

December 1, 2024

Dear Mr. Beaman,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Solar Farm which would be located on property owned by Diamond Tail Ranch (Item ZNCH-24-005 on the Dec. 10th Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting).

I own the land (The Pielhau Rev. Trust) bordering the east side of the proposed solar farm. Our family has lived in Golden, the village closest to the proposed area, since 1918.

I'd like to make it clear that I am not part of the group of East Mountain residents that are in opposition to this project. Neither am I a supporter of solar and wind farms believing, at least for the time being, that there are other ways to generate electrical power to our state.

Further, even if I do not agree with the proposed usage, I believe the Diamond Tail ranch should have the right to do what they like with their property, as long as it's within current laws, zoning and regulations in place. I would however, like to be reassured that it will not in any way damage, or interfere with usage, of landowners bordering the project area.

As a retail business owner in Golden, a portion of our sales relies on tourists that travel the Turquoise Trail (North 14) between Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Many of those customers comment on the beautiful scenery of mountains and valleys along the Trail. I would hope that this solar project will not become a blight on the "Land of Enchantment" should it be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Golden, NM 87047
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From: [RICHARD A DUNN](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
Cc: [Katherine Bruch](#)
Subject: Denial; Formal Request to Postpone December 10 Hearing on ZNCH-24-005
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 8:30:13 PM
Attachments: [Dunn PCR Questions.docx](#)

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I am disappointed to learn today that the subject request has been denied. The impacted community has numerous questions that remain unanswered.

PCR has scheduled public meetings for 12/3/2024 and 12/4/2024. I attended the meeting here in Sandia Park on October 29, 2024. PCR was **woefully** unprepared for this meeting. I attended the 12/3/2024 meeting and PCR did not address but one of my written questions and could not answer the one question they did address.

The PCR project has been kept below public visibility. This is unfortunate. I urge you to reconsider this denial and reschedule the December 10, 2024 meeting to a later date.

I have attached my written questions, unanswered by PCR, for your consideration. Thank you.

Richard A. Dunn
44 Via Entrada
Sandia Park NM 87048

Executive Summary for Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commissioners:
Date: December 10, 2024

Submitted by Marie Haycock
Sandia Park, NM

I attended the October hearing of your Commission. My thoughts at the time were "I can support any alternative energy project". I heard many residents from Puertocito Rd state their opposition to the solar array. That caused me some concern.

So I went home and spent time on my computer. I used the terms "solar farm fires" and "lithium battery fires" for the search engine.

I was astounded by the great number of results that I got. I learned that in the US there is no repository for the incidence of solar farm fires. Germany tracks those that occur in Europe. I learned that the State of New York has had 3 solar farm fires in the past 12 months. I learned of a fire in Surprise, Arizona that critically injured the local Fire Chief and another 8 first responders.

The more I learned, the more I reevaluated my position on Solar farm fires.

I purchased a USGS map of the affected area. I could not learn the exact location of the projected solar farm from the data that PCR provided at your hearing. I am supplying you with a copy of my map.

What I learned next heightened my concern. I measured the distance from the BESS area of the project to the foothills of the Sandia Mountain. It is only 1.7 miles!

I see thousands of dead trees in the Sandias from my kitchen window. These are kindling for any wildfire. That terrifies me as I would lose my home in a wildfire!

Another East Mountain resident who worked 13 years installing the hardware for solar farms told me that fires "happen all the time, usually from poor quality workmanship".

I hope we never experience a wildfire in the mountain. Or you will become known as the Commission that voted to risk fires in the Sandia. And the headlines in the Albuquerque Journal will excoriate the Commission. Please remember that we need only one fire for a devastating outcome.

Please vote "NO" and deny this application.

From: [Theresa Haycock](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
Cc: [Lisa Darnold](#); [Dennis Kellogg](#); [Karen Yank](#); [Lorna Parsons](#)
Subject: For the P & Z Commissioners
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Attached are 2 documents for the Dec. 10th meeting of the P&Z Commissioners.
The first is an Executive Summary of my submission.
The second is from the poster board I will be displaying for the Commissioners.
Please print them in color.
Could you let me know they have been received and distributed?

Marie Haycock
Neighborhood Watch
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From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
Cc: [Wayne Johnson](#)
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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

As an Albuquerque resident, I strongly support the Diamond Tail Solar Project in Sandoval County.

Clean energy projects like this are not only required by the NM energy transition act, but, by replacing polluting coal and gas fired electric plants, will clean our air and save the water it takes to cool those thermal power plants. These power plants are the #2 users of water in our drought-stricken state.

Please support and approve this project!

Sincerely,
Thomas Solomon
Albuquerque, NM 87122-1155
tasolomon6@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Berton Coxe
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Robin Orellana
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Daniel Beaman

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Mary Chappelle
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Sincerely,
Carl Axness
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This project is a winner for almost all of your constituents. I hope you will vote in favor of its approval.

Sincerely,
Ian Aeby
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1271
ianathome2009@hotmail.com

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Wayne Johnson](#); [Daniel Beaman](#)
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Sincerely,
Troy McGee
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-8869
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This is important.

Sincerely,
Bruce Davis
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Sincerely,
Rebecca Juterbock
Algodones, NM 87001-8001
rebeccajuterbock@gmail.com

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Wayne Johnson](#); [Daniel Beaman](#)
Subject: Fwd: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:15:25 PM

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From: Phillip Rochford <d.rochford@everyactioncustom.com>
Date: December 4, 2024 at 2:00:36 PM CST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar
Reply-To: d.rochford@outlook.com

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Corrales, NM 87048
d.rochford@outlook.com

Daniel Beaman

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Date: December 3, 2024 at 12:57:00 PM CST

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Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Buckeye, AZ 85326-6545
faddoul.kristiana@gmail.com

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

Dear Commissioners,

I have solar for my own home in ABQ. Solar panels also charge my EV. I usually pay \$8.19 mo. to connect to the grid.

I place great value on rural areas of our New Mexico. If your solar project will permit residents to connect to the grid for a reasonable charge, I will support the Diamond Tail Solar Project,

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If reasonable rates will result from the Diamond Tail Solar Project, this will be a common-sense step that strengthens NM's local economy while reducing Climate Change effects in NM. If all goes well, NM residents will thank you for your service to Sandoval County specifically and to NM's future as a renewable energy

state, allowing us to move from reliance on fossil fuel energy to renewable energy. .

Sincerely,

S Selbin

Albuquerque, NM 87104-1156

sselbin@hotmail.com

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
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Cc: [Wayne Johnson](#)
Subject: Fwd: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar
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Cc: Wayne Johnson <wjohnson@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: **Fwd: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar**

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Date: December 3, 2024 at 9:11:23 PM CST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: **New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar**
Reply-To: mbwildwoman@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Marlene Brown
Albuquerque, NM 87106-2827
mbwildwoman@gmail.com

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Daniel Beaman

Subject: FW: Please approve the zoning variance for Diamond Tail Solar and Storage project

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From: Stefi Weisburd <weisburd@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: December 3, 2024 at 12:44:45 PM CST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: Please approve the zoning variance for Diamond Tail Solar and Storage project

Reply-To: weisburd@mac.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I am writing in support of the proposed Diamond Tail Solar and Battery Project near Golden, NM. The devastating effects of climate change are already readily apparent in the East Mountains where I live. Our beloved piñons are dying, our wells are drying, and both wildfire risk and insurance rates are soaring.

This project is an important step towards displacing the climate pollution and untenable water use of the Four Corners coal plant- to the benefit all New Mexicans. It will provide low-cost electricity to PNM ratepayers like me. It will generate increased economic activity and tax revenue for East Mountain communities and support the development of a clean energy workforce. It will also fund Bernalillo schools and offer a living conservation and renewable energy laboratory for East Mountain students.

I had the opportunity to visit the site. Roch, the Diamond tail ranch manger told me that the cousins who recently inherited the land call it a treasure. The income from the solar and storage farm will allow them to continue the conservation work the Roch is doing – restoring this important watershed from overgrazing and eliminating invasive species such as salt cedar. Without the income, the new owners were advised to sell the ranch for housing developments, which no one in the East Mountain community supports (i.e., see Campbell Ranch). Solar farms themselves can enhance biodiversity and pollinator habitat, similar to reefs in oceans.

Concerns about fire are valid. It would be appreciated if Sandoval County contributed to upgraded maintenance of the roads for emergency fire response to the entire area. But my worries about fire risk from the 2-acre battery farm have largely been assuaged by the Sandoval County Fire Chief's approval of the design and emergency response plan, the use of LiFePO4 batteries instead of Li-ion, and by Tesla's adherence to the most up-to-date fire standards. The ranch manager is amenable to the use of his surveillance system for fire monitoring too, and he and his assistant plus the operations staff will be there practically every day. If we do not transition to carbon-free energy the fire risk will only grow as temperatures rise, vegetation requires more water to survive, and water becomes more scarce (<https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/publications/monographs/bulletins/164/>).

Sincerely,
Stefi Weisburd
Tijeras, NM 87059
weisburd@mac.com

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Wayne Johnson](#); [Daniel Beaman](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Diamond Tail Solar
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 6:58:40 PM

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Date: December 4, 2024 at 7:37:39 PM CST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: **Support for Diamond Tail Solar**
Reply-To: rlbechtold77@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
RICHARD BECHTOLD
Santa Fe, NM 87508-9180
rlbechtold77@gmail.com

Daniel Beaman

Subject: FW: Wentz Family Supports the Diamond Tail Solar Project

From: Katherine Bruch

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 1:12 PM

To: Wayne Johnson <wjohnson@sandovalcountynm.gov>; Daniel Beaman <dbeaman@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Wentz Family Supports the Diamond Tail Solar Project

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From: Chris and Christine Wentz <wentzcc1@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: December 5, 2024 at 12:49:39 PM CST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: **Wentz Family Supports the Diamond Tail Solar Project**

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Corrales, NM 87048

wentzcc1@gmail.com

Daniel Beaman

Subject: FW: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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From: Michael Sauber <mikesauber@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: December 4, 2024 at 8:13:43 AM CST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: mikesauber@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Michael Sauber
Silver City, NM 88061-4727
mikesauber@gmail.com

From: [Tim Fender](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#); [P&ZComm](#); [Planning and Zoning Main](#)
Subject: Letter of opposition for PCR Proposed Diamond Tail Solar Farm Project: ZNCH-24-005
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:51:24 AM
Attachments: [PCR Diamond Tail Solar Farm Oppostion letter_TF.pdf](#)

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Please listen to the community and vote NO on the application for the proposed Diamond Tail Solar Farm.

Thank you,

Tim Fender

From: [Dawn Gonzales](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#); [P&ZComm](#); [Planning and Zoning Main](#)
Subject: Letter of opposition for PCR Proposed Diamond Tail Solar Farm Project: ZNCH-24-005
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:27:06 AM
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Thank you,
Dawn Gonzales

December 4, 2024

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I am writing to formally express my opposition to the PCR Diamond Tail Solar Farm Project proposed for Chavez Ranch. My concerns stem from the significant and potentially harmful impacts this project would have on my community, my family, and our environment. Below, I outline these concerns in detail:

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New Mexico faces critical water shortages, and the East Mountains are no exception, with our water grid under constant threat. Solar farms can place additional strain on water resources, particularly during construction. For example, solar project construction in Desert Center, California, led to the depletion of local wells, endangering water supplies for residents and businesses. Although PCR has stated they will truck in water, this introduces additional infrastructure challenges for our community.

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As highlighted in the presentation by Mr. Brandi, construction and maintenance for this project will rely on NM-14 and Puertocito Road, neither of which is equipped to handle heavy traffic. Increased wear and tear, combined with already delayed emergency response times in Sandoval County, could jeopardize public safety. Road congestion, compounded by poorly maintained infrastructure, poses a significant risk to the community.

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The project will irreparably harm the local ecosystem. While decommissioning plans exist, industrial-scale solar farms, like the proposed PCR project, typically operate for 30-40 years. Construction activities, such as grading, pile driving, blasting, and trenching, will destroy vegetation, compact soil, and disrupt ecosystems. These actions strip topsoil, destroy soil organisms, and invite invasive plant species. Noise, light, and chemical pollution are additional concerns known to accompany such projects.

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Sincerely,

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73 Via Entrada

Sandia Park, NM 87047

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Tim Fender

73 Via Entrada

Sandia Park, NM 87047

Daniel Beaman

Subject: FW: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

From: troy@everyactioncustom.com <troy@everyactioncustom.com> on behalf of Troy McGee
<troy@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 8:55 AM

To: Dave Heil

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Troy McGee
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-8869
troy@troymcgee.com



San Pedro Creek Estates Homeowners' Association c/o HOAMCO
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December 5, 2024

Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission C/O Chair Dennis R. Trujillo,
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Bernalillo, NM 87004

Dear Sandoval County Planning & Zoning Commissioners,

The San Pedro Creek Estates (SPCE) Homeowners Association (HOA) has recently learned about the Diamond Tail Solar and Storage Project proposed by PCR Investments SP4 LLC. We are aggrieved that the SPCE HOA has not received written notification from Sandoval County about this industrial 1,800-acre project, located within 5 miles of our community, since our HOA members will be affected by this development should it move forward. We also know that many of our neighbors who are adjacent landowners are formally opposing this project.

We recognize that growth and change in the East Mountains may occur. However, we expect our governing bodies to act responsibly and in the best interest of all. Many SPCE owners and Board members have attended PCR's public meetings and have been trying to research the aspects of PCR's plans and potential impacts, but many questions remain unanswered. Accepting PCR's rushed application indicates a lack of consideration for the harm it will bring to the quality of life of Sandoval County citizens.

We have many concerns, some of which include:

- Access to and use of an already **dwindling water supply** during construction (the underestimated 20 water trucks per day) and operation, and for on-site fire suppression. The source of water to support this site remains unclear.
- **High risk for fires** in close proximity to the Sandia Mountains – and firefighters' response time 30+ minutes (at best) on single lane dirt roads which could easily become impassible.
- **Environmental impacts** from toxic chemicals and contamination from solar panels and batteries that could pollute our aquifers and wells. Environmental impact studies and required updates to current conditions are still pending.
- **Disruption of wildlife** in this area which is directly east of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness.
- **Visual impacts**, reflection and glare as well as dark night sky contamination from on-site lighting – especially along the **Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway** – and to thousands of Sandoval County residents whose property values might be impacted. Only one preliminary visual simulation, from only a single point of view has been shared with the public.
- **PCR's lack of experience** with large-scale solar arrays and BESS lithium battery energy storage – as well as the lack of a contract or connectivity design with PNM.

As you know, based on the Sandoval County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners **may not grant** a Zone Map Amendment for establishment of a Special Use District unless satisfactory provisions have been made **to assure that the Special Use District will not become detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the County** – all of which appear to be serious issues for a solar farm project of this magnitude.

In short, while we support renewable energy efforts, we oppose a zoning change that would allow this project to proceed at the proposed location given the lack of adequate information. SPCE and East Mountain residents are clearly faced with a real risk of future injury if you approve PCR's application. We respectfully request that you take the time required to fully evaluate everything necessary for this zoning change request to be dispositioned in a sensible and responsible way.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration before making any decision, and thank you for your service as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Darnold', written in a cursive style.

Joel Darnold
President, SPCE HOA
On Behalf of the SPCE Board of Directors

cc: Daniel Beaman, P&Z Director
Doraida Arias, P&Z Assistant Director
Wayne Johnson, County Manager

Dear Commissioners,

I really need to voice my opinion on this extremely contentious project, in support of the zoning change.

Basically, I'm pro-farm and don't understand the fervent and often irrational opposition to it, which in my opinion is being stirred up by exaggerations or outright lies.

Note that I'm one of the founding members of the Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust, the first group that I'm aware of that wanted to preserve the Turquoise Trail. That group has morphed into others, and the latest is EMPAC, which I'm sure you're familiar with.

1) Necessity

We as a society very much need to switch away from fossil fuels, and solar projects such as this are vital. The siting for this one is ideal, along existing power lines and near an existing substation, on a very large private ranch. Let's not be totally NIMBY about this.

2) Outright lies

I see over and over again "5.5 square miles" yet this makes no sense. 1800 acres divided by 640 acres/sq. mile comes out to about half that popular, frightening number. I contacted EMPAC, politely asking how they came up with that simple number... no reply. This project needs to be looked at on the basis of facts. 5.5 square miles is a lie. (I've also heard "5 1/2 square miles paved over!"... not so.)

3) Fire

Fire is a big concern, and I've seen social media comments about "burning down the Sandias" as well as evacuating Albuquerque. My degree is in engineering, and I've looked at PCR's batteries and the current failure rate and the systems they will have in place for such problems as a fire. I'm not concerned. There is some risk in any endeavor, and I think this one is definitely acceptable.

Before my engineering days, I spent 16 seasons working on forest and range fires with the Forest Service. Having been through the Diamondtail property numerous times, and knowing how PCR will site the batteries (with large gravel buffers), I'm not concerned in the slightest. Yes, a battery fire is not a good thing, but the chances are low, and precautions are being taken in the unlikely event that one would happen.

The anti-solar folks are hyping this as a disaster guaranteed to happen. Forget that, and please look at the facts.

4) Visual issues

The proposed farm is 2 miles off of Hwy 14. I drive from San Pedro to Albuquerque, and there are very few places from which it would be seen. It's probably different north of Golden, but I haven't done a check on that. Yes, it can be seen from some places. That's ok by me. Compare that with the places much of the opposition has been stirred up from.... Paako, San Pedro Creek, The Overlook. Those 'developments' are many times larger than the solar farm would be, and they're right along the scenic byway, not 2 miles distant. When I moved to the East Mountains, none of that was there. The Scenic Byway started being scenic right after where the roundabout is being put in. No more. Folks from any of those 3 subdivisions complaining about visual impacts are hypocrites.

5) EMPAC.

You might have seen that they circulated a list of questions for the community meetings (the first of which was a total farce due to the 'audience') designed to completely disrupt any intelligent conversation about the issue. Examples:

" How long will it take to construct additional High Voltage transmission power lines? "

Answer: The site was chosen because of the existing lines.

" What is the basal density of Juniper trees in the neighboring lands adjacent to the solar farm? How does this basal density compare to the nearby Sandia National Forest? "

Answer: This is ridiculous, and I say that as one who is quite experienced in wildland fire matters. It's a question thrown out there just to gum the things up.

Etc.....

6) Real issues:

Traffic and dust on Puertocito Road
A road through the Chavez Ranch
Where is the water going to come from?

Yes, there are issues to be worked out, and I think that PCR is willing to work with our community. This is just Step One. They should be allowed to go forward with their planning. And we'll see the details (and can object or help guide the process) as we go forward.

7) Bottom line:

As one who has been involved in preserving the East Mountain community for the last 30 years, currently as a board member of the SPNA (San Pedro Neighborhood Assn.) and one of the founding members of the Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust, I'm appalled at the resistance to the project, and am doubly appalled at the lies promulgated on social media and by EMPAC, and being believed by the gullible. Please look beyond all that.

Thanks,

Bob Clancy

11 B Blue Crow Lane

Sandia Park, NM 87047

(San Pedro)

bob@southmtpages.com

From: [Sonya Benson](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
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Hello Mr. Beaman and Commissioners,,

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When asked what water source PCR would use for their project, Brandi said many words but none of them answered the question. My well is over 100' deep and cost tens of thousands of dollars to drill and is our only source of water. I am not confident that Brandi will not access the same aquifer that I and my family rely upon. In our county, with so much solar potential, we also need to be realistic that we are simultaneously facing water shortages. Wells are going dry. It's quite possible that PCR, coming from Venezuela, does not grasp this, or simply doesn't care. Do you? It is the responsibility of government to not let this happen if it can be prevented. This is preventable.

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

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Northern New Mexico already hosts solar + storage projects, including ones at Santa Fe Community College, Hyde State Park, and the Taos airport. Scaling up from these successful projects makes eminent sense.

Supporting the Diamond Tail Solar Project is a common-sense step that strengthens our local economy while preserving the values we hold dear. Thank you for your service to our community and for considering this important project.

Sincerely,
Ken Hughes
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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I am a PNM ratepayer.

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Sincerely,
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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

Thank you for your service to the community, and your attention to this message.

You know the benefits of the proposed project, so I will not repeat them.

My message is to those who hear the NIMBY viewpoint, and are almost persuaded by it. Yes, solar farms are not beautiful places, but at least they are relatively low to the ground, unlike wind farms. When done right (set high enough for animals to pass under), solar farms can be a way of increasing biodiversity by lowering the temperature of the earth beneath them, which allows more variety of plants to grow, which leads to a greater variety of animals. Win-win.

I hope that you approve this project, and require that it be set high enough to accomplish this.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely
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I am writing you to request the denial of Planning and Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005, as submitted by PCR Investment regarding The Diamond Tail Solar Farm. I attended both the October 29, 2024 and December 3, 2024 PCR public outreach meetings. Following these meetings, I am concerned with the lack of project definition and the lack of PCR's ability to answer questions with any clarity, detail, and certainty.

This request for denial is based on the following:

1. Threat of Fire

While communicated by PCR and their paid consultant as low risk (but not zero), recent New Mexico history with wild fires, specifically with the liabilities created by the Hermits-Calf Canyon Fire, PCR was unable to identify the level of liability insurance they would carry for this project. As I look down the liability trail, I ask does PCR, their subcontractors, The Diamond Tail Ranch and **Sandoval County** have the ability to insure the risks of a wildfire in the most densely populated areas (Albuquerque and Santa Fe) of the state?

The cost of my homeowners insurance is escalating at an average of 37% per

year. The risk of this facility located in an already defined “wildfire risk area” will certainly be factored into the increases for the coming years. This is an **unfair burden** to place on the local population.

2. Location

Why is it being considered to locate this facility in-between the two most populated cities in the state?

This issue is closely related to the threat of wildfires. PCR documentation cites the closing of the PNM Four Corners coal-fired facility as justification for the development of its facility.

Why is locating the PCR proposed facility at the abandoned coal fired plant not being considered? The interconnect facilities for the transfer of power generated by the PCR solar farm is already in place.

The four corners area is significantly less populated, therefore reducing the risk to health and safety.

3. Third Party Independent Review and Oversight

No third-party independent agency has been identified for any phase of this project, not for design, construction, operations or decommissioning.

Why is this?

4. Will PCR be required to fund a performance bond to cover the cost of decommissioning 30 years after the start of operations?

5. **Will the price of PCR power be regulated**, as is the case with PNM? No information has been provided by PCR.

6. Incomplete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Phase 1 is incomplete. There are more TBD's than data, including the subcontracted preparer's admission that PCR did not provide the needed data.

Given the above unanswered questions and additional concerns that exist currently, it seems inappropriate to approve Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005. An approval of this package will be the “Go” for the project. Once a “Go” for the project is issued, visibility and transparency will be reduced or eliminated for the impacted local population.

In summary, I am requesting the denial of Planning and Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Karen Ames

From: [RICHARD A DUNN](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
Cc: [Katherine Bruch](#); info@antthorntonform.com; info@lord2020.com
Subject: Request to Deny ZNCH-24-005; PCR Investments Re-zoning
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 8:47:17 PM

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I am writing you to request the denial of Planning and Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005, as submitted by PCR Investment regarding The Diamond Tail Solar Farm. I attended both the October 29, 2024 and December 3, 2024 PCR public outreach meetings. Following these meetings, I am concerned with the lack of project definition and the lack of PCR's ability to answer questions with any clarity, detail, and certainty.

This request for denial is based on the following:

1. Threat of Fire

While communicated by PCR and their paid consultant as low risk (but not zero), recent New Mexico history with wild fires, specifically with the liabilities created by the Hermits-Calf Canyon Fire, PCR was unable to identify the level of liability insurance they would carry for this project. As I look down the liability trail, I ask does PCR, their subcontractors, The Diamond Tail Ranch and **Sandoval County** have the ability to insure the risks of a wildfire in the most densely populated areas (Albuquerque and Santa Fe) of the state?

The cost of my homeowners insurance is escalating at an average of 37% per year. The risk of this facility located in an already defined "wildfire risk area" will certainly be factored into the increases for the coming years. This is an **unfair burden** to place on the local population.

2. Location

Why is it being considered to locate this facility in-between the two most populated cities in the state?

This issue is closely related to the threat of wildfires. PCR documentation cites the closing of the PNM Four Corners coal-fired facility as justification for the development of its facility.

Why is locating the PCR proposed facility at the abandoned coal fired plant not being considered? The interconnect facilities for the transfer of power generated by the PCR solar farm is already in place.

The four corners area is significantly less populated, therefore reducing the risk to health and safety.

3. Third Party Independent Review and Oversight

No third-party independent agency has been identified for any phase of this project, not for design, construction, operations or decommissioning. **Why is this?**

4. Will PCR be required to fund a performance bond to cover the cost of decommissioning 30 years after the start of operations?

5. **Will the price of PCR power be regulated**, as is the case with PNM? No information has been provided by PCR.

6. Incomplete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Phase 1 is incomplete. There are more TBD's than data, including the subcontracted preparer's admission that PCR did not provide the needed data.

Given the above unanswered questions and additional concerns that exist currently, it seems inappropriate to approve Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005. An approval of this package will be the "Go" for the project. Once a "Go" for the project is issued, visibility and transparency will be reduced or eliminated for the impacted local population.

In summary, I am requesting the denial of Planning and Zoning Package ZNCH-24-005. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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To: [P&ZComm](#)
Cc: [Daniel Beaman](#); [Wayne Johnson](#); [Doraida Arias](#); "Board"; "Ana C. Moreira"; jrdarno@gmail.com
Subject: RE: SPCE requests Delay of Dec 10 hearing on PCR Solar Farm application
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Feel free to email, text or call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Joel Darnold
President, SPCE HOA
505-350-8276

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Dear Joel Darnold,

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Daniel J. Beaman

Director of Planning and Zoning

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From: [susie protiva](#)
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Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 7:27:28 PM
Attachments: [P&Z Comments 12102024 meeting.pdf](#)

December 5, 2024

Dear Director Beaman,

I am a resident of Puertecito Road in eastern Sandoval County and am submitting these comments to the record for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for December 10, 2024, which I am unable to attend in person. I attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 8, 20024 and presented my comments on Agenda Item ZNCH-24-005, PCR's application for a zoning change from Rural Residential to Special Use. The commission postponed their decision that evening, instructing PCR to conduct more public outreach and information sessions. As Puertecito Road is a significant access route for their planned solar installation, and indeed my residence was clearly mapped in their application map of adjacent residencies, I was quite perplexed that I had not been contacted directly by PCR, as a stakeholder in the impact of this project. After the October P&Z meeting, and the commission's instructions to PCR, I was forwarded (by my neighbor) an email from the engineering firm PCR has subsequently hired, asking for contact information for residents and interested parties. I replied directly to Maria Cruz of Souder, Miller and Associates with my information and request to be included in all public outreach efforts. Ms. Cruz replied promptly, verifying she had received my contact info and had me on their list. **I have not received any further information or meeting announcements from either Souder, Miller and Associates or PCR**, even though three meetings were held at the Vista Grande Community Center. This leads me to wonder if PCR is serious in endeavoring to meet their public outreach obligations; I am a highly motivated participant in the process, making their job easier, and still they are not meeting the minimum expectation of good faith communication. In this frame of mind I attended one of PCR's information sessions, (having been notified, again, by a neighbor, NOT PCR or its agent) and while they had more slides in their PowerPoint, they were no more informative in their answers to our questions, most of which were on the same topics raised at the October 8th meeting, namely:

1. **Fire safety and suppression plans:** there was vague talk about an 'expert' PCR had hired but who wasn't able to attend the meeting that day; there was vague and circular talk about consulting with Sandoval County Fire personnel, but with Sandoval County personnel being the furthest possible emergency entity from the proposed site, that is not a reasonable or substantive answer.

2. **Water usage and sourcing:** again, Mr. Brandi could not assure with any credulity that water would not be pumped from the local supply for use in construction as well as Operation & Maintenance, namely washing the solar panels with what they estimate will be 25 large water trucks per year. That is not an insignificant amount of water in an area where many people have wells that have gone dry and depend on the same public source that PCR hopes to use, the Henderson well in Golden. No formal agreement between Hendersons or any other water supplier has been submitted with this application, which seems a very significant lack in necessary proof of plan for this project.

3. **Access to the proposed site:** PCR states in section 2.4 of their application (page 7, item 2) that "During construction, the Project site will be accessed from NM-14 across the Rancho de Chavez, located in Santa Fe County. This access route across private land will also be used in the event of an emergency during the operation period of the project. PCR has entered into an agreement with the landowner to facilitate use of this access route. The executed Memorandum agreement was recorded at Santa Fe County." They have NOT submitted a copy of this agreement with their application, nor have they entered it into the record in SANDOVAL COUNTY. This oversight is extremely concerning to me. If this "agreement" is at any point broken, or terms change, I and my Puertecito neighbors could be subjected to dangerous heavy construction traffic on our roadway, which is NOT

sufficient to safely support that volume, weight or type of traffic. We have been subjected to this before, when PNM used Puertecito Road to construct a power line and switching station. It incumbent upon Sandoval County not to endanger their citizens by letting this happen again. The County must diligently pursue all assurances that PCR will not endanger the residents of Puertecito Road with construction-grade traffic; requiring proof of a legal, binding, memorandum of agreement with Rancho de Chavez granting access from NM 14 to the solar site seems the bare minimum the County should require. I would also ask, if they have an agreement for *construction* traffic through Rancho de Chavez, then why not ALL traffic? PCR suggests their daily Operational and Maintenance traffic will be equal to 4 passenger vehicles per day, which on its face seems minimal. But under further examination of their application, they state 25 large water trucks per year will be an additional amount. Given their history of vague, evasive or just plain missing answers to our questions, it is very difficult to trust these estimates of traffic volume. **They haven't even explored the possibility of accessing the site from I-25**, which would be a much more direct route that involves NO residential impact, would be faster for Sandoval County emergency services to reach the site and would mean no heavy truck traffic on The Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway, NM highway 14. It is absurd that a route directly from Interstate 25 hasn't been their prime objective, as their proposed route utilizing the Turquoise Trail degrades and endangers life in East Mountain communities stretching from Tijeras all the way to Madrid.

I believe it is the Planning and Zoning and County Commission's duty to require a much more thorough, transparent and inclusive proposal from PCR; to grant this zoning change at this stage would be premature and would undermine the necessary due diligence and oversight that is the County's mandated responsibility to us, the residents and citizens of Sandoval County, as well the East Mountain communities also impacted by this proposed project.

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From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Wayne Johnson](#); [Daniel Beaman](#)
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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

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Supporting the Diamond Tail Solar Project is a common-sense step that strengthens our local economy and helps us move to clean, sustainable energy sources. Thank you for your service to our community and for considering this important project.

Sincerely,
Gail Pinkepank
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From: [Parsons](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#)
Cc: "[Karen Yank](#)"; "[Dennis Kellogg](#)"
Subject: ZNCH-24-005: Revised Letters of Opposition from Ranchers
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Dear Mr. Beaman—

Attached is revised PDF document relating to letters from adjacent and surrounding large ranch owners opposing ZNCH-24-005. Please submit in the Public Comments section of P&Z website, for December 10 hearing, in replace of attached document sent by me earlier today, at around 11:56 AM, entitled "Landowner Opposition Letters". I apologize for the confusion.

Thank you very much,

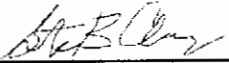
Bill Parsons.

Attachments:

Letters of Opposition to ZNCH-24-005, proposed zoning change to build Diamond Tail Solar Power Plant and Storage Facility, by adjacent and surrounding large ranch owners, submitted to the public record, prior to Sandoval County Planning & Zoning Commission hearing, December 10, 2024.

Nov. 1, 2024

I, the below signed, am an adjacent landowner and I am against the zoning change requested by Diamond Tail Ranch from Residential/Agricultural District to Special Use District.

Signature 

Steve Chavez, Chavez Ranch, 2138 NM Hwy 14, Cerrillos, NM, 87010



Campbell Management

December 2, 2024

Planning & Zoning Department
Sandoval County Administration Planning & Zoning Department
Sandoval County Administration Building
1500 Idalia Road, Building "D" 2nd floor
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State of New Mexico
Attn: Director

Re: ZNCH-24-005

Dear Director and P&Z Commissioners:

Thank you for taking the time to read and review our letter of concern.

The Campbell family has been a large if not the largest landowner along NM state hwy 14 since prior to its existence. In fact, Campbell specifically granting a right of easement for its path and construction while still retaining ownership. Campbell has always been a strong proponent of this scenic byway which has reached national prominence as the scenic and artful way for residents and annual tourist the travel to and from Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

One of the biggest strengths of this treasured asset for New Mexico is the striking natural beauty and vistas. The Campbells have always been proponents of rational alternative energy sources in particular solar. We are currently involved with several at different locations in the state. However, the common location characteristic among them, besides access to strong sunlight, they are all located in remote locations not easily visible from the majority of the public or along tourist corridors.

The proposed location of this current proposed zone change not only seems to defy the economic feasibility with remote locations its visual impact on one of New Mexico's greatest tourist assets defies logic.

No doubt the project itself has merits but placing it at this location considering the cost benefit of damaging one of the greatest tourist corridors and asset for the state can not be overstated.

We humbly recommend moving the project location to one of the MANY available sites better suited for this type of land use in order to preserve the beauty of arguably one of the best national scenic byways in the United States.

Sincerely,

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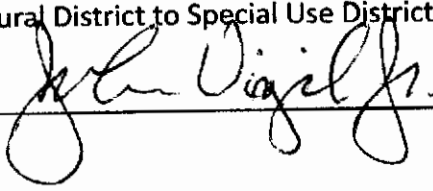
Robert Gately
President
Campbell Farming Corporation

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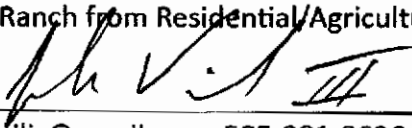
John Vigil, jvigiljr@gmail.com, 505-281-8626

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John Vigil, jlvigiljr@gmail.com, 505-281-8626

Nov. 1, 2024

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Signature *Grant & Tracy Williams*
Tracy and Grant Williams, X-Milliron Ranch, 1511 Hwy 14 N, Golden, NM, 87047

From: [Katherine Bruch](#)
To: [Daniel Beaman](#); [John Garcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Diamond Tail Solar Farm Public Hearing | Dec 10 @ 4:30pm
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Sandoval County Public Hearing Diamond Tail Solar Project Tuesday, Dec 10 @ 4:30pm

To express your concerns directly to the P&Z Commission you will need to arrive early and sign-in to speak.

Rio Rancho, Corrales, Albuquerque and Buckeye, Arizona are attempting to influence East Mountain Development. Speak up for the East Mountains and attend this CRITICALLY important hearing!

Hearing Location:

1500 Idalia Road, Building D, Bernalillo, NM 87004

Phone: 505-867-7500

What: In early October the Sandoval County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission considered a zone change application for a proposed 1,833 acre industrial solar installation and battery storage site that would create the largest solar farm in New Mexico. This solar project will include ground-mounted tracking system, solar

photovoltaic panels, DC to AC inverters, lithium battery storage system, electrical switching station – near Hwy 14 and West of Golden, NM.

Why this matters: Environmental impact of solar panels and lithium batteries polluting our aquifers and wells; Fires in lithium battery storage units; Site is without nearby fire department; PFAs (chemicals never breakdown); High ambient noise pollution; Visual impacts to Hwy 14 scenic route; Solar panel reflection, glare, dark sky contamination; Temperature rise in area; Impact to wildlife and endangered species. On October 29th, the developer, PCR Energy, held a Q&A session (as a requirement of the P&Z Commission) to educate the community about the solar farm and listen to community concerns and then held additional Q&A sessions held on 12/3 and 12/4. The P&Z Commission is scheduled to reconsider this zoning change application at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 4:30.

IMPORTANT: State Representative Matthew McQueen indicated if the Sandoval County P & Z approves the proposed zoning change on Dec 10, the proposed solar farm will move forward. ATTEND THE MEETING TO SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION.

Please CLICK the survey button below:

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

Additional solar electricity will benefit more people than just Sandoval County residents. I support any and all additional solar generated electricity for New Mexico.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Beaman,

I have scoured the Public Comments posted to the P&Z website. I do not see the text and map that I sent last Thursday. Perhaps it's posting was missed?
Since I sent it on 12/5, it was before the deadline. would you please post it now.? Please acknowledge receipt.

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask that you please deny the PCR Energy request for a zoning change. The request to convert agricultural/ranchland into an industrial park is not in character with the surrounding properties along the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway.

Location and topography matter. This is not a flat area. This 1800 acre (2.8 square mile!) solar farm and battery storage facility will be at a lower elevation than many of our Sandia National Forest recreational areas and local communities. It will be THE THING one will see from the Sandia Ski Area, many of the trails in the Sandia National forest, and yes, from many homes north and east of the Sandias. Homes and communities that were developed with this area's vast beautiful views, wildlife, and water resources in mind by requiring a minimum of 5 and 10 acre lots per home, not allowing lot owners to fence off their entire property, downward lighting requirements to avoid light pollution, as well as other precautions all in pursuit of not interfering with wildlife movements and to protect our East Mountain resources.

If the request isn't outright denied, it should at least be delayed so that PCR Energy can complete the view analysis that was promised, but not delivered, during the community meetings.

Thanks,
Brent Taft
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