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Date: February 12, 2025 at 2:59:21 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: Consider Moving the Diamond Tail solar project to the West Mesa Solar Energy Corridor (WMSEC)_ZNCH-24-005:

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Thank you for considering this common sense / Win-Win consideration.

Miguel Duncan

30 Moccasin Trl, Sandia Park, NM 87047

From: Kelly McMahan <misskell@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 4:11:41 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: **Diamond Tail Solar is a great idea**

Reply-To: misskell@nmia.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I am a PNM rate payer. I also have solar panels on my roof, but this project will offer benefits to a whole community. Thank you for being a part of this decision. I hope you will approve this project!

Sincerely,

Kelly McMahan

Albuquerque, NM 87114-1654

misskell@nmia.com

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However, since this seems to be causing a difficulty – I will put the text of my letter here.

January 28, 2025

TO: Sandoval County Commissioners

Katherine A. Bruch (D) - kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov **Jon Herr (R)** - jrherr@sandovalcountynm.gov

Michael Meek (R) 2025 Chairman - mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov **Jordan Juarez (R) 2025 Vice-Chairman** - jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov **Joshua Jones (D)** - jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov

CC: Wayne Johnson, Sandoval County Manager (wjohnson@sandovalcountynm.gov)

I am submitting this correspondence to express my opposition to PCR Energy's proposed Diamond Tail Solar Plant, which is to be situated at the central point of the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway.

I have resided in the East Mountains since 1997, and Wayne Johnson is aware of my extensive involvement in community service and advocacy aimed at preserving and enhancing the quality of life for residents in the East Mountain area. I currently serve on several boards in this capacity.

Over the past 28 years, we have faced continual challenges in safeguarding our unique rural and mountainous environment. There appears to be a prevailing sentiment to consider the East Mountain area as a suitable location for projects without adequate community concern. ("Let's stick it in the East Mountains – they won't care") This is particularly evident in this instance, where the proposed solar facility is situated significantly distant from the principal urban centers of Sandoval County.

I must emphasize that residents of the East Mountains are indeed concerned about this development. The visual disruption anticipated from this proposed solar facility, which spans approximately 2.8 square miles, poses a significant threat to scenic views, potentially adversely impacting tourism and property values, thereby jeopardizing essential economic and cultural benefits for New Mexico.

Additionally, the State of New Mexico currently lacks sufficient regulations and safeguards for solar installations of this scale and nature. Notably, there is pending legislation under consideration during this legislative session addressing the siting and scope of solar facilities.

The overriding enthusiasm for 'green energy' appears to have led the Planning and Zoning Commission to overlook the critical implications of this installation concerning safety, environmental impact, and the

effects on neighboring counties. The recent Moss Fire in California serves as a stark reminder of the potential hazards associated with large-scale solar facilities. What specific evacuation protocols are established? What strategies and methodologies will be implemented to mitigate the environmental consequences of a potential fire? How will increased traffic flow on North Highway 14 and the Turquoise Trail during construction, which is not designed to accommodate commercial traffic and has stringent length restrictions on such vehicles, be managed? Furthermore, how will this project affect the visual integrity from locations such as Sandia Crest, Sandia Peak Ski Area, and the Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway?

This situation reflects a misalignment in prioritizing project approval without sufficient consideration of the ramifications for the East Mountains.

I strongly urge the commission to recommend relocating this project to a more appropriate site that does not compromise the viewshed of the byway or to deny the application entirely.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Regards,
Lisa Davis

Lisa Davis

Mobile: 505.238.7036

Email: b.lisa.davis@gmail.com

From: b.lisa.davis@gmail.com <b.lisa.davis@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 2:06 PM

To: kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov; jrherr@sandovalcountynm.gov; mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov; jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov; jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov; wjohnson@sandovalcountynm.gov

Subject: Diamond Tail Solar Plant Letter of Opposition

Please find attached my letter in opposition to the Diamond Tail Solar Plant.

Lisa Davis

Mobile: 505.238.7036

Email: b.lisa.davis@gmail.com

From: Alex Stavrides <stavride@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 11:00:27 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: stavride@hotmail.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I'm writing to express my support for the Diamond Tail Ranch Solar Project in Sandoval County.

As an engineer in the solar industry for over 20 years, I can attest to the importance and worthiness of this project.

Battery safety concerns are unfounded for this project. No storage battery fires have ever extended beyond the confines of a project. Moreover, safety standards are completely different for this project than those followed for the Moss Landing project in California. What happened there cannot happen at Diamond Tail Ranch.

Please say YES to the Diamond Tail Project.

Sincerely,

Alex Stavrides

Albuquerque, NM 87111-7552

stavride@hotmail.com

From: James Gover <jgover@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 10:20:28 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: I support building nuclear power plants in Sandoval County for data centers

Reply-To: jgover@kettering.edu

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

Data centers that run AI-based software have high demands for electric power. I recommend that Sandoval County attract companies who build data centers to come to NM and make use of the most reliable electric power in the world, nuclear power. For more information including the file deck I recently used for a UNM talk, please make email contact with me.

Sincerely,

James Gover

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1507

jgover@kettering.edu

From: Anastasia Andersen <AAndersen62@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 12:09:50 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: I Support Diamond Tail Solar Project

Reply-To: AAndersen62@outlook.com

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Importantly, they align with broader efforts to diversify our energy resources and keep energy costs low, which is beneficial for families and businesses alike.

Supporting the Diamond Tail Solar Project will strengthen 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,

Anastasia Andersen

Albuquerque, NM 87110-2519

AAndersen62@outlook.com

Dear Mr. Beaman and Mr. Johnson,

I am writing to reiterate my strong support for zoning to allow a solar array at Diamond Tail Ranch in the eastern part of Sandoval County.

I am one of the family who owns the Diamond Tail Ranch and I am involved in managing it. For us, the solar array would be a game changer. Our preferred long-term approach to the ranch is to keep the bulk of it in a pristine and undeveloped condition. The ranch is a jewel because of its beauty, location, and historical significance; however, it is not very productive land. Therefore, there is hardly any income to deal with ongoing issues such as road and fence maintenance, invasive plants such as salt cedar, trespassers, and wild horse overgrazing. The array would change this and make preservation - our preferred path forward - an economically viable long-term option for the ranch.

Besides helping us manage the ranch, the array's green energy, jobs, and tax payments will benefit everyone in the surrounding area. I have reviewed the concerns of some of the project's detractors and frankly, as the landowner most exposed to any issues, I think the benefits easily outweigh the negatives (and I would say this whether we were receiving lease income or not). We appreciate that many of our neighbors are in support of the project. As for those opposed (certain of whom go as far as to physically accost movie crews who very occasionally drive in to film on our ranch), we do not think it is right that others be allowed to block viable, lawful economic activity on our property. In the case of the array, with its significant public benefit, it seems especially egregious.

Thank you for reading and your work on this issue,
Dennis Wilkinson

Mr. Daniel Beaman
Director of Planning and Zoning
Sandoval County

RE: ZNCH-24-005

Dear Director Beaman:

I am writing to you again to reinforce my support of the Diamond Tail Solar project as you consider the appeal to be heard on February 18th. I want to emphasize that this project has a direct impact on my property: I live in the hills above this project, so I will be able to see it from my front windows; if there is a fire caused by this project (which I believe there is a tiny chance of that) my home will come under risk; and I travel up/down Hwy 14 on a daily basis so I will have to deal with whatever increased traffic there is. Despite all of this, I urge the commission to support this project.

My support is based on the following:

1. New Mexico must accelerate its deployment of sustainable energy to help slow climate change and grow our economy. This project would be a significant step forward. Moreover, I believe there is a significant economic upside for New Mexico and Sandoval County to be garnered from sustainable energy developments. I will note that the clean technology sector is one – if not the – fastest growing business sectors globally. And it will continue to be so for the remainder of my lifetime. The early leaders in this sector will gain the most benefit.
2. I have read and listened to all the arguments against this project (fire, water, view, etc.) in the various community outreach meetings. I believe that PCR, its experts, and supporters have more than adequately addressed these concerns. The appellants and other opponents continue to raise the same arguments despite each one being answered with facts and logic. At some point, a decision must be made so we can get on with the future.
3. If not now, when? If not here, where? If not this solar project, which solar project? If not this development, which development? I believe the time is now to move forward on New Mexico's commitment to a fossil free economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Fred Walti
87 Laguna Vista Trail
Sandia Park, NM 87047
323.854.3332

From: April E Fletcher <rb96rus@swcp.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 3:15:32 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Thank you very much!

From: Sandra Hendren <sandra@statswoman.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 11:54:56 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Thank you very much!

Sandra Hendren, MS
Master Data Scientist
sandra@statswoman.com

From: NPH <nph250@gmail.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 9:27:24 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, +jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov,
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Thank you very much!

Nancy Hatchett

East Mt. resident

From: Susan Wilson <axiom7@me.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 10:05:24 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Susan M. Wilson
Sandia Park, NM 87047

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Nancy Hatchett

East Mt. resident

From: Tina Marler <tmmarler@msn.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 9:00:02 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Nancy Hatchett

East Mt. resident

From: Jason Hill <jehill30@yahoo.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 7:16:40 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Best regards,
Jason Hill
East Mountain Resident

From: Leslie Roodhouse Slama <leslierslama@mac.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 5:41:57 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Ronald E. and Leslie Roodhouse Slama
3 Creekside Trail
Sandia Park, NM 87047
214-789-1063

11 February 2025

Sandoval County Commissioners
P.O. Box 40
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Dear Commissioners,

Many of your constituents and other community members in the East Mountains have strongly opposed the Diamond Tail Ranch solar project since its inception.

As you are aware, on February 18, there is a special public hearing of an appeal of Sandoval County's Planning and Zoning Commission approval recommendation. I am not opposed to renewable energy; it is the way of our future. However, there are strong arguments that Diamond Tail Ranch is NOT suitable for a solar energy facility.

Before the hearing, I would like you to research and consider a proposal from the East Mountains Protection Action Coalition (EMPAC) for an alternative location for PCR's solar panel and battery storage facility: the existing West Mesa Solar Energy Corridor (WMSEC). The reasoning behind placing the facility in the WMSEC addresses many of the challenges that I believe pose a significant threat regarding its current proposed location on Highway 14, a National Scenic Highway designated the Turquoise Trail. The entire 1833 PCR power plant will sit at the base of the Cibola National Forest and occupy approximately three-square miles of the Sandia Basin. It should be noted that this will be PCR's (an Argentina-based family-run company) first solar facility to construct, install, and maintain. It will also be one of the largest solar energy power plants in the state.



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The following outcomes can still be obtained using the WMSEC:

- PCR's proposed 300 construction jobs
- \$5.9 million in gross receipts taxes for Sandoval County
- \$540 million capital investment for Sandoval County
- Providing energy for 60,000 homes each year anywhere in the United States (although PCR has yet to secure a power agreement with PNM)
- Promotion of clean energy sourced from Sandoval County
- Protection of the existing wildlife and habitat on the Diamond Tail Ranch and the hundreds of cultural sites.
- Avoidance of delays due to possible litigation.

The following risks can be solved by utilizing what can be regarded as a natural location for PCR's facility in the WMSEC.

Diamond Tail Ranch Risks	WMSEC Solutions
Nearest fire station with ability to respond to lithium battery fire: Bernalillo County – 35 miles	20 fire stations within vicinity with 280 first responders
Distance to Cibola National Forest – 1.7 miles	Approximately 40 miles
Access road infrastructure to facility - 14 miles of gravel & rock (will require access to water to keep dust levels at minimum during construction of facility)	Road infrastructure already in place - asphalt
Proximity to residential and commercial buildings – 1.5 miles (very similar to recent Moss Landing solar facility experiencing four fires in recent years)	Proximity to residential and commercial buildings – 30 miles
Disruption of scenic highway with potential of impacting State tourism	None
Imminent danger of catastrophic battery and national forest fires.	None

There are other reasons to consider the WMSEC as a solution solar energy facility site, but those listed above are most important to me. I hope you will consider these strongly before making a decision

Sincerely,

Ronald E. and Leslie Roodhouse Slama

3 Creekside Trail

Sandia Park, NM 87047

From: Laura Lynch <llynch8630@gmail.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 4:21:59 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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From: Carol <catunell@gmail.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 10:03:18 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, +jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov,
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From: Jae Riebe <jaeriebe@everyactioncustom.com>
Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:07:41 PM MST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar
Reply-To: jaeriebe@gmail.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

As a member of the community who values our rural character and economic resilience, I'm writing to express my support for the Diamond Tail Solar Project in Sandoval County. This project represents a unique opportunity to bring significant benefits to our area—good-paying construction jobs, stable income for landowners, and critical tax revenue to fund schools and first responders—while respecting the quiet, open spaces that make our county special.

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Sincerely,
Jae Riebe
Rio Rancho, NM 87144-3501
jaeriebe@gmail.com

From: Dawn Foster <dawnfoster84@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 4, 2025 at 7:52:42 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: dawnfoster84@comcast.net

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Sincerely,

Dawn Foster

Placitas, NM 87043-9411

dawnfoster84@comcast.net

From: Christine Spigarelli <eldoradosf@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 3:48:54 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,
Christine Spigarelli
Rio Rancho, NM 87127
eldoradosf@yahoo.com

From: Mitchell Freedman <MITCHELLFREEDMAN@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 3:53:08 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Mitchell Freedman

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-5917

MITCHELLFREEDMAN@YAHOO.COM

From: Charmaine O'Rourke <werecamo@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 5:58:56 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: werecamo@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

Charmaine O'Rourke

Ruidoso, NM 88345-7811

werecamo@gmail.com

From: M Timothy Callan <tim17271@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:01:13 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

M Timothy Callan

Placitas, NM 87043-9335

tim17271@gmail.com

From: Delbert Schafer <schafer42@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:30:42 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Delbert Schafer

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1333

schafer42@gmail.com

From: Karen Miller <karen-miller@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:43:37 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: karen-miller@pinewoodpreschool.com

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Sincerely,

Karen Miller

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3918

karen-miller@pinewoodpreschool.com

From: Ann Kepley <ann.kepley@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:49:58 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,
Ann Kepley
Bernalillo, NM 87004-5770
ann.kepley@gmail.com

From: Lynne Patton <lynnepatton@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 5:20:40 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: lynnepatton@hotmail.com

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Sincerely,
Lynne Patton

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Lynne Patton
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-0975
lynnepatton@hotmail.com

From: Dennis Bumgarner <behavior-coach@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 6:36:54 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: behavior-coach@att.net

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Sincerely,

Dennis Bumgarner

Placitas, NM 87043-8766

behavior-coach@att.net

From: Lindsay Lannholm <lindsayanne99@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 8:34:43 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Lannholm

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-4718

lindsayanne99@hotmail.com

From: shelley mann-lev <shelleymannlev1@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 9:17:27 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: shelleymannlev1@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

shelley mann-lev

Santa Fe, NM 87505-6528

shelleymannlev1@gmail.com

From: Dianne Burke <bdianne48@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 6, 2025 at 1:00:23 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Dianne Burke

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-7619

bdianne48@yahoo.com

From: LAURA LAKIN <glakin46@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 11:26:56 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

LAURA LAKIN

Albuquerque, NM 87120-4487

glakin46@gmail.com

From: Sue Adams <adams2361@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 6, 2025 at 8:45:05 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: adams2361@yahoo.com

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Please support this Solar project.!

Sue Adams

Sincerely,

Sue Adams

Rio Rancho, NM 87144-7550

adams2361@yahoo.com

From: Gail PINKEPANK <gpinkepank@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 6, 2025 at 9:51:53 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Gail PINKEPANK

Rio Rancho, NM 87144-1594

gpinkepank@msn.com

From: Stefi Weisburd <weisburd@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 6, 2025 at 12:50:27 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: weisburd@mac.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I have written to the Commission previously about the compelling economic and job benefits to the county of the proposed Diamond Tail Solar and Storage project in the East Mountains where I live. Replacing coal-generated electricity with solar is a huge water savings, and the income from the farm will enable the ranch owners to conduct conservation on an important Rio Grande Basin watershed in the county.

We are lucky to have companies like PCR who want to invest in clean energy in our state especially now when Federal support is so precarious.

Studies indicate that we must build the equivalent of one 200 MW solar and one 200 MW wind farm per month in our state for 16 years to slow climate change that is already taking its toll here.

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SBp4K2A2oKx_7-R5wVNVKlp0JZDFfpBn/view).

I know my neighbors are worried about fires from batteries, but the spread of sometimes alarming and misinformed messages on Next Door and other forums does a great disservice to a reasoned public discussion. Reiterating some important points experts have made:

- o No battery fire has ever spread or caused property damage outside of its facility.

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SC-KRbeh6uYosfzAz0ShlswdMZxH8FIB/view>)

- o As you know, modern battery systems, like that envisioned for Diamond Tail, are designed as a series of widely spaced, continuously monitored containers certified to stringent, multilayered fire safety codes and each equipped with fire prevention and suppression systems.

- o The last decade and post-2022 fire safety standards have substantially reduced the frequency and severity of battery fires as deployment of these systems has skyrocketed.

- o The proposed Tesla Megapacks exceed some local fire safety standards.

- o The recent Moss Landing fires occurred in a completely different design which concentrated racks of batteries into a repurposed building. Less than 1% of facilities are designed that way, for good reason.

(<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/energy-storage/moss-landing-fire-reveals-flaws-in-the-battery-industrys-early-designs>)

My neighbors also object to the seeing the farm from their homes a few miles away and from some trails in the Sandias. I seriously doubt the project, which really can't be seen from NM14, will have any impact on Turquoise Trail tourism. If anything, I see the farm as a monument to the pioneering contributions New Mexicans have made to solar energy development – including Indigenous, Sandia Labs and university scientists, the National Solar Thermal Test Facility, the nation's oldest solar energy association, the country's first solar thermal business building, and the experimental passive solar buildings at Ghost Ranch, among other achievements.

Sandoval County has a great opportunity to participate in the clean energy economy and reduce climate pollution, giving the East Mountains a greater chance of staying beautiful for decades to come.

Sincerely,
Stefi Weisburd
Tijeras, NM 87059-0579
weisburd@mac.com

From: Arwen Lynch-Por <readings@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 6, 2025 at 3:15:22 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: readings@tarotbyarwen.com

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We must bring in more jobs and find renewable energy solutions. I love where I live.

You have a wonderful opportunity to make it even better.

Sincerely,

Arwen Lynch-Por

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-4119

readings@tarotbyarwen.com

From: tanya hancock <tanyahancock1234@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 7, 2025 at 4:04:05 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: tanyahancock1234@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

tanya hancock

Albuquerque, NM 87105-0687

tanyahancock1234@gmail.com

From: Donna Tillman <d.tillman2010@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 7, 2025 at 9:14:24 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: d.tillman2010@gmail.com

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I have put solar on all my houses and just purchased my second EV (Equinox Ev) so I support this project.

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Sincerely,

Donna Tillman

Rio Rancho, NM 87144-5221

d.tillman2010@gmail.com

From: Rebecca Fowler <fowlerrc@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 12:47:29 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: fowlerrc@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Fowler

Albuquerque, NM 87108-3357

fowlerrc@gmail.com

From: Alexandra Dellamore <taosalex@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 9, 2025 at 11:06:55 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: taosalex@swcp.com

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Sincerely,

Alexandra Dellamore

Albuquerque, NM 87112-3454

taosalex@swcp.com

From: LaDene Diamond <ladenediamond@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 12:48:27 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: ladenediamond@yahoo.com

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Sincerely,

LaDene Diamond

Albuquerque, NM 87110-6171

ladenediamond@yahoo.com

From: john stearns <freeform67@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 4:22:28 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: freeform67@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

john stearns

Placitas, NM 87043-9510

freeform67@gmail.com

From: ILEAN Galloway <ig87144Dem@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 10, 2025 at 9:13:17 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: ig87144Dem@gmail.com

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If part of your objections is for safety reasons based on the Moss Landing battery plant that recently burned up in California, please know that this facility was “one of a kind, conceived and designed before modern safety standards were adopted for large grid batteries”. Battery safety standards have been updated many times since 2020. (<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/energy-storage/moss-landing-fire-reveals-flaws-in-the-battery-industrys-early-designs>).

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Sincerely

Ilean R. Galloway, Ed.D.

Sincerely,

ILEAN Galloway

Rio Rancho, NM 87144-7727

ig87144Dem@gmail.com

From: Bev Hedin <bevhedin@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 4:48:00 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Bev Hedin

Santa Fe, NM 87505-7517

bevhedin@gmail.com

From: STEPHEN MILLER <stepjmil@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 10, 2025 at 7:12:34 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: stepjmil@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

STEPHEN MILLER

Albuquerque, NM 87107-5101

stepjmil@gmail.com

From: Robert Scott <bob@everyactioncustom.com>
Date: February 10, 2025 at 8:46:07 AM MST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar
Reply-To: bob@bobscottlaw.com

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Sincerely,
Robert Scott
Albuquerque, NM 87111-5919
bob@bobscottlaw.com

From: Julie Rehmeyer <jrehmeyer@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 10, 2025 at 3:38:04 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: jrehmeyer@gmail.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I'm thrilled about the Diamond Tail Ranch Project and strongly hope that you'll support it. It has huge local benefits. For one thing, it's cheap: it will provide power at a fixed price for decades to come, while electricity prices as a whole are expected to rise substantially. It will increase our tax base by millions, providing money for schools and firefighters and roads. It will help protect us from blackouts especially during major problems with the grid, which are expected to rise. It will provide renewable power for families who can't install rooftop solar. It will be a point of pride, making us a leader in the clean energy transition.

I did have a moment of fear when I heard about the fire at Moss Landing, and I was worried when I read from opponents that Santa Fe would be downwind of the project. But then I learned more about it and understood that this project will be vastly safer and that the safety record of battery storage as a whole is remarkably good.

So while it's easy for some to concoct frightening scenarios, the reality is that the risk is low. Far lower than the risks I, for example, face by living next to a forest dried out by climate change.

Furthermore, if we reject this project, it won't just deprive us of green energy—it will stoke misinformation-fueled resistance to renewable energy projects everywhere. Fear spreads, just like wildfire does. Right-wing propagandists have championed the false idea that clean energy is dangerous, and if Sandoval County buys into it, we'll spread that false narrative further. Is Sandoval really going to be a community the Trump administration can thank for slowing down the clean energy transition?

Let's turn toward the clean energy future we want and need. Please say yes to the Diamond Tail Ranch project.

Sincerely,
Julie Rehmeyer
Santa Fe, NM 87506-8830
jrehmeyer@gmail.com

From: Michael Lawler <oeillist@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 10, 2025 at 7:14:39 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: oeillist@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

Michael Lawler

Albuquerque, NM 87111-4865

oeillist@gmail.com

From: Teresa DeBacker <profdebacker@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 10, 2025 at 10:13:40 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: Please Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: profdebacker@gmail.com

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Thank you, Teresa DeBacker

Sincerely,

Teresa DeBacker

Albuquerque, NM 87108-1103

profdebacker@gmail.com

From: Constance Wallace <conniewallace202@gmail.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 2:24:57 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, +jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov,
+mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov, +jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov, +jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov

Subject: ZNCH-24-005: Move the Diamond Tail solar project to the West Mesa Solar Energy Corridor (WMSEC)

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Thank you very much!

From: tanya hancock <tanyahancock1234@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 10:55:14 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

Reply-To: tanyahancock1234@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

tanya hancock

Albuquerque, NM 87105-0687

tanyahancock1234@gmail.com

From: Gabriele Jost <gjost@everyactioncustom.com>
Date: February 11, 2025 at 1:41:33 PM MST
To: Katherin Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: **Two Objections to Diamond Tail Ranch Solar Farm project.**
Reply-To: gjost@supersmith.com

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I am a member of the community who values our rural character and economic resilience and I am very much in support of using renewable energy instead of burning fossil fuels. However, I have 2 objections to the Diamond Tail Solar Farm project in the current form

1. Lithium storage batteries so close to residential areas pose a fire hazard. Furthermore, they have drawbacks like environmental issues and costs. It is important to explore alternative storage methods, which do exist. I would be happy to help with evaluating such alternatives.
2. I am objecting to purchasing the solar panels from Tesla, I would be happy to provide further details on my reasoning. One of the reasons is, that NM companies should benefit from a Solar Project in Placitas. There are many local provider and I can supply a list. I would also be happy to help with an evaluation of these products.

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The idea of the project is good, provided the above objections will be addressed,

Greetings,
Gabriele Jost

Sincerely,
Gabriele Jost
Placitas, NM 87043-8010
gjost@supersmith.com

From: Charlene Smith <youwillgetresultsfromme@gmail.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 2:14:54 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, +jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov,
+mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov, +jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov, +jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov

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Thank you very much!

From: Dawn Gonzales <drg21771@yahoo.com>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 3:16:10 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Dawn Gonzales
73 Via Entrada
Sandia Park, NM 87047



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From: Tom Corcoran <thomas.corcoran@earthlink.net>

Date: February 11, 2025 at 3:57:25 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Thank you very much!
Thomas Corcoran

From: Sandra Hendren <second40@gmail.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 11:52:23 AM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Thank you very much!

William C. Wilbur

From: cindyandgeno <cindyandgeno@aol.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 2:28:59 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Cc: Cindy Reeves - ICE <cindyandgeno@aol.com>

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From: Richard Barnes <richiebarnes@hotmail.com>

Date: February 12, 2025 at 2:32:39 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jon Herr <jherr@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Michael Meek <mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Jordan Juarez <jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov>, Joshua Jones <jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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Dear Mr. Beaman—

I just learned, from the County Board Home page, that a special hearing on ZNCH-24-005 has been scheduled for February 18, 2025. The hearing notice was dated January 31, 2025. I could not find notice of the Hearing on the P&Z webpage or the County Board calendar. Furthermore, I did not receive direct notice as an Appellant, which would have been nice.

Could you please explain why the Appellants were not notified directly regarding the status of their appeals and the Appeals Hearing?

Below, you had promised to “respond back with the substantive information once we have the pending Hearing Date set”. Now that a Hearing Date has been set for several days, I am hoping that you are able to provide details on how the Hearing will be conducted, in particular:

- Will all appeals be heard, procedural and on the merits? If so, how or in what manner?
- Will Appellants be given standing equal to Applicant PCR, e.g., equal speaking time, the ability to call witnesses, the ability to cross-examine applicant PCR and its witnesses, access to audio-visual equipment, etc.?

Finally, I note that Hearing-related information is being posted to the P&Z website. However, our appeal (Bill & Lorna Parsons) is not so posted; nor are the appeals submitted by TTRA and EMPAC. Why haven't these other appeals been posted?

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Bill.

From: Carla Ward <carlaward11@gmail.com>
Date: February 12, 2025 at 2:57:45 PM MST
To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: Solar Farm

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TURQUOISE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

January 25, 2025

Commissioner Joshua Jones;
Sandoval County
Bernalillo, NM

Dear Mr. Jones;

We are representing the 57 business members of the Turquoise Trail Association along the Turquoise Trail Association National Scenic Byway and we are concerned about the construction and truck traffic generated by the proposed Diamond Tail Solar Plant to be located at the center point of our National Scenic Byway. We are a National Scenic Byway and depend on tourism dollars generated by our promotion and preservation of the Turquoise Trail (State Highway 14 and State Highway 536).

The visual disruption caused by this proposed 2.8-square-mile solar facility, particularly its visibility from elevated points along the Turquoise Trail threatens to spoil views. We would propose relocating this project to a more suitable site away from the byway's view-shed. New Mexico offers vast stretches of land ideal for solar development that do not compromise its scenic or cultural treasures. Such a relocation would balance the need for renewable energy with the equally critical need to protect landscapes that hold significant cultural, ecological, and economic value.

We hope you take the scope of this project under close scrutiny so as to minimize the footprint on our National Scenic Byway and the impact of the construction.
Sincerely,

Carla Ward and Patricia Brown

Carla Ward and Patricia Brown;

Board members of Turquoise Trail Association

From: Susanne Hinkle <susanne.g.hinkle@everyactioncustom.com>

Date: February 5, 2025 at 4:47:53 PM MST

To: Katherine Bruch <kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Subject: Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

As a member of the community, I support the Diamond Tail Solar Project in Sandoval County. From what I have read it's a win/win/win for all parties, ie, our planet, PNM, and Sandoval County residents. Please vote in favor of this project for the good of everything. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
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