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Public Comment in Opposition to the BMT Minneola Solar Project PROJ-2022-00071 SCH Number 2023110357

Board of Supervisors:

The Newberry Community Services District (NCSD) is in opposition to the **BMT Minneola Solar Project PROJ-2022-00071 SCH Number 2023110357**.

During prior solar PV construction projects, federal, state, and San Bernardino County agencies failed to protect the people of Newberry Springs from property damage and health damage from sand and dust migration due to the construction process.

Despite San Bernardino County's attempted oversight and Clearway's efforts to contain the sand and dust; the quality of life for the residents downwind of the project was gone.

Therefore the NCSD, representing the citizens of Newberry Springs, requests that the San Bernardino County Board Of Supervisors **not** approve this project until such time that a NCSD Select Committee has the opportunity to review, amend, and approve:

1. The methods proposed to contain sand and dust within the construction site
2. The criteria of daily onsite inspection methods and procedures including:
 - a. To confirm adherence to the prescribed sand and dust control measures
 - b. The addition of suitable air quality monitoring equipment
 - c. The procedure to insure prompt notification and remediation of air quality issues
3. List prescribed fines, penalties and other corrective measures for failure to contain sand and dust within the construction site which may include:
 - a. Providing alternate living sites for residents and their animals
 - b. Daily sand cleanup from affected properties
 - c. A method to compensate for medical expenses and devices
4. The procedure to reimburse NCSD for the expenses of the NCSD Select Committee and additional office personnel time. Expenses may include:
 - a. Travel expenses
 - b. Professional consultant fees

The site chosen may seem perfect but the damage to the lives of Newberry Residents can be devastating.

Sincerely,

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