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We support the CEC staff in opposing this project because the site is "unmitigable". It has one of the highest densities of desert tortoise in the West Mojave, and a population of all sizes indicating reproduction is occuring. A large population of Mojave Ground Squirrels is also found in the area. Translocation of tortoises has been found to be unsuccessful because of the resulting high death rate.

Night-time astronomical observations which have been carried out for many years would be disrupted because of the loss of the dark skies in the area due to the lights at the solar plant.

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Please accept my enclosed comments[1] on the Staff Assessment / Draft Plan Amendment / Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DPA/DEIS) for the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP), Application for Certification (09-AFC-9).

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