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Dear PUC

I have submitted a previous concern about the Summit Lake Solar Project. Mainly to express the value of a 1000 ft set back from homes of area residents. After further investigation and consultation it is very important to report area residents homes that would be encapsulated and swallowed up by this huge project would lose an estimated 75% of their current market value. The current proposed Geronimo set back would be financially disastrous to these rural families in all these situations. Peoples lives and life savings need to be protected. It is so confusing to think a company that claims to be so transparent and wants us residents to be good neighbors would try to penalize families simply because they only want to protect their profits. Once again, please protect these families and mandate a 1000 ft set back from their homes. Years ago when these solar projects were less than 50 acres the set back was not a big deal. This one at approx. 1500 acres swallows up many homes. The families need protecting from the aggressive developers, this is where they ask of your help. Please help protect them in any way you can, thank you.

It should be noted I myself am not in favor of this project. All the concerns and complaints about this project are for the most part very valid. Geronimo came to this area and started purchasing land and leases 10 years ago. The nonparticipating residents were not notified until little over a year ago. Geronimo kept the plans concealed and forced our participating neighbors to also remain quiet. These tactics have damaged a peaceful friendly neighborhood. Neighbors are angry at neighbors and of course Geronimo. Many residents made live changing decisions in these years that are now basically worthless because of the solar panels and how their presents devalues the time and investments they made. This community and its attitude would be so much better had Geronimo never interfered with their lives and livelihood. And they seem surprised that most everyone wants them just to leave. Their tactics may be legal but certainly not ethical. There does seem to be a few people supporting them, those that sold out to them! Otherwise if you want to make about 95% of the residents in a small rural community very happy and friendly again, all you have to do is put a stop to Geronimo and their unwanted project.

Thank You for giving me another opportunity to voice more of our concerns.

Rod Burkard
