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Jack

Again, as long as the glare has been considered and included in the report we are good.

Chris Morello

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From: Sorensen, Jack <SorensenJ@countyofmonterey.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:13 AM
To: Chris Morello <cmorello@montereyairport.com>
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Chris,

Good morning. I spoke with Tyler Yager regarding the glare on 5/2. This was my email and his response:

-I am looking into this application, and I had a couple questions regarding the solar panel alignment and glare reduction measures. More specifically how will the placement (direction) of the solar panels impact the glare of incoming and outgoing planes? Secondly, are there any specific measures taken to reduce the glare? What I mean by this is there a tinted or glare-resistant material that can be used to illuminate/reduce the potential impacts from the possible glare?

Hello Jack, thanks for reaching out. The panels will be tilted at a 10 degree angle to the South, which will produce less glare that could potentially be emitted upwards towards the planes that are flying into the runway from the East direction. Also, these modern solar panels have an integrated special light absorbent coating that allows for more absorption of light and less refraction off of the panel glass, producing minimal glare. I also want to note that we have two additional installations across the street, 12 Upper Ragsdale and 21 lower Ragsdale, that are under the same flight path, and those projects had no trouble being approved.

I have included this information in my reports for the hearing on the 22nd. I am happy to

further discuss this.

Thank you,

Jack Sorensen
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Jack

Monterey Peninsula Airport Districts would request the Solar Installation at 23 Upper Ragsdale Road applicant consider completing an evaluation of ocular impacts for the proposed system to ensure and confirm that pilots are not compromised by glare because of the location being on the final approach path for 28L and 28R at MRY.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

Chris Morello

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Subject: REF260015

Good afternoon, Chris,

I am processing REF260015 and if you could provide comments by 6/12, I would appreciate it. I have attached the application and plans.

Thank you and have a great day,

Jack Sorensen

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