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### Desert Sun letter: Looking to clear the picture

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Sammy Roth's latest allegations against the Imperial Irrigation District and its now-severed relationship with ZGlobal, this time dating back to the sale of farmland for a solar project approved by the IID board in 2011, would have readers believe the district "may have left millions of dollars on the table."

This could only be true if IID were in the business of "flipping" solar projects, which it most assuredly is not. What is true is that the Solar Gen 2 project delivered tremendous value to the district, and not just in terms of the 150 megawatts of new generation that interconnected to IID at a time when virtually all other utility-scale solar projects were bypassing its system, but also through the land-use conversion that followed and the significant water savings realized by IID as a direct result of it.

IID's outside legal counsel is preparing a report in response to these allegations, which I would encourage your editorial board to review carefully and, in the interests of clarity and evenhandedness, to correct the record. While I hold no truck with either the public's right to know or your right to publish, it would seem this newspaper might do well to subject itself to the same level of introspection you have rightfully called on IID – and its general manager – to apply in this matter.

