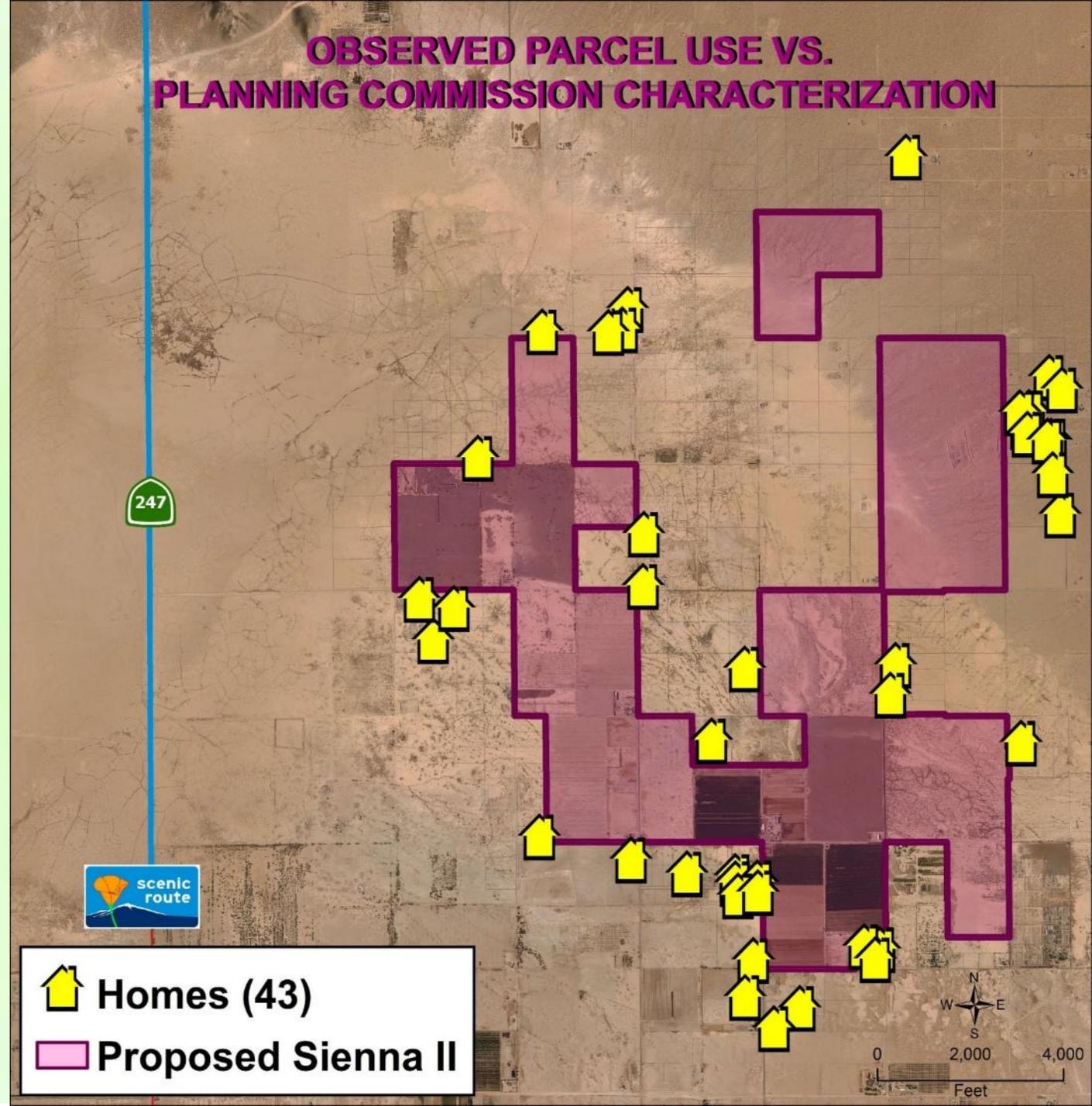


Commissioner Weldy  
Q: *"Is it located next to somebody's house?"*

David Mack, Planner  
A: *"It is not located next to somebody's house"*  
(PC hearing @ 4:52:40)

**Actually...  
43 Homes**





[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xqbJR\\_e0H8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xqbJR_e0H8)

*“Anything above 30mph  
is an act of God”* (AQMD)

To address AQ issues from  
dust in Owens Lake:

- “To control dust in these conditions requires *at least 4” of gravel screened to a greater than 3/8-inch diameter.*”
- “Where necessary to support the gravel blanket, it shall be placed over a permanent permeable geotextile layer.”

<https://www.gbuapcd.org/OwensLake/DustControls/>

This is *not* an Act Of God. This is any random Tuesday afternoon in the Mojave Desert...



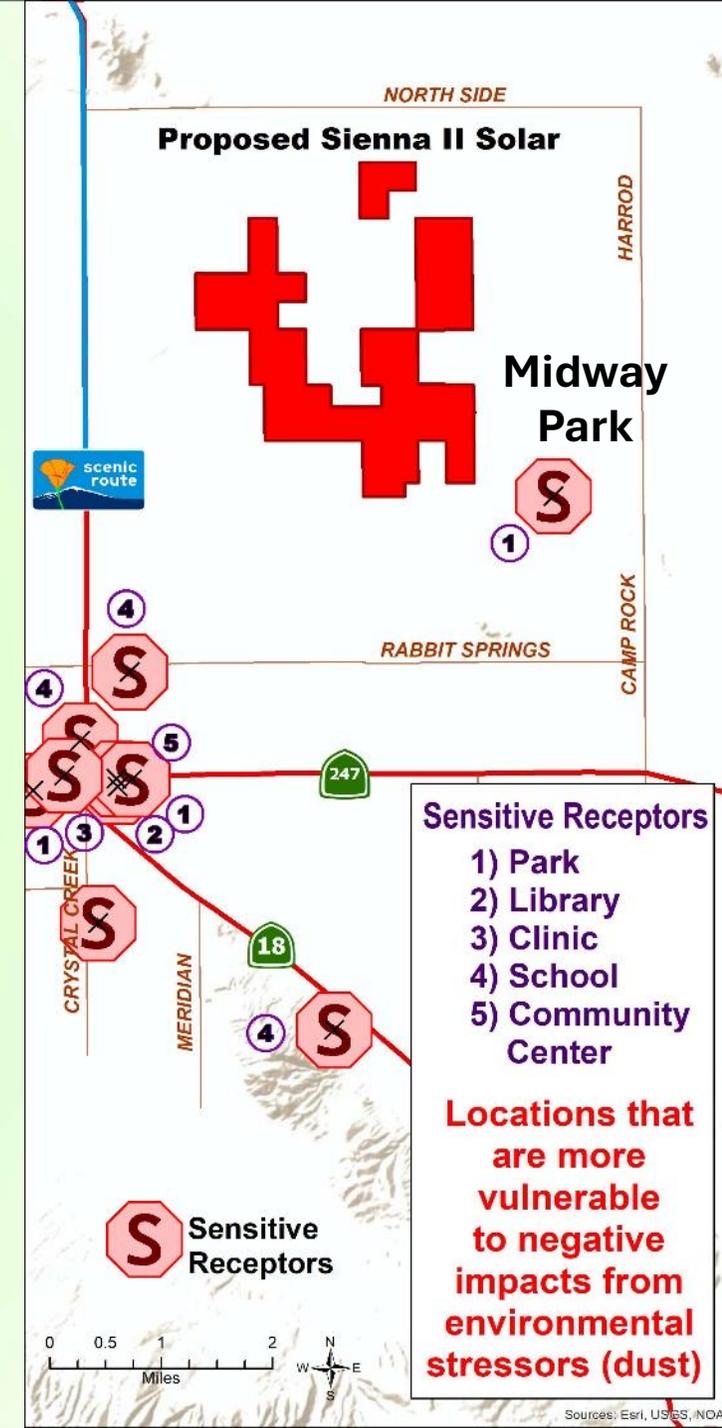


## Midway Park is the closest sensitive receptor to proposed Sienna II

**Located 3,800 feet southeast**

**At this site, at risk facilities include:**

- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Horse Arena
- Basketball Court
- Livestock Building
- Meeting Halls



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Once the soil is disturbed it releases dust for decades  
**Water does not control this dust**

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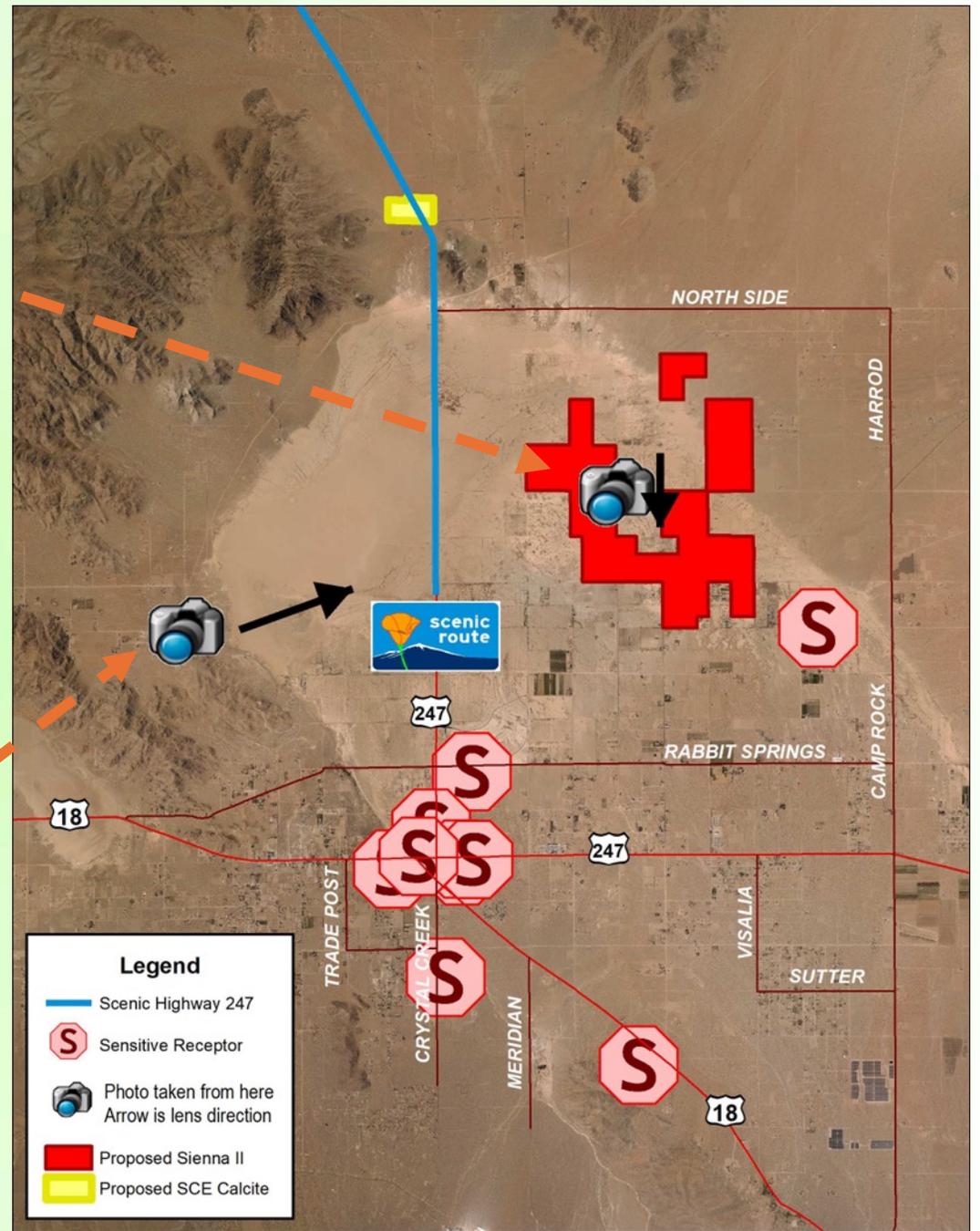
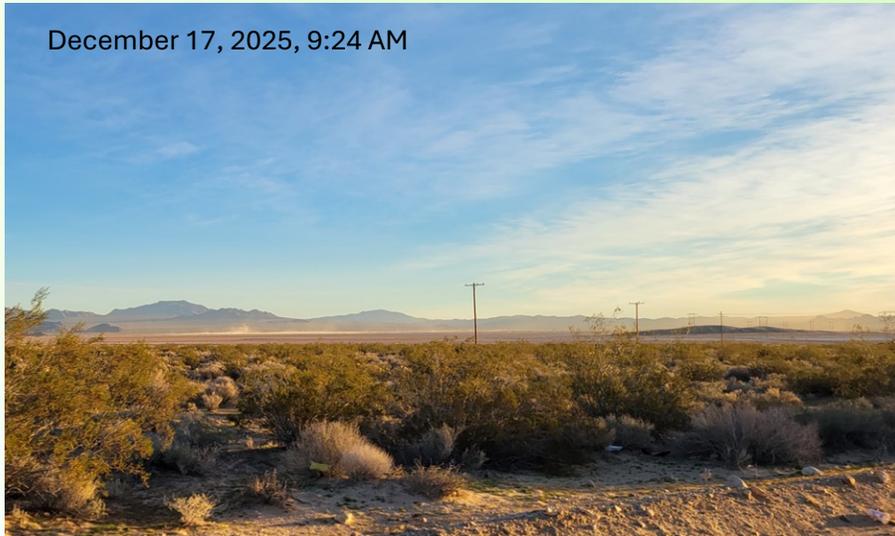




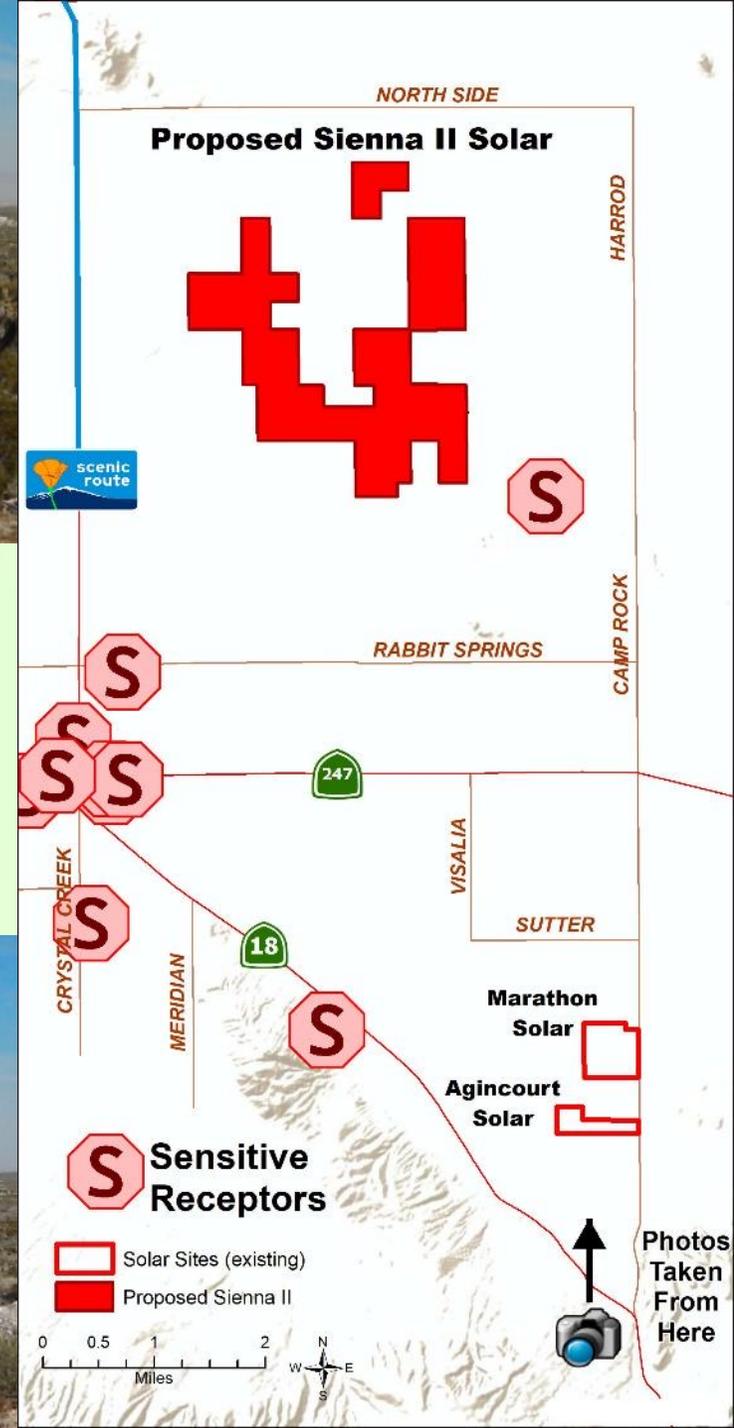
Photo taken July 20, 2017

CUP staff report required “...Condition of Approval to address dust control measures that would be taken during project operation”.

Clearly the measures have not been successful. No action has been taken by LUS and Code Enforcement.



Photo taken July 20, 2017



**At the PC Hearing, the Applicant praised their 2,300-acre  
Aratina Solar Project in Boron CA**

**Boron residents suffer, dust storms,  
visibility, and respiratory issues**

***Per CEQA, this Avantus site was  
going to manage the dust using  
water BUT watering the grounds  
3x/day and 7 days/week during  
construction ...***



**but water doesn't control  
the dust.  
It's the desert!**

# This is a Concept, Not a Project

Comments by Planner David Mack indicate that Sienna II is not well thought out or ready for approval

- “Up to”? solar arrays and Battery storage [4:34:00]
- “3-5 miles” “of the 64 miles of gen-tie power lines on the plans” [4:34:15]
- “General depiction”...“the specific equipment and layout will be determined at the time of construction” [4:37:00]



**How can you do  
CEQA ?  
Without a project  
design?**

# This is A Concept Not A Project

## Exact quotes from the Planning Commission Staff Report

- “PV panels or modules (*including but not limited to* bi-facial or concentrated PV technology)”
- “Individual panels will be installed on *either fixed-tilt or tracker mount systems* (single- or dual-axis, using galvanized steel or aluminum)”
- ...” fixed tilt, they will be oriented toward the south. For tracker mounted systems, the panels will rotate to follow the sun, from east to west” ...
- “The solar panels will be consistent with panel dimensions that are widely used in commercial solar installations”

**So... I want to build an industrial or commercial building.**

**It may be large or small, it may be multi or single story, it may be wood, glass, concrete, or any/all of these methods. It may be a metal foundry, it might be a dispensary, or maybe a hospital.**

**In general terms I can describe my concept of my building**

**Would the County give me a CUP for my project?**

# CEQA Requirements Not Satisfied

CEQA requires that projects be  
*accurate, stable, and finite*  
to allow for adequate review

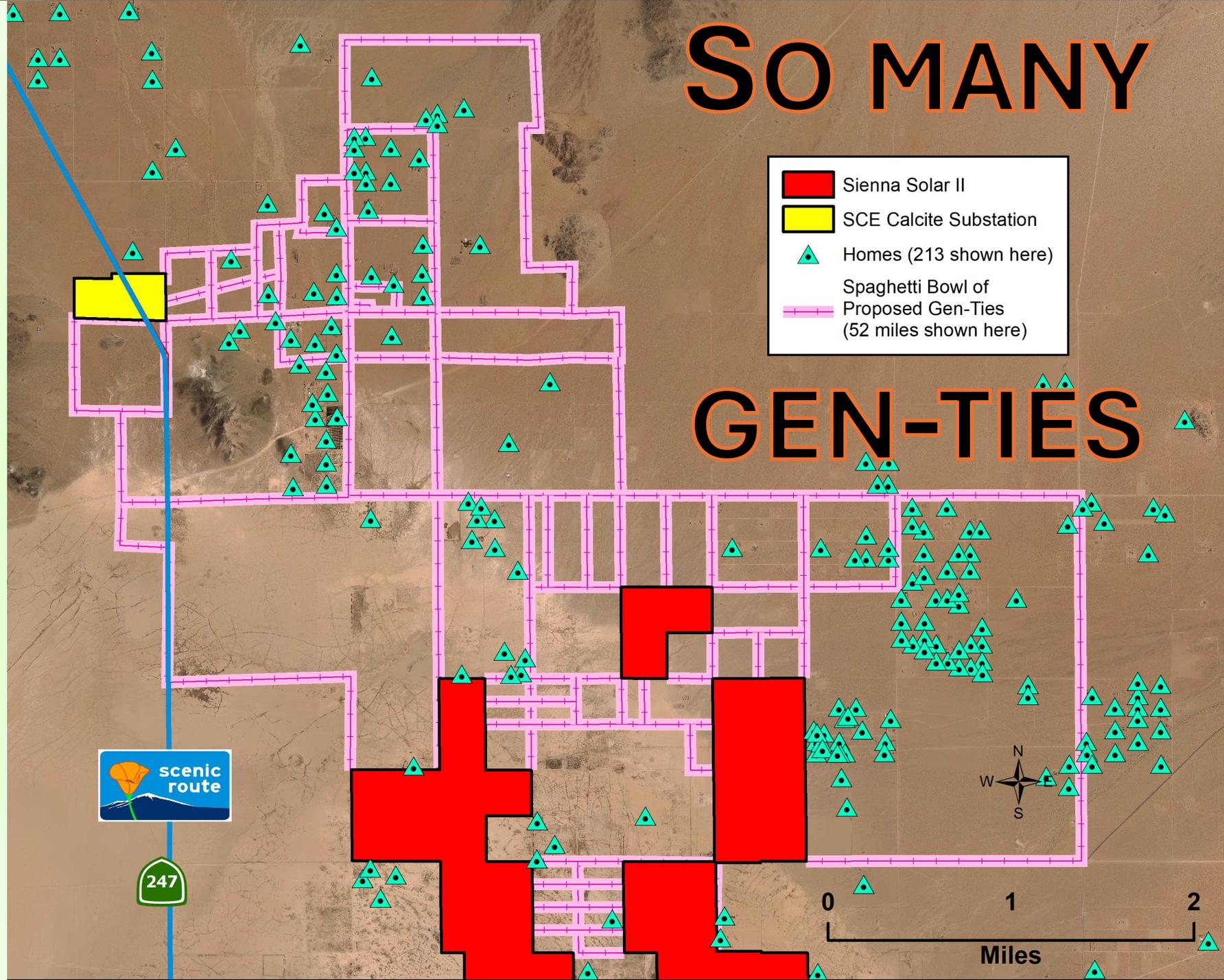


## Sienna II

- Too many important design, engineering, and construction decisions are left for future, internal decisions – not allowing for CEQA review by the public or decision-makers as required.
- The Planning Commission approved this project in concept, but the environmental analysis is not adequate for approval.

# HUH?

This Is a  
concept  
... *trying*  
*to be a*  
*project*



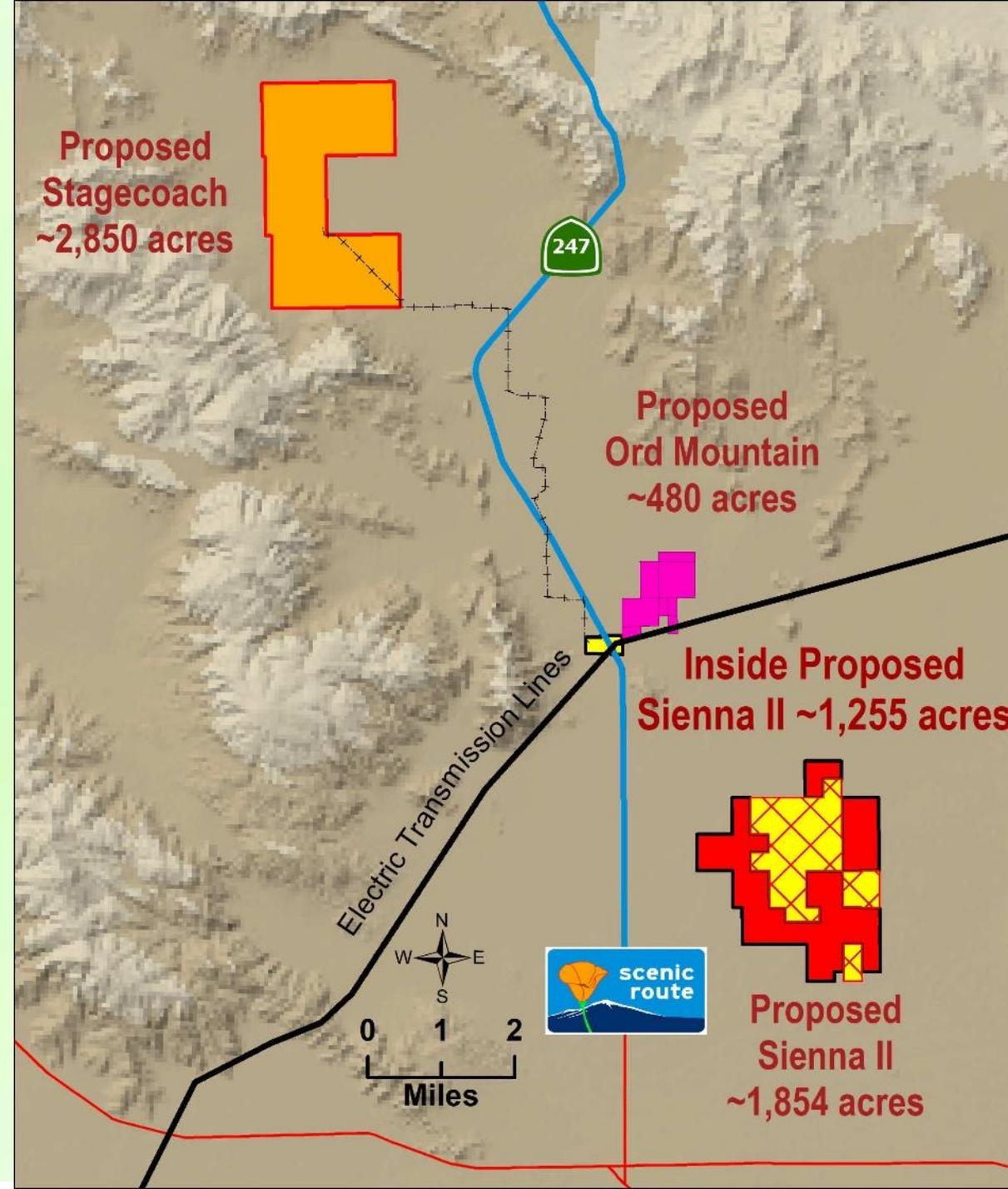
# Cumulative Effects

- Three proposed projects totaling ~5,185 acres depend on the proposed Calcite Substation
- This was not discussed or analyzed in the EIR
- Total impact of the project: 5,185 acres > **8 sq mi** of functioning desert ecosystem destroyed

If the interstitial area is considered, the total becomes 6,440 ac > **10 sq mi** of desert converted to industrial solar development

- The viewshed of State Scenic Highway 247 is also impacted but the impacts were not analyzed in the EIR.

**Development at this scale was NOT considered in the EIR.**





**Solar Done Right**  
**Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware**

The Appellants believe that solar facilities should be **Union** installed and maintained on

- warehouses
- parking lots, and
- city and county facilities

***Not on Intact Desert Lands or Neighborhoods***

**We ask the County to do their part starting here!**



# Questions?

