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Conservation Commission**

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TO: Planning Board

FROM: David D. Pichette, Conservation Administrator *D.P.*

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RE: Borrego Solar - 150 Tihonet Road

The Conservation Commission is currently reviewing the Notice of Intent application submitted for the proposed solar array project at the above referenced site. The applicant is proposing to clear cut approximately 67 acres of mixed pine forest to accommodate this solar array project. This level of alteration is significant and will result in a large continuous block of wooded land being destroyed so that a commercial project can be constructed within a residentially zoned area, and within close proximity to existing cranberry bog and Isolated wetlands. Clearing is proposed to within 50 feet of the edge of the Bordering and Isolated Wetlands at its closest point. There are several isolated wetlands within the project site, some of which are identified as Potential Vernal Pools. The perimeter of the project will be fenced in with chain link fence thereby cutting off this large area as a wildlife corridor. A review of the wetland boundaries depicted on the project plans has not yet been completed. The Commission will await the results of the Town Engineers peer review of the project prior to making a final decision on this proposal.

cc: Conservation Commission