

# THE AMERICAN LEGION



September 8, 2014

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: September 9, 2014, Item 5 NEW CUYAMA FIRST SOLAR PROJECT**

Dear Chair Lavagnino,

I am writing this letter in support of the New Cuyama Solar Project. I urge you and the BOS to vote in favor of approving this proposed project that has the potential to hire dozens of local residents. Although this project will have a small footprint within the Cuyama Valley, its impact will reach farther.

This project, if approved will be looking for employees that have a background in the construction trades. A majority of veterans have the required skill sets that the project will require. By approving this project, it will be a win-win for both the County of Santa Barbara as well as the residents that will benefit from it. Not only will we stimulate our economy, but we will save on production of fossil fuels.

I know firsthand the importance of putting our veterans back to work. As chairman for the American Legion Veterans Preference Committee, I work with local employers and businesses encouraging to put Our Heroes back to work. Therefore, I urge the County of Santa Barbara to approve this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Campo".

Frank Campo  
Veterans Employment Chair

## Lenzi, Chelsea

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**From:** JENNIFER LEE <xitlalli@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 10:07 AM  
**To:** Carbajal, Salud; Valencia Sherratt, Lisa; Tittle, Jeremy; sbcob  
**Cc:** Jennfer Lee; Gene Zannon; Gene Zannon; Lynn Carlisle; Philip Jankoski; Jolaine Gorrilla; Tom Mounts  
**Subject:** Jenny Lee Letter to Supervisors 09 09 2014  
**Attachments:** 2014 09 09 letter to supervisors.doc

Dear Supervisor Carbajal, Lisa Sherratt, and Clerk of the Board,

I would like to submit the attached letter for the record and to be presented at the September 9, 2014 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting in Santa Maria. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Lee  
Cuyama Valley Resident

September 9, 2014  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
RE: Cuyama Valley Groundwater and Land Use Planning

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen and Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

With all due respect, I would like to thank Supervisor Joseph Centeno and all Members of the Board of Supervisors and supporting staff of Santa Barbara County for approving and funding the Cuyama Valley Ground Water Study. I would also like to express my gratitude to all the County employees who worked on the Study and a special thank you to Tom Fayram, Dennis Gibbs, and Matt Naftaly of Santa Barbara County Water Resources. In addition, many, many thanks to Randy Hanson and staff of the US Geological Survey for working on and completing the Ground Water Study for Cuyama Valley.

Cuyama Valley residents and stakeholders are understandably concerned about the future availability and management of the Valley's water resources. Please help us to allocate the Cuyama Valley ground water for the good of all people in the Valley. We are concerned that the 33,000-year-old groundwater will be used for corporate revenues and leave the Valley without water.

I request your assistance to work with Ventura, Kern, and San Luis Obispo Counties to create both a land use plan and a groundwater management plan for the entire Cuyama Valley. The Cuyama Valley Planning and Advisory Committee had requested help from Santa Barbara County to create a land use plan for the Valley but economic hardship in 2008 stopped the process. I respectfully request that we begin the land use planning process again for the benefit of all Cuyama Valley stakeholders.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Lee  
Cuyama Valley Resident  
Treasurer for Cuyama Valley Conservancy

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**From:** DAVIDGOLD4@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 11:11 AM  
**To:** sbcob; SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** kdavis2468@gmail.com; ffarina@cox.net  
**Subject:** Sierra Club Letter of Support for Cuyama Solar Project (Sept. 9 -- Item 5)  
**Attachments:** Sierra Club Letter Supporting Cuyama Solar Project.doc

To the Supervisors --

Please accept the attached letter from the Sierra Club supporting the Cuyama Solar Project, to be discussed at your hearing on September 9.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

David Gold,  
Chair -- Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter





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September 12, 2014

Dear Supervisors:

*Chair*  
David Gold

*Vice-Chair*  
Fran Farina

*Secretary*  
Gerry Ching

*Treasurer*  
Richard Hunt

*At Large*  
Michael Stubblefield

*At Large*  
Jim Hines

*At Large*  
Stephen Dougherty

*SB Group Rep*  
Katie Davis

*Arguello Group Rep*  
Gerald Connor

*Conejo Group Rep*  
John Holroyd

The Sierra Club supports the Cuyama Solar Project.

Santa Barbara County faces a stark choice in terms of future energy development. We have plenty of wind and sun and could be clean energy leaders, but we also have some of the most polluting and emissions-intensive heavy oil in the world.

We need to protect our precious environment, incredible biodiversity and water and air resources by rejecting extremely risky oil extraction, but at the same time, we recognize the need to pursue new energy sources.

The CEC did a study in which they found that Santa Barbara County not only could produce as much clean energy as we use, we would actually save money by doing so.

The Cuyama Solar Project is the kind of clean energy development we should be encouraging.

We urge the Board to approve this project and to support policies that encourage further solar development in Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gold  
Chair, Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club

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**From:** Megan Birney <meganbirney@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 11:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** September 9 – Departmental Agenda Item #5: Cuyama Solar Project

I am writing to support the Cuyama Valley Solar project. This project is important for Santa Barbara because it generates clean, safe and reliable energy for our region. It also creates jobs in a region that is in need of alternatives to agriculture due to water overdraft issues. This project is good for the economy and the environment and I encourage the Board of Supervisors to approve the project.

**Lenzi, Chelsea**

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**From:** Chris Fletcher <fletcher@rain.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 11:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** September 9 – Departmental Agenda Item #5: Cuyama Solar Project

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Subject: The Cuyama Solar Project

Please review the Cuyama Solar Project which brings jobs and leaves us with a relatively large scale clean energy production in Santa Barbara County by approving the project as the County Planning Commission recommends.

Also consider asking the County Planning Commission to fast track for the project and to load their planning pipeline with other clean energy proposals for the Cuyama area as appropriate. In addition, ask the Commission to find ways to work toward policies and programs that promote consumption of this clean electric power within Santa Barbara County; perhaps for future desalination uses.

Sincerely,  
Chris Fletcher