

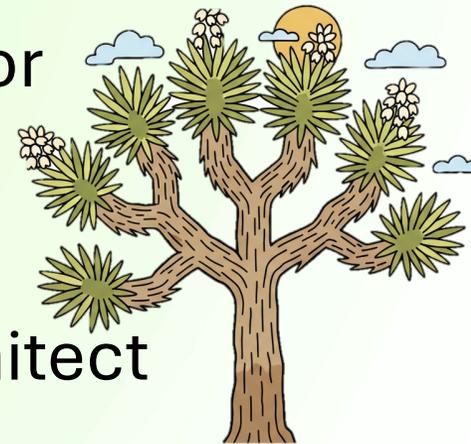
Appeal of the Approval of the Sienna II Application

January 27, 2026

Presentation by Steve Bardwell, President
Morongo Basin Conservation Association

The Following Groups and Individuals Are Joining In This Appeal Filed by MBCA

1. **Mojave Communities Conservation Collaborative**, Lorrie L. Steely
Founder
2. **Hitchin Lucerne, Inc., dba Lucerne Valley Market & Hardware** Linda
Gommel, CEO
3. **Church of Our Lord and Savior Southern California** Bill Lembright,
President
4. **The Sustainable Learning Center**, Neville Slade Coordinator
5. **Bill Petersen**, Repair Specialist and Lucerne Valley resident
6. **State Scenic Hwy 247 Committee** Jim Harvey, founder
7. **Scenic Hwy 247 Committee** Sara Fairchild, landscape architect



Reasons for this Appeal

We are appealing the actions of the Planning Commission on October 25, 2025

- Project violates RECE 4.10
- Status of State Scenic Highway 247 was withheld and inaccurate information about the project was presented to the Planning Commission
- Project does not meet CEQA definition i.e., accurate, stable, and finite
- Environmental analysis of air quality, water use, and public health is not complete and inaccurate
- Proposed dust mitigation measures are not effective
- Cumulative impacts of development have not been analyzed

This project is a risk both if it is developed and if it is approved and construction begins but it is not completed.

History of the RECE

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Board of Supervisors adopt resolution of support for five development focus areas: north of Kramer Junction, Trona, Hinkley, El Mirage, and Amboy

AUGUST 8, 2017

Board of Supervisors pass Resolution No. 2017-17 to add a Renewable Energy and Conservation Element to the Countywide General Plan.

Extensive public outreach and compelling discussion during the Planning Commission Hearing:

- Preference for small scale accessory solar and wind power over utility-oriented projects expressed as a high priority for rooftop and parking lot solar panels.
- Concerns about environmental quality particularly stable desert soils air quality and wildlife movement strong desires to limit large scale renewable energy development to disturbed lands
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- Land use compatibility concerns about dust control and water consumption during construction and long-term visual impacts.

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Board of Supervisors pass Resolution No. 2017-17 amending the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element adopting policy 4.10

EXCEPTION ADDED TO RECE DURING FEB 28, 2019, ADOPTION OF RECE 4.10

Section 3.

.....Any **application** for development of a renewable energy generation project that has been accepted as complete and in compliance with the California government code section 65943 before the effective date of this resolution shall be processed in compliance with the policies and regulations in effect at the time the application was accepted as complete. These **applications** may be relocated to other sites under the same policies and regulations.

This project should not be not grandfathered under RE-4.10

P201600569 Sienna East and Sienna West – accepted on 8/14/2017

P201700750 Sienna North and Sienna South – accepted on 2/27/2018

02/28/2019 ↔ **SBCO BOS passed RECE RE-4.10** ↔ 02/28/2019

- **PROJ-2022-00013** Sienna II
- **Note Project year, 2022**

Is NOT the same APPLICATION and filed well after the 2019 deadline

Sienna II does not

- *match the power output of Sienna NSEW*
- *match the location or acreage of Sienna NSEW*
- *match the solar technology of Sienna NSEW*



Proposed Sienna Projects Compared

Sienna North/South

2016

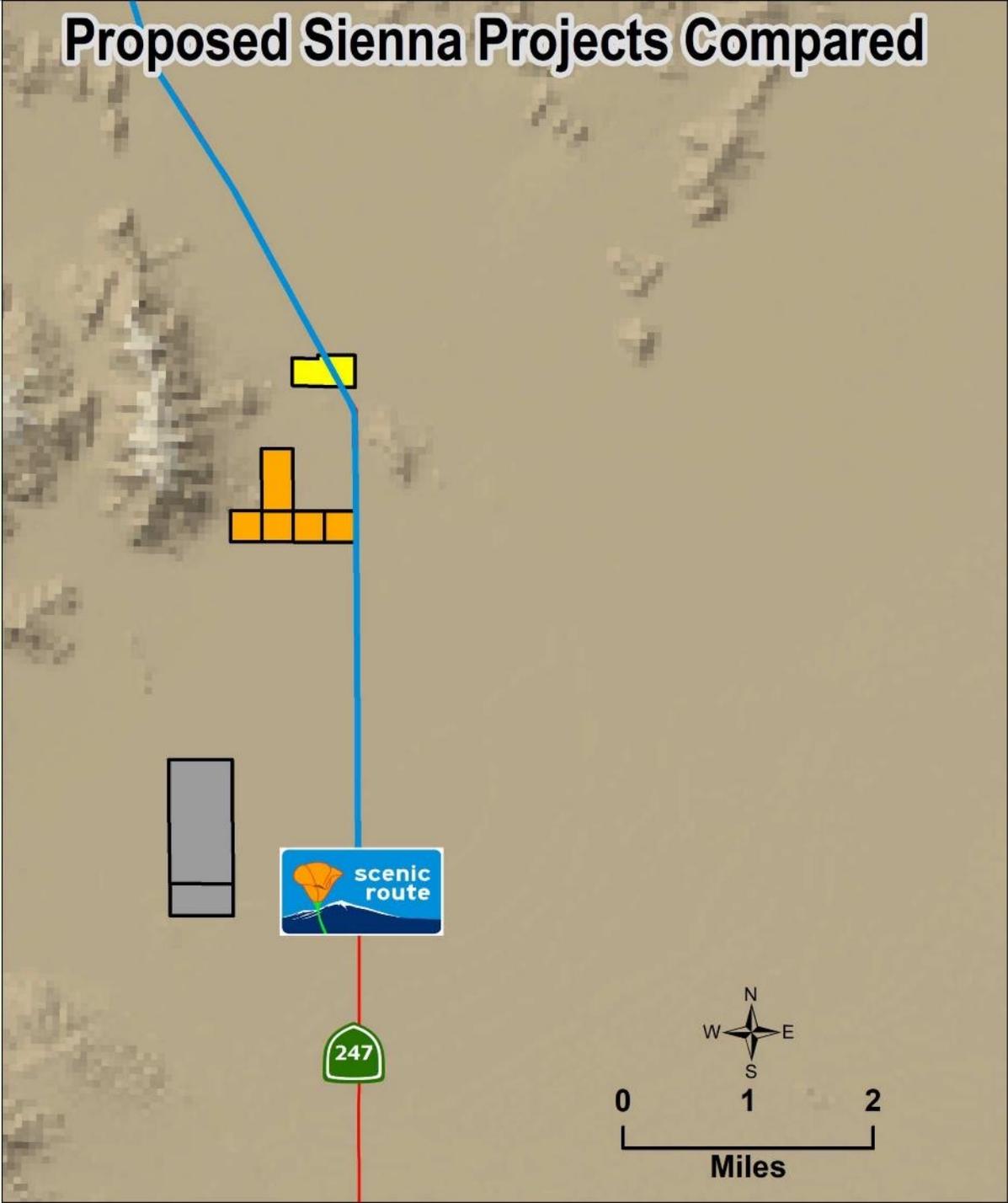
Project

P201600569

- ~646 acres
- 150 MW
- 10 acres of battery storage

Proposed Sites

	Sienna South (406 acres)
	Sienna North (240 acres)
	SCE Calcite Substation



Proposed Sienna Projects Compared

**Sienna East/West
Formerly “Yucca”**

2017

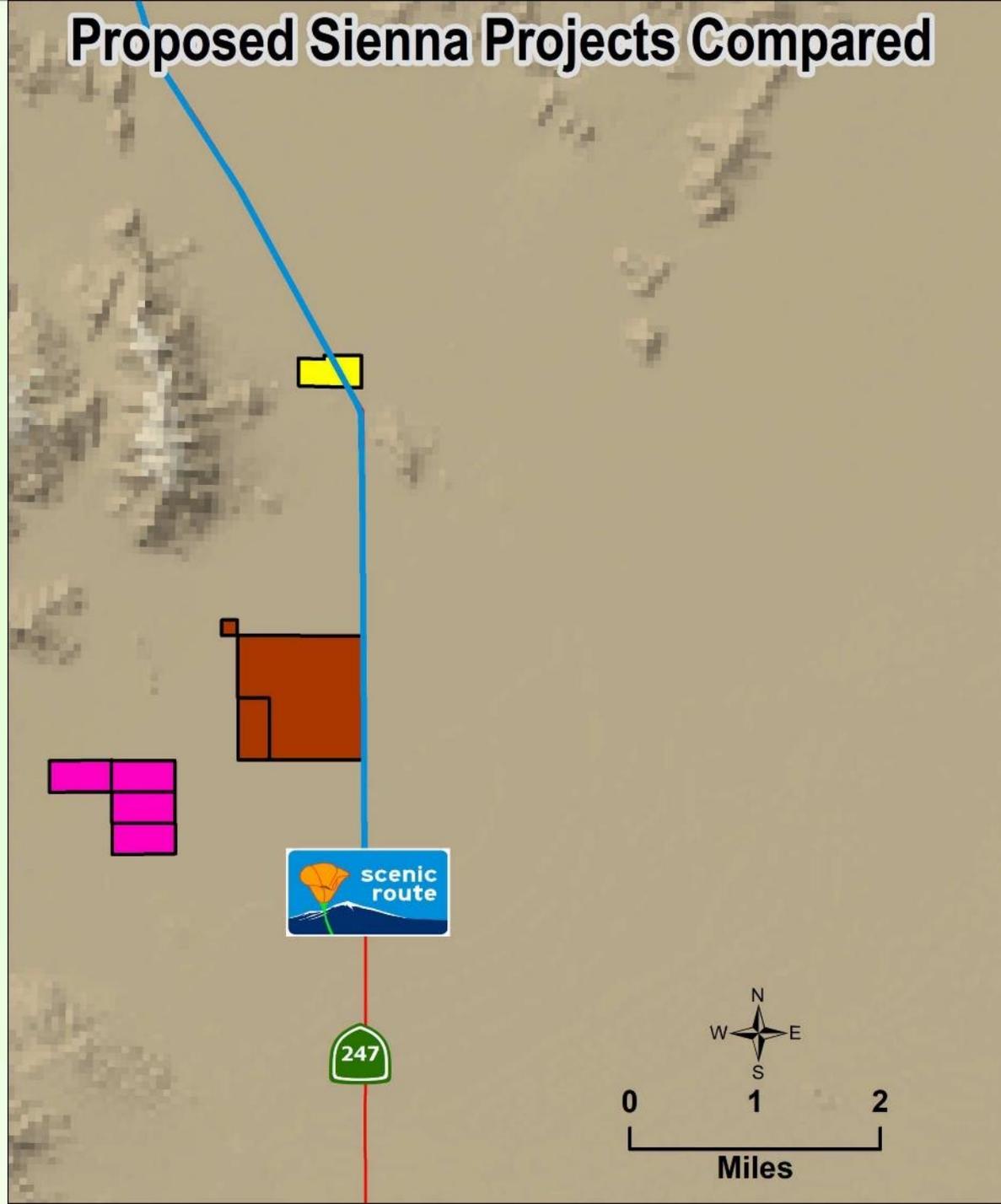
Project

P201700750

- ~974 acres
- 300 MW
- 300 MW(max) of battery storage

Proposed Sites

-  Sienna West (324 acres)
-  Sienna East (650 acres)
-  SCE Calcite Substation



Proposed Sienna Projects Compared

Sienna I

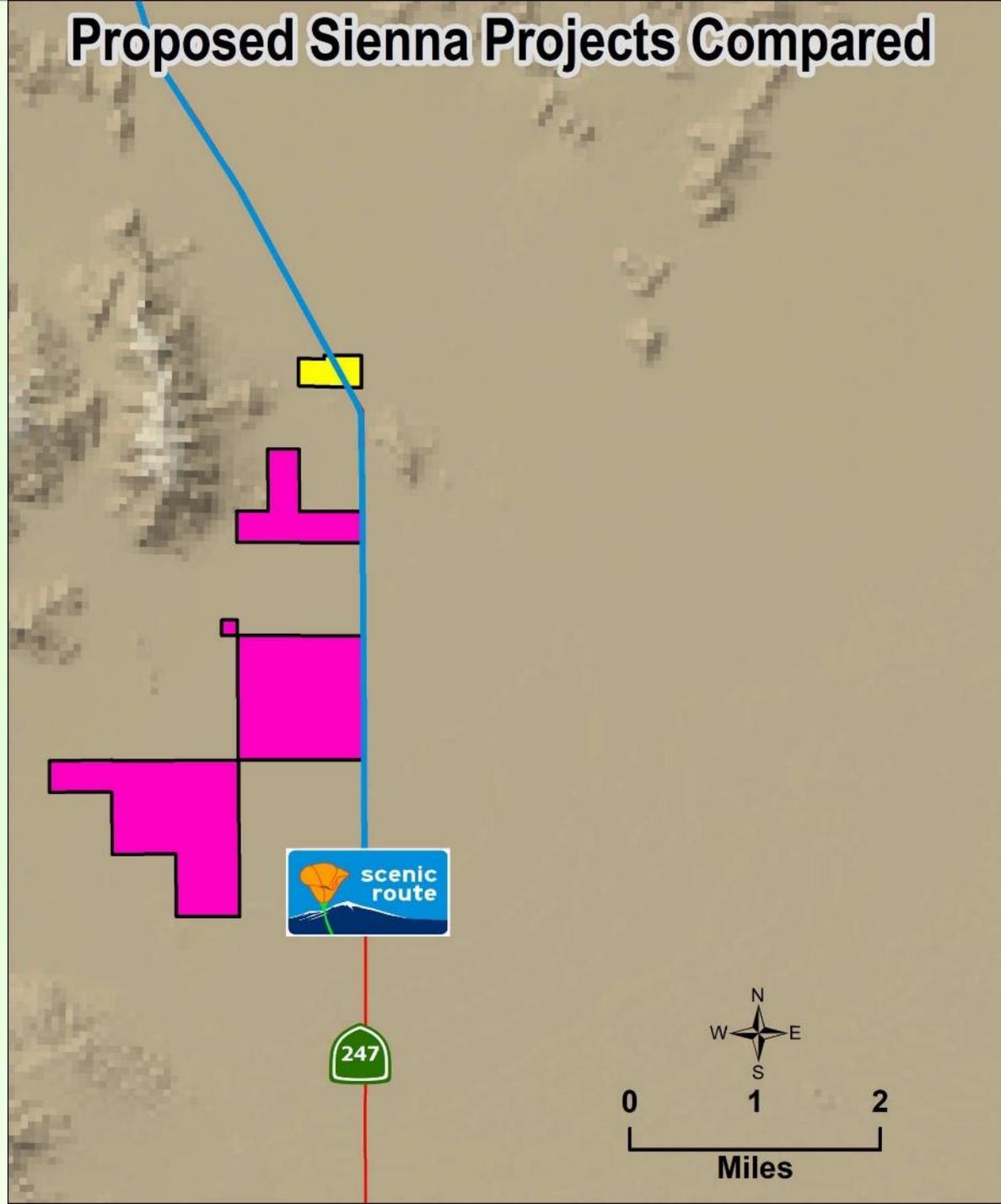
North, South, East,
and West combined

P201600569 and
P201700750

- ~1,620 acres
- 450 MW
- 300 MW (max) of battery storage

Proposed Sites

-  Sienna Solar I
-  SCE Calcite Substation



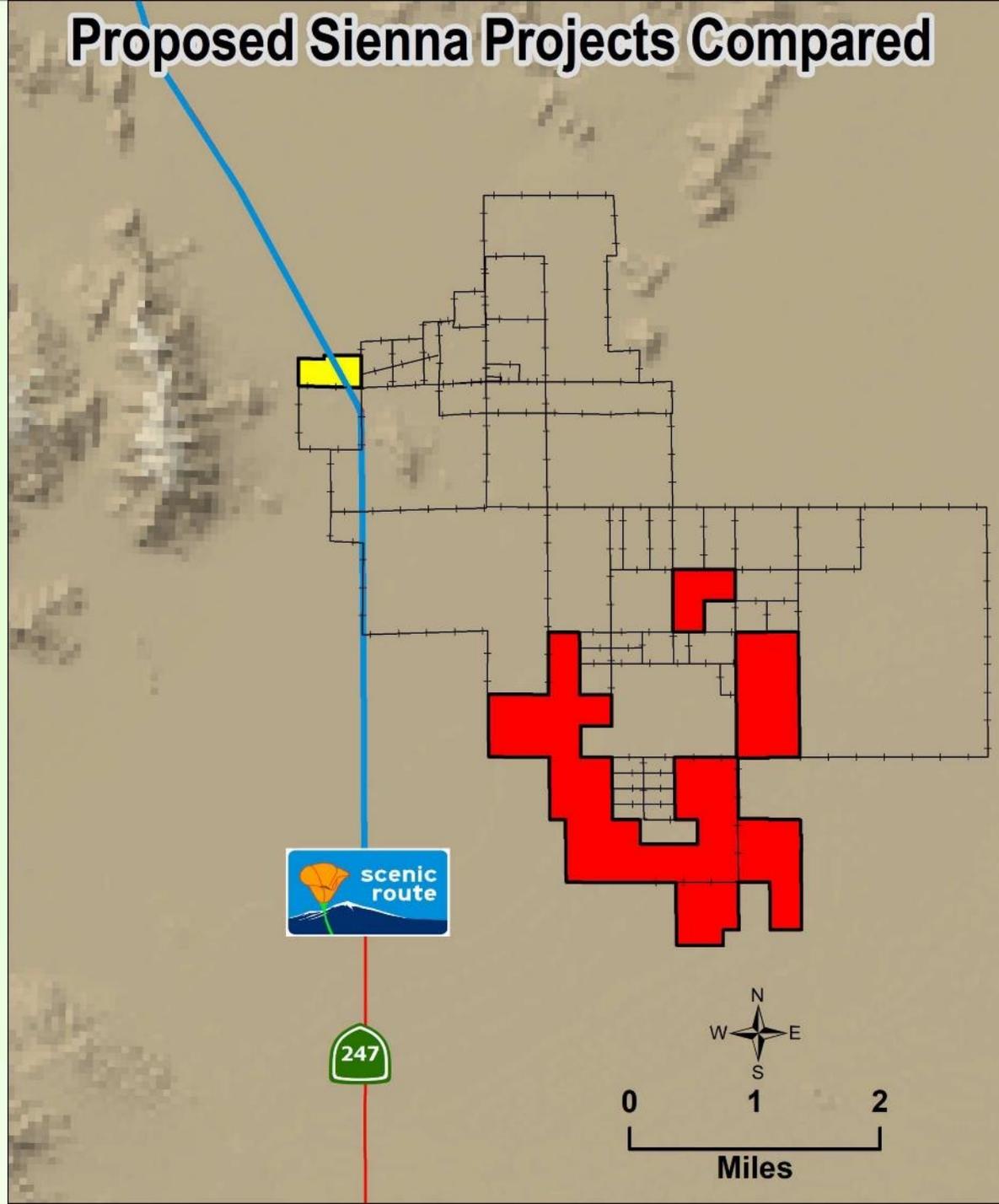
Proposed Sienna Projects Compared

Sienna II 2022 Project P202200013

- ~1,854 acres
- 525 MW
- 525 MW battery storage
- 52 miles of Gen-Tie lines

Proposed Sites

-  Sienna Solar II
-  SCE Calcite Substation
-  Spaghetti Bowl of Proposed Gen-Ties (52 miles shown here)



Land Use Services Department

Planning Commission Staff Report October 23, 2025

- Projects P201600569 (*Sienna East and West*) and P201700750 (*Sienna North and South*) are *grandfathered-in* under RECE 4.10.
- After changing the design features, size, gen-tie routes, and capacity of the *grandfathered* projects, the Applicant submitted an amendment.
- Instead of amending the existing projects to and/or P201700750

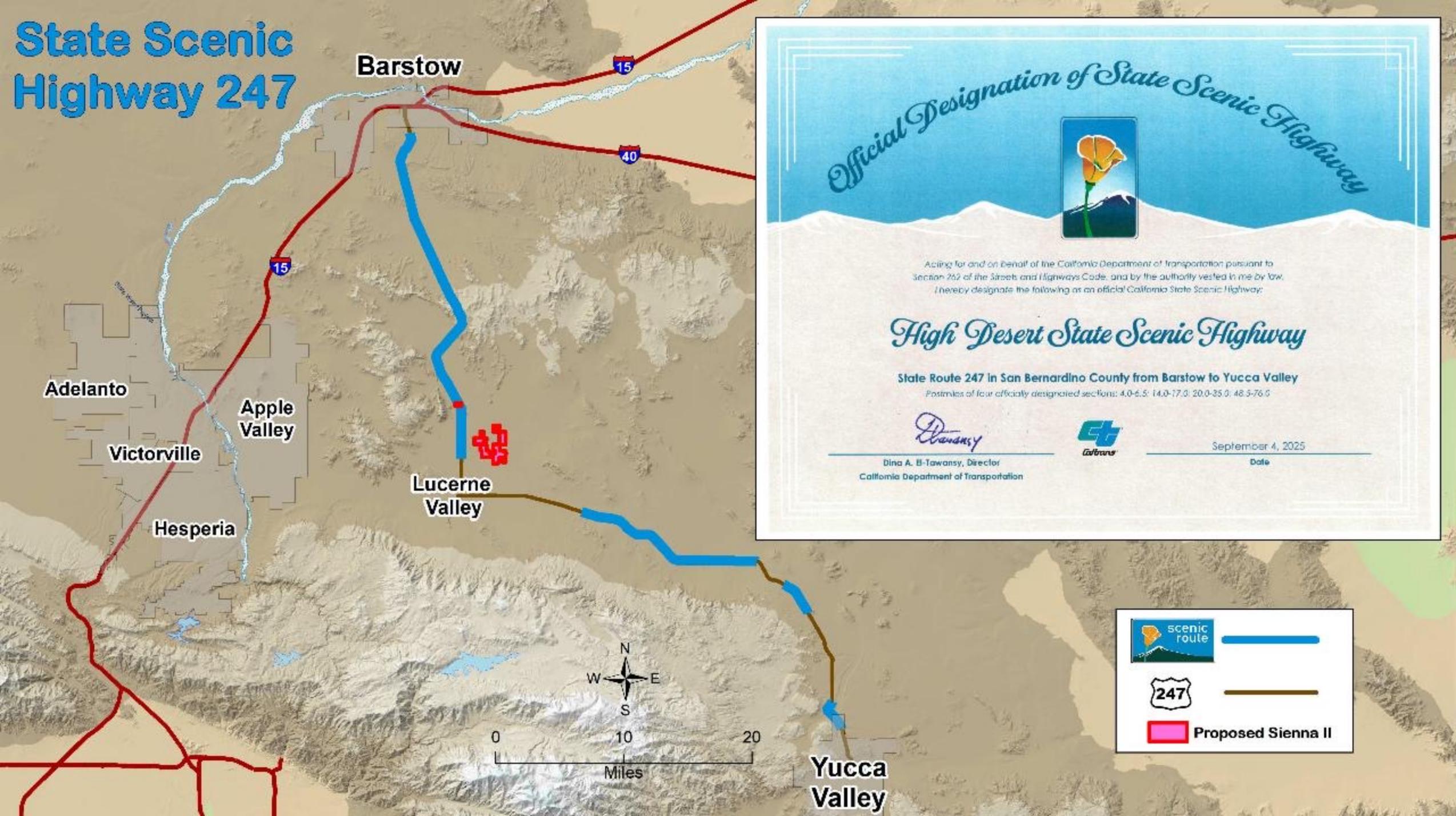
the County issued a new project number and created Sienna II

PROJ-2022-00013

**Project Number
PROJ-2022-00013**

Granite Road, Lucerne Valley,
92356
Project No: PROJ-2022-00013
Staff: David Mack, AICP, Planner
Rep: Jennifer Jackson
Conditional Use Permit

State Scenic Highway 247



Official Designation of State Scenic Highway



Acting for and on behalf of the California Department of Transportation pursuant to Section 262 of the Streets and Highways Code, and by the authority vested in me by law, I hereby designate the following as an official California State Scenic Highway:

High Desert State Scenic Highway

State Route 247 in San Bernardino County from Barstow to Yucca Valley
Postmiles of four officially designated sections: 4.0-6.5; 14.0-17.0; 20.0-25.0; 48.5-76.0

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Dina A. B-Tawansy, Director
California Department of Transportation



September 4, 2025
Date

The legend identifies three map features: a blue line for 'scenic route', a brown line for '247' (State Route 247), and a pink square for 'Proposed Sierra II'.

State Scenic Highway 247

Barstow

September 4, 2025

Date

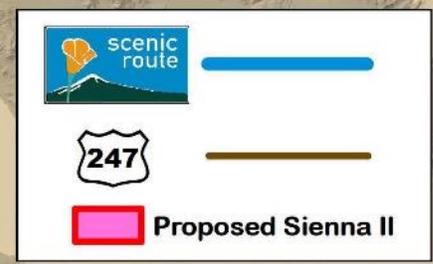
For weeks prior to the October 23, 2025, Planning Commission hearing regarding Sienna Solar II, multiple County staff and Departments knew of the success of Scenic Highway designation for SR-247.

The County waited 49 days to notify only a few citizens of the designation. There was NO MENTION of the designation at the PC hearing



Miles

Yucca Valley



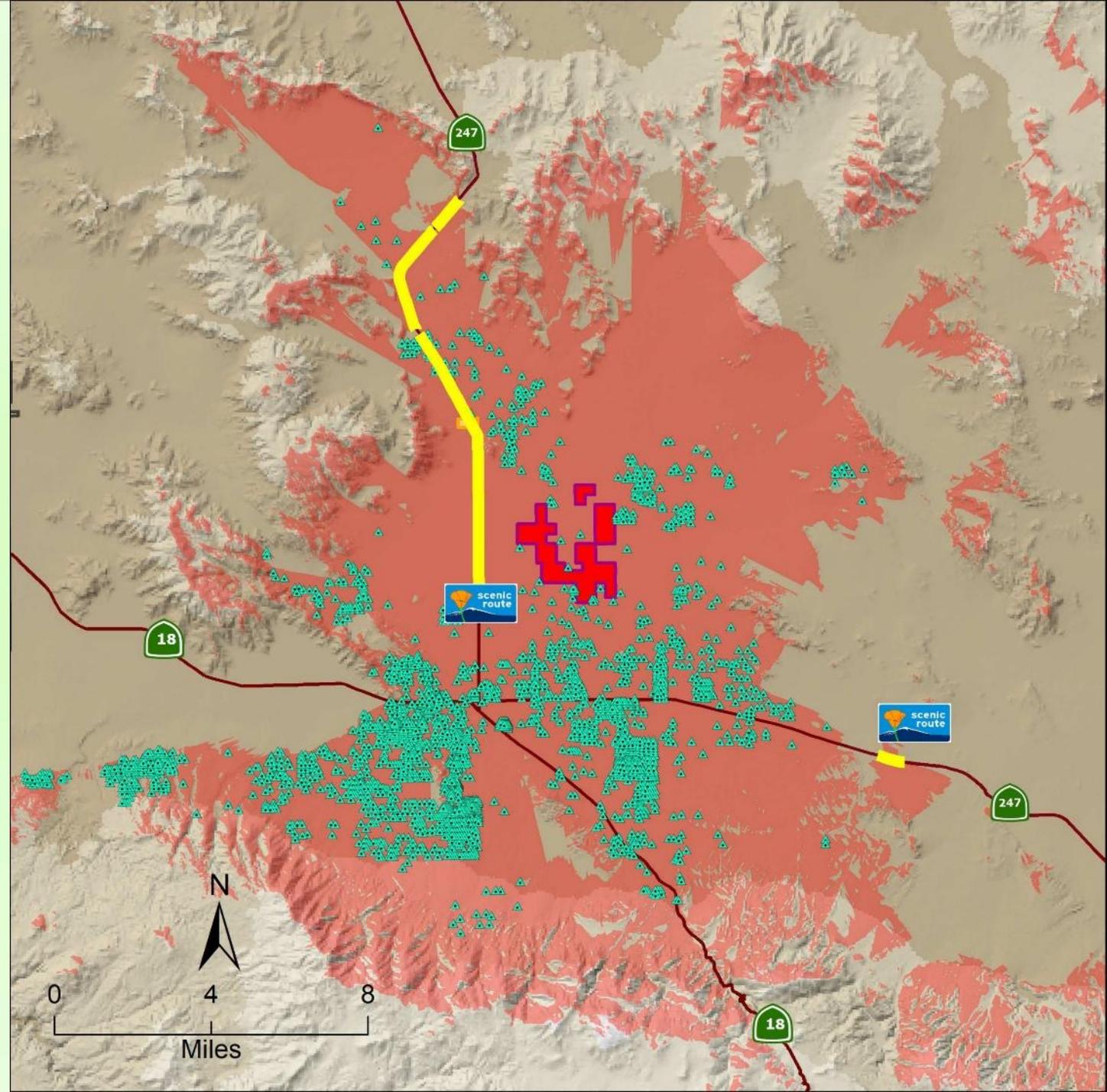
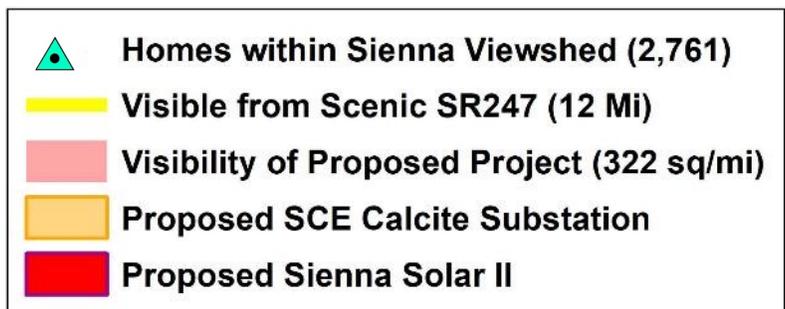
On the scenic highway, the proposed project is

Visible from

- 322 sq/mi
- 12 miles of Scenic Highway 247

Visible to

- 2,761 homes
- > 7,500 People



Commissioner Weldy

Q: *"Is it located next to somebody's house?"*

David Mack, Planner

A: *"It is not located next to somebody's house"*

(PC hearing @ 4:52:40)

