial County, California since 1936; a Korean U S Air Force veteran, a member of the California Desert District Advisory Council for the U S Department of the Interior from 1981 through 1989, and a current member of the Imperial County Board of Education, I strongly endorse the use of the area East of Holtville for a Solar Energy Area.

As you already know, we have the most cloudless days of any area in California. The U S Navy brings their Blue Angels Flying Team here each year because of the winter weather being perfect for practicing their various close flying techniques.

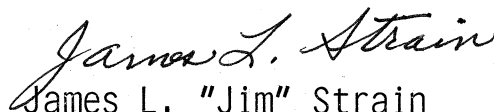
If you contact the Imperial County Board of Supervisors you will find they support development of the area to create jobs.

Imperial County has the highest unemployment of any county in California.

I have been working on a project since 1992 to bring presorted household and office waste to an area several miles North of the proposed solar area. Originally, the Mesquite Regional Landfill was permitted by Goldfields Mining; now the project is owned by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and they certainly have the full support of the County Supervisors. Future plans are to extract methane gas from the waste for generation of electricity.

Since we already have geothermal production of electricity just North of the area proposed for solar, Imperial County could become the highest producer of "green" energy in the State of California.

Sincerely,



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