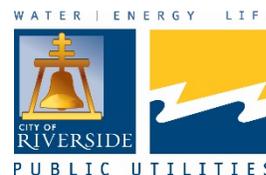


**TEQUESQUITE SOLAR PROJECT**  
**Community Questions/Meeting Notes**  
**December 12, 2015**



Below are the comments/questions that were posed by residents that live along the bluff above the old Tequesquite Landfill, that feel impacted by the solar project. If you have other concerns or questions please contact Andrew Markis at 951.826.5532 or at [amarkis@riversideca.gov](mailto:amarkis@riversideca.gov)

**2pm Session:**

1. If the panels are movable, why can't we move the panels around to even them out (specifically pointing to the block of panels to the far east of the landfill)?
2. A: There is no room to move the panels around because the rest of the bluff is already occupied by panels. SunPower, when designing the solar array arrangement, optimized the layout to achieve the maximum production from the site.
3. Will there be additional phases of the projects installed on the landfill?  
A: No, what can be seen now on the landfill will be it.
4. What's the payback period for the project investment?  
A: SunPower currently owns the facility, so there was no initial capital cost paid by the City to build the project. The contract with SunPower allows the City the option to purchase the project in future years.
5. Can we plant anything on the landfill to block the view?  
A: Due to special design of the landfill, no vegetation can be planted on it other than the ones already on the landfill by design.
6. Can we somehow camouflage the concrete block and inverter pad equipment to make them blend in with the background view?  
A: Yes, painting the concrete block and the inverter pad could be a rather quick and simple solution to the visual impact.
7. Can we somehow camouflage the newly-installed section of the chain link fence?  
A: Yes, the City can paint the new chain link fence to make it less stand out.

**Councilman's closing remarks:**

- Painting the concrete block and inverter stations can be done, we can try painting one section first and see how well it blends in, then make adjustments as needed.
- Building a permanent wall structure might or might not go since it will be something else to look at (a visual impact in itself); and not everyone will like it.
- The glare issue will be best dealt with on an individual basis, perhaps using household solutions.
- Utility will set up a web portal to share information on this particular matter, and to receive comments and questions.
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**4pm Session (many of the same comments as the earlier session:**

A few comments made:

8. The residents just want to make sure that there would be no further development on the landfill.
9. Building a wall will be more intrusive, and might attract more homeless, noise, graffiti, and construction.
10. Painting/Camouflage would really help