

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Linda Resseghie
Solar Energy Development Programmatic EIS Scoping
Argonne National Laboratory EVS/900
9700 S. Cass Ave.
Argonne, IL 60439

RE: Programmatic EIS Scoping Meeting on Solar Energy Development on Federal Lands

Dear Ms. Resseghie,

The County of San Luis Obispo would like to thank you for conducting the recent scoping meeting here in San Luis Obispo. Being a northern "central" area for potential solar development (with three solar plant projects currently expressing interest in development within the county), we would encourage any future meetings to be held again here in San Luis Obispo county.

As you may know, with regards to future solar development in the county, our County Land Use Ordinance does include policies supportive of solar energy development. As we are finding with the current solar plant proposals in the eastern half of the county, as with any large development, there are a number of environmental issues that will need to be addressed, including: sensitive biological resources, additional traffic on narrow, windy rural roads, loss of prime agricultural lands, visual impacts, and other local community issues. We recommend that these issues be addressed in your PEIS at least in the form of a constraints analysis to help identify the least sensitive areas for future consideration of such plants.

Please keep us informed of any future public meetings or hearings, as well as any documents made available to the public. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me ([805]781-5010 or elcarroll@co.slo.ca.us) or John McKenzie ([805]781-5452 or jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Ellen Carroll

Environmental Coordinator