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# 1. Overview of CEQA Scoping Process

## 1.1 Introduction

On April 2, 2013, Southern California Edison Company (SCE or the applicant) filed a Petition for Modification (PFM) (A.07-01-031) for Decision 10-08-009 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which granted SCE a Permit to Construct the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project. On March 26, 2014, SCE filed a Motion to Bifurcate the Fogarty Substation Project from the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line (Valley–Ivyglen Project), which was approved by the CPUC on August 28, 2014, thereby separating the Valley–Ivyglen Project from the Fogarty Substation Project. On May 23, 2014, SCE filed a revised Amended PFM for Decision 10-08-009. The amended PFM removed the discussion of the Fogarty Substation and included a routing change along 1,000 feet of the proposed alignment. The Valley–Ivyglen Project would involve the construction of a new, single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission line and a fiber optic line.

SCE filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (A.09-09-022) with the CPUC on September 30, 2009, to construct the Alberhill System Project (Alberhill Project). The applicant filed an amendment to the application on March 15, 2010, and filed amended sections of the Proponent’s Environmental Assessment (PEA) on April 11, 2011. The amended sections of the PEA propose modifications to the two 500-kV transmission line alignments included in the original PEA. The Alberhill Project would include a new 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), new 500-kV transmission lines, new and modified 115-kV subtransmission lines, and telecommunications system installations.

In August 2013, CPUC determined it was in the public’s best interest to consolidate the environmental reviews of the Valley–Ivyglen Project and Alberhill Project into one Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The CPUC’s approval of the applications requires an environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As the lead agency for the Valley–Ivyglen Project and Alberhill Project under CEQA, the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR and a Final EIR that cover both projects. The CPUC’s environmental review process invited broad public and agency participation through public scoping meetings and written comment periods to get input on the Valley–Ivyglen Project and Alberhill Project early in the EIR process.

## 1.2 Summary of Scoping Activities

This scoping summary report describes the scoping activities that the CPUC conducted for the proposed projects. It also details the written and oral comments received from agencies and members of the public during the scoping period in response to the Notices of Preparation (NOPs) regarding the scope and content of the EIR.

**Direct Mailings of NOP and Scoping Meeting Announcements.** The CPUC circulated an NOP of an EIR for the Alberhill Project on April 13, 2010, opening a 30-day comment period on the scope and content of the EIR and announcing a public scoping meeting. On April 20, 2010, the CPUC subsequently distributed an errata notice with an updated map. The CPUC prepared a second NOP after determining that the amended PEA was complete on May 26, 2011.

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Circulation of the second NOP opened another 30-day public comment period on the scope and content of the EIR that extended from July 28 to August 26, 2011.

The NOPs were sent to the State Clearinghouse and responsible and trustee agencies, including three federal agencies, 18 state agencies, and 10 local agencies and planning groups. The NOPs were also distributed to seven Native American groups and federal, state and local elected officials. Additionally, the NOPs were distributed to more than 3,400 individuals, including property owners within 300 feet of the proposed substation, transmission lines, and subtransmission lines. The NOPs are provided in Appendix A.

On May 6, 2015, the CPUC circulated an NOP of an EIR for the Alberhill Project and the Valley-Ivyglen Project, opening a 30-day comment period on the scope and content of the EIR and announcing public scoping meetings. This NOP was sent to the State Clearinghouse and responsible and trustee agencies, including federal agencies, state agencies, and local agencies. A postcard announcing availability of the NOP was also distributed to Native American groups and federal, state, and local elected officials. Additionally, the postcard was distributed to more than 3,500 individuals, including property owners within 300 feet of the proposed substation, transmission lines, and subtransmission lines. The NOP and postcard are provided in Appendix A.

**Newspaper Notices.** Table 1 details the newspaper notices published regarding the release of the NOPs and public scoping meetings.

Table 1. Publication Dates for Newspaper Notices

Announcement	Newspaper	Date Published
First NOP and scoping meeting announcement for the Alberhill Project	Californian	April 20, 2010
	North County Times	April 20, 2010
	Riverside Press Enterprise	April 22, 2010
Second NOP and scoping meeting announcement for the Alberhill Project	Californian	August 11, 2011
	North County Times	August 11, 2011
	Riverside Press Enterprise	August 11, 2011
NOP and scoping meeting announcement for the Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project	Perris Progress	May 8, 2015
	Riverside Press-Enterprise	May 8, 2015

**Hotline, Email, and Public Website.** The CPUC maintains a telephone hotline and email addresses for the proposed projects through which the public can contact the CEQA team and comment on one or both of the proposed projects. The CPUC also maintains websites with information and documents related to each proposed project. This information was included in the NOPs, newspaper notices, and distributed at the public scoping meetings. The project-specific emails, fax, voicemail, and websites are present in Table 2.

Table 2. Project-Specific Email, Fax, Voicemail, and Website Information

	Alberhill Project	Valley-Ivyglen Project
Email	alberhill@ene.com	ivyglen@ene.com
Fax	415-398-5326	415-398-5326
Voicemail	877-313-5385	855-277-9051
Website	<a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Alberhill.html">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Alberhill.html</a>	<a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html</a>

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**Public Scoping Meetings.** Table 3 details the dates and locations public meetings that were held materials provided at each meeting.

Table 3. Meeting Dates, Locations, Materials, and Attendance

Meeting	Date	Location	Materials Provided <sup>1</sup>	Attendance
First scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project	April 29, 2010	Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-In Sheet;</li> <li>• Speaker Card; and</li> <li>• Written Comment Sheet</li> </ul>	26 persons
Second scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project	August 18, 2011	Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-In Sheet; and</li> <li>• Written Comment Sheet.</li> </ul>	6 persons
Scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project	May 18, 2015 <sup>4</sup>	Cesar E. Chavez Library <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-In Sheet; and</li> <li>• Written Comment Sheet.</li> <li>• Fact Sheets</li> </ul>	6 persons
	May 18, 2015 <sup>5</sup>	Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center <sup>2</sup>		25 persons

Notes:

1. Included in Appendix B
2. Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center, 183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore CA 92530
3. Cesar E. Chavez Library, 163 E. San Jacinto Avenue, Perris, CA 92570
4. May 18, 2015 1:00 to 2:30pm
5. May 18, 2015 6:00 to 7:30pm

**Interagency Coordination.** The CPUC and representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) attended a project briefing and site visit facilitated by the applicant on December 8, 2009. A representative of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was also invited but unable to attend. The CPUC has subsequently held several informal telephone consultations with the USFWS, CDFW, WRCRCA, and the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) to discuss the Alberhill Project and seek their input regarding potential environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation.

The CPUC also met with the City of Lake Elsinore and extended invitations to meet with the cities of Wildomar and Menifee, and Riverside County to provide information about the Alberhill Project and seek input on the cities' and county's concerns regarding potential environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation. In addition, the CPUC has contacted the Skylark Airport.

**Public and Agency Comments.** In total, there were three scoping periods for the proposed projects. All comments received during the three scoping periods, as well as a few that were received after the first and third comment periods ended are summarized in Section 2. The sign-in sheets from the scoping meetings are included in Appendix B. A transcript of the April 29, 2010 public scoping meeting is also included in Appendix B. Copies of the written comments received during the scoping periods are included in Appendices C, D, and E.

Comments received will be used, as appropriate, in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the EIR and for eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important.

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## 2. Summary of Scoping Comments

This section summarizes both written and oral comments received from the public and agencies during the scoping process. The CPUC received 112 written (letters and emails) comments from federal, state, local, and county government agencies, organizations, and members of the public. The majority of the comment letters were from individuals, and 54 of the letters were copies of the same “form” letter or variations of it. Twelve individuals provided oral comments at the first scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project<sup>1</sup>.

In addition to letters from individuals, the following government agencies and Native American tribes also provided comments: the Department of Toxic Substance Control, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), CDFW, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the City of Perris, the City of Elsinore, the City of Menifee Community Development Department, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission, the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency Transportation Department, and the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians.

The issues raised during the public scoping process are summarized according to the following major themes: the CEQA Process; Project Description, Purpose and Need, Objectives, Alternatives, and Mitigation; Environmental Resources; and Non-CEQA topics.

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#### Public Notification

Alberhill Project commenters noted missing and incorrect street names on the map originally included with the NOP. In response to those comments, the CPUC issued a subsequent errata postcard on April 20, 2010, to all recipients of the Alberhill Project NOP.

Several commenters stated that they had not received the NOP in the mail despite the fact that they live near the Alberhill Project. Specifically, residents of the Alberhill Ranch stated that the Alberhill Project NOP had not been mailed to residences within their community. (The Alberhill Ranch development is generally south of 115-kV Segment 2, east of Lake Street, and west of the proposed Fogarty Substation.)

A number of residents along Byers Road noted that the map included in the Alberhill Project NOP does not depict the alternative (as identified in the PEA) that would run along Holland Road and Byers Road. This issue was identified in the “form” letter.

No comments on public notification were received during the 2015 public scoping period.

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<sup>1</sup> Verbal comments were only recorded at the first scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project.

## **2.2 Project Description, Objectives, and Alternatives**

### **Project Description**

A number of comments were made requesting more details about the components of the Alberhill Project. Requests for additional information included the height of the proposed Alberhill Project subtransmission poles, the location and scope of Alberhill Project construction activities, and proposed permanent Alberhill Project rights-of-way locations. During the 2015 scoping period, many commenters expressed their perception that the 35-acre substation was left out of earlier Alberhill Project discussions. One commenter asked about the Alberhill Project's acreage and who owns the land. A few comments requesting more details about the components of the proposed projects were received.

### **Purpose and Need**

One commenter questioned whether the additional transmission lines included in the Alberhill Project are necessary. Another commenter—speaking to both projects—expressed doubt that increased power will be needed in the future.

### **Alternatives and Mitigation**

Numerous commenters, including those who submitted the “form” letter, expressed opposition to routing the subtransmission line along Byers Road, as proposed by the applicant in the PEA, noting that it would affect a rural, equestrian community. A number of these commenters stated that the proposed route down Murrieta Road would be a more suitable location for this size subtransmission line. Several commenters expressed opposition to routing the subtransmission line near Horsethief Canyon Ranch.

A number of commenters suggested alternatives to the proposed projects, including the following:

- Combine the proposed Fogarty and Alberhill Substations near Lake Street;
- Place the proposed Alberhill Substation site near Lake Street;
- Reroute the proposed segment of subtransmission line from along Baker Street to along Collier Avenue, combining this segment with the existing Valley–Elsinore–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line from Terra Cotta Road to Riverside Drive;
- Place the proposed substation within the Castle & Cooke property;
- Route the subtransmission line along Interstate 15 and State Route 74;
- Route the subtransmission line through the open space area that is located west of Murietta Road;
- Install the subtransmission lines underground;
- Reroute the proposed segment of the subtransmission line along De Palma Road, Interstate 15, and Temescal Canyon Road;
- Remove connection to the Newcomb Substation;
- Relocate and reduce the size of the substation. Consider putting a façade on the substation to make it fit into the environment better;
- Relocate the proposed guard structure; and
- Install all or some of the subtransmission lines underground.



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The City of Menifee requested that SCE consider following the existing utility corridors along Murrieta Road, Scott Road, and Bundy Canyon Road.

### 2.3 Environmental Resources

Most of the public and agency comments raised concerns regarding impacts of the projects on the human environment, most often expressing concerns regarding aesthetics, noise, hazards, health, and safety. Comments pertaining to concerns about impacts on environmental resources are described below by resource.

#### Aesthetics

The Caltrans' Division of Aeronautics, requested that the EIR address impacts on aesthetics due to the introduction of new sources of light and glare.

Private citizens, including those who submitted the "form" letter, expressed concerned about the visual character of their neighborhoods being affected by new subtransmission poles, particularly in rural or equestrian neighborhoods and neighborhoods in which utilities are currently underground. Some commenters described the proposed projects as a "blight" and an "eyesore." Many commenters noted that the proposed projects would obscure views of nearby mountain ranges.

Numerous commenters stated that the developer of their community invested money to install their utilities underground and expressed concern that impacts on aesthetics would affect nearby property values.

Commenters did not want a portion of I-15 to lose its California Scenic Highway eligibility status because of the new construction. Requests for additional information included a rendering of what the landscape will look like after the poles are installed and diagrams identifying all poles (those that will remain, be removed, and be replaced).

#### Air Quality

The South Coast Air Quality Management District requested that an air quality analysis be completed in accordance with their guidelines and that recommended mitigation measures be incorporated, as appropriate.

A number of commenters expressed concern over air quality issues in the vicinity of the Alberhill Ranch housing development area. These commenters noted that air quality has already been negatively affected by mining in the area and they expressed concern regarding the Alberhill Project's cumulative impacts on air quality.

#### Biological Resources

The RCHCA commented that the Alberhill Project would be required to avoid "take" of the Stephen's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) within the core reserve area, in accordance with the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan. The RCHCA additionally stated that surveys would be required as a necessary step to avoid "take" of the Stephen's kangaroo rat.

A number of commenters expressed concern about the proposed projects' impact on biological resources. Numerous commenters noted that the proposed projects would be located within an

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area that is covered by the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. One commenter requested information on the following listed species in the Alberhill Project area: Munz' onion (*Allium munzii*), San Diego ambrosia (*Ambrosia pumila*), Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*), the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica*), and the Stephen's kangaroo rat.

A few commenters mentioned the possible effect of the proposed projects on bird migration routes, owls, and endangered plants. Some commenters requested that previous biological studies be updated to include more recent surveys. A commenter named various pole locations that they thought would impact biological resources.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District requested that the CEQA document include a Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) consistency report. CDFW included a section in their letter titled "Assessment of Biological Resources." This section requests that the EIR "should include a complete assessment of the flora and fauna within and adjacent to the proposed project area, with particular emphasis on identifying rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species and their associated habitats." CDFW recommended that the EIR include a discussion of potential impacts from noise on biological resources.

Additionally, several commenters expressed concern regarding the Alberhill Project's impact on old-growth or heritage trees. One commenter expressed concern about the Alberhill Project's impact on breeding hawks in the area. Additionally, a number of commenters expressed concern about noise impacts on local livestock and wildlife populations.

### Cultural Resources

Pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, the Pechanga Tribe formally requested to be notified and involved in the environmental review process for the proposed projects. In the interim between the earlier scoping periods and the 2015 scoping period, the Pechanga Tribe stated that they have not yet been notified for consultation by the CPUC or the applicant. In a June 2015 letter, the Tribe expressed concern about impacts on cultural resources during ground-disturbing activities; requested involvement in future surveys, site visits, and excavations; and provided suggested mitigation plans and measures to lessen or avoid impacts on cultural resources.

A number of commenters stated that the Alberhill Project would impact cultural resources; specifically, these commenters noted that the area is culturally significant to Native American tribes. One commenter expressed concern that the Alberhill Project would impact a Pechanga sacred burial site located on Holland Road; the commenter also stated that this site is habitat to unique flora and fauna. Another commenter stated that there are Native American artifacts along the foothills of Byers Road that could be disturbed by the Alberhill Project. Commenters stated that Native American resources in the Alberhill Project area include petroglyphs, grinding holes, and rocks that have been fenced off by a government agency.

### Land Use Compatibility

A few commenters expressed concern that the proposed projects would conflict with current planning and zoning designations because it would conflict with equestrian and agricultural uses

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in the area. As noted under the biology subheading above, several commenters also expressed concern regarding the proposed Alberhill Project's impact on old-growth and heritage trees in the area, which are protected under local ordinance.

### **Noise**

Multiple private citizens commented on the potential increase in noise due to new and larger subtransmission lines, particularly for lines that would be routed through residential areas. A number of commenters also noted that increased noise from larger subtransmission lines would affect livestock and wildlife as well. Several housing association members asked that a noise study be considered.

### **Hazards, Health, and Safety**

The Caltrans' Division of Aeronautics, stated that the Alberhill Project would be located in the vicinity of the Skylark Field Airport, which operates with a Special-Use Airport Permit. The Caltrans requested that the EIR analyze potential hazards to air travel, including obstructions to navigable airspace; visual hazards due to lighting, glare or smoke; and hazards due to interference with aircraft instruments or radio communication.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control stated that the EIR should assess the Alberhill Project's potential to impact human health or the environment, including conducting a Phase I or Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and searching appropriate federal and state databases that track hazardous materials and hazardous waste sites. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control stated that remediation of any toxic substances or contaminants within the Alberhill Project area should be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations and policies.

In response to earlier Alberhill Project scoping, a number of commenters expressed concern over fire hazards. Commenters noted that the proposed projects would be located in a dry area that experiences high winds and is at high risk for wildland fires. One commenter expressed concern over fire caused by a transformer blowout. Another commenter noted that the transmission lines could interfere with helicopter drops associated with wildfire suppression.

A few commenters expressed concern over poles falling to the ground due to the possibility of high winds, traffic collisions, or seismic events. Some of these commenters recommended that the lines be placed underground to avoid potential problems.

### **Hydrology and Water Quality**

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) stated that the Alberhill Project would be located within the District's Sedco and Wildomar Master Drainage Plan boundaries, and requested that the EIR address the Alberhill Project's impact on planned facilities within the Master Drainage Plan boundaries.

The District requested that the EIR address the proposed projects' impacts on planned flood control facilities within each project area. The District also requested that the EIR address potential direct and indirect floodplain impacts. Two commenters expressed concern over the locations of two poles in relation to future streambed mitigation and drainage areas. CDFW

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requested that the EIR “address project-related changes on drainage patterns and water quality within, upstream, and downstream of the project.”

### **Public Services and Utilities**

One commenter inquired about the relationship between the Alberhill Project and the Valley Municipal Water District. Another noted that Alberhill Project’s large subtransmission poles would cast a shadow on their residential solar panels, potentially impacting panel efficiency.

A commenter requested that the EIR address possible power outages during construction of the proposed projects.

### **Recreation**

Comments made during the public scoping meeting and submitted in writing during the scoping period suggested that the proposed projects would result in impacts on recreational uses in the area. A number of commenters noted that routing the subtransmission line along Byers Street would impact use of the equestrian trail there. Commenters noted that the trail is designated by the City of Menifee. Many commenters noted that they moved to the area because they wanted to enjoy outdoor activities and that the lines would affect peoples’ outdoor experience. One commenter also noted that the Alberhill Project could affect private airports that facilitate skydiving, parasailing, and ultralight aircraft usage, as well as a motocross facility near the Skylark Substation.

### **Transportation and Traffic**

A number of commenters expressed concern about traffic impacts from the locations of new poles, relocation of existing poles, and additional truck traffic during construction. A number of commenters expressed concerns about traffic impacts if the subtransmission line were to be constructed on Byers Road; these commenters noted that the road is currently unpaved and not wide enough to support large subtransmission poles. Commenters also noted that this road is currently unlit, and the installation of subtransmission poles could increase safety risks for motorists along Byers Road.

### **Cumulative Impacts**

In the two scoping periods that covered only the Alberhill Project, a number of commenters inquired about the relationship between the Alberhill Project and the Valley–Ivyglen Project, Fogarty Substation Project, the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project, and the Talega–Escondido/Valley–Serrano 500 kV Interconnect [TE/VS Interconnect] Project. Some commenters inquired about the relationship between the proposed projects and two new housing developments and a master planned commercial and industrial project off of Collier Avenue in Lake Elsinore. The City of Lake Elsinore requested that the projects be considered in relation to planned improvements in the City. Riverside County requested that the applicant coordinate with the County since there are already planned road-widening projects along the proposed route. CDFW wrote that the EIR should include a cumulative effects analysis.

As stated above under the air quality subheading, a number of commenters expressed concern over cumulative air quality impacts in the vicinity of the Alberhill Ranch development area due to the combined effects with mining in the region.

**2.4 Non-CEQA Topics**

Comments included topics not typically covered in CEQA analyses. Many commenters stated that the developer of their community invested money to install their utilities underground and expressed concern that aboveground utilities would affect nearby property values.

Several commenters expressed concern over electro-magnetic frequencies (EMFs) associated with overhead subtransmission lines. Commenters requested additional information on EMFs including the health impacts of EMFs (including both the potential to result in new health issues and to exacerbate existing conditions), the distances EMFs would extend, and the area EMFs would potentially impact given the line voltage and the height of the poles. In addition to concern expressed about the effects of EMFs on local residents and livestock, one commenter expressed concern over health impacts on students of Elsinore High School and Jean Hayman Elementary School, who may walk under the proposed subtransmission lines on their commute to school. This commenter also expressed concern regarding health impacts on residents of an assisted living center at the intersection of Lemon Street and Orange Street as well as EMF impacts on De Jong Dairy and a planned animal shelter, located near the Skylark Substation. Concerns about effects from EMF were included in the “form” letter. Comments had concerns about effects from EMF as a result of the proximity of the proposed lines to residences and schools.

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# Appendix A

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## Notices of Preparation



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***A. Notices of Preparation***

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505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102-3298



To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

From: Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022)

Date: April 12, 2010

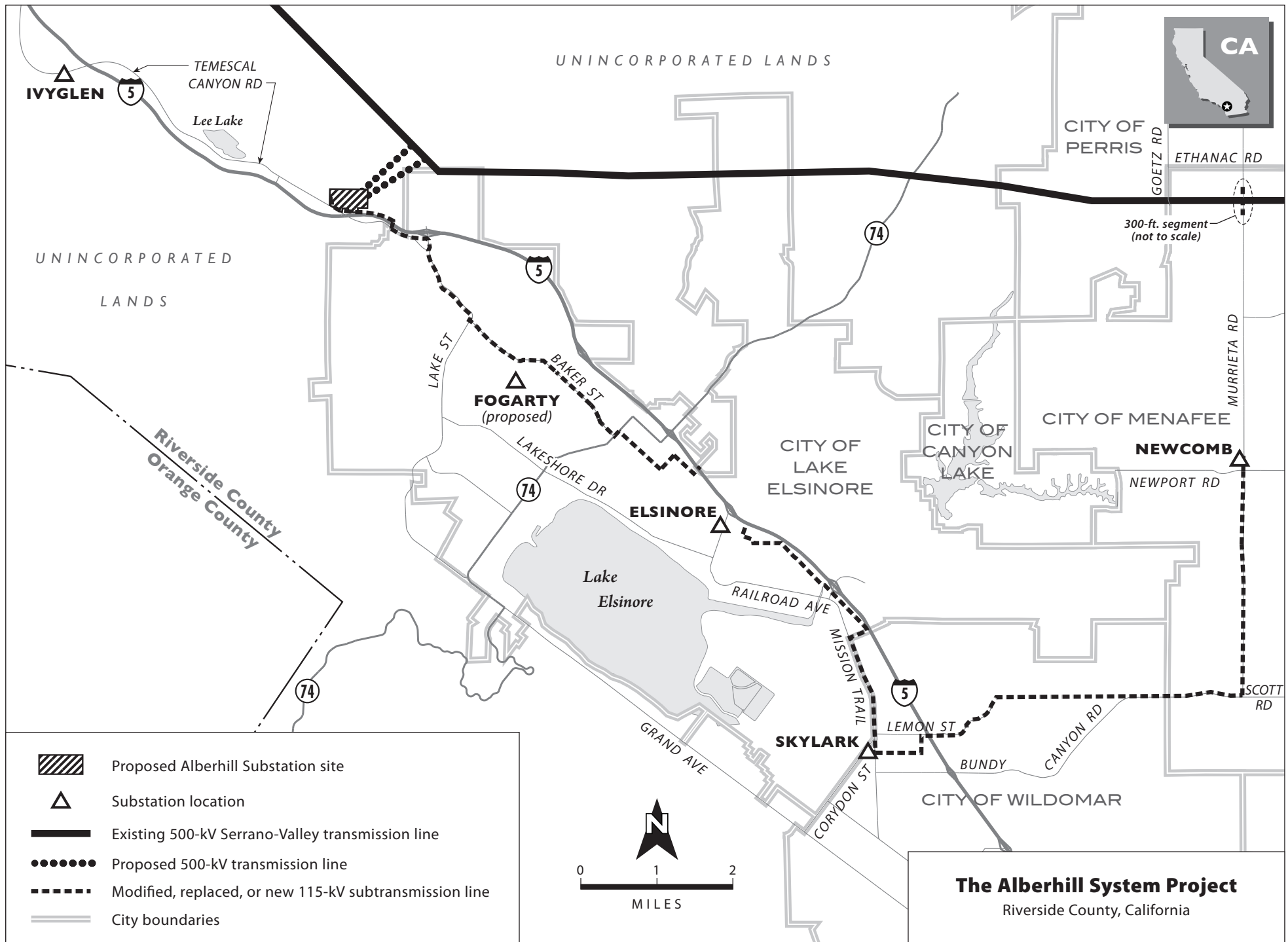
Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) on September 30, 2009 (Application A.09-09-022) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to construct the Alberhill System Project. As the lead agency, the CPUC will prepare a Draft and Final Environmental Impact (EIR) Report to evaluate the project in accordance with the criteria, standards and procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 2100 et. seq. and California Administrative Code Sections 15000 et. seq.).

## **A. Location, Description, and Purpose of the Alberhill System Project**

The Alberhill System Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar as well as surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The proposed project would include the following:

- One 1,120 megavolt ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill 500/115-kV Substation.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Substation; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34-acres of a 124-acre property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County. The two 500-kV transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line. The 115-kV subtransmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately 9 miles). See figure on next page showing the proposed project location.



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Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed project. In addition, a 120-foot microwave antenna tower would be installed at the proposed Alberhill Substation site that would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site. From there, another new dish antenna would direct signals to a new dish antenna installed at the Serrano Substation.

SCE designed the proposed project to meet long-term forecasted electrical demand in the proposed project area and increase electrical system reliability. SCE estimates that construction would take approximately 23 months and has proposed that the Alberhill System Project be operational by summer 2014.

## **B. Scope of EIR and Discussion of Potential Impacts**

CEQA requires agencies to consider environmental impacts that may result from a proposed project, inform the public of potential impacts and alternatives, and facilitate public involvement in the assessment process. The EIR for the proposed project will describe in detail the nature and extent of the environmental impacts of the proposed project and each alternative and will discuss mitigation measures for adverse impacts. The EIR will include, among other sections, discussion of the purpose and need for the proposed project, a description of alternatives, a description of the affected environment, and an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives.

### **Environmental Impacts**

The PEA identified that the proposed project may have a significant environmental impact on air quality. The CPUC's analysis in the Draft EIR may identify additional potentially significant impacts from the proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the following resource areas for significant environmental impacts: visual resources; agricultural and forest resources; air quality and greenhouse gases; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and mineral resources; hazards and public safety; hydrology and water quality; land use; noise and vibration; population and housing; public services and utilities; recreation; and transportation and traffic. The EIR will also evaluate potential cumulative and growth inducing impacts. The CPUC will base the information and extent of the analysis to be presented in the EIR on input and comments received during the public comment period.

## **C. Public Review**

This Notice of Preparation has been sent to the State Clearinghouse, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties. Comments should identify the issues to be considered in the Draft EIR, including significant environmental issues, alternatives, and mitigation measures, and whether the agency will be a responsible agency or trustee agency. The public comment period on the scope of the EIR will extend from April 15, 2010 through May 14, 2010.

The CPUC will host a public meeting on the Alberhill System Project as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center  
183 North Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA

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The public is invited to present comments about the proposed project and scope of the EIR at the meeting. Written comments must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than May 14, 2010. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence.

Following the public comment period on the Notice of Preparation, the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will address comments received. A public meeting will also be held following release of the Draft EIR.

Please send comments to:

Alberhill System Project  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
Attn: Karen Ladd, Project Manager  
130 Battery Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Fax: (415) 981-0801  
Email: [alberhill@ene.com](mailto:alberhill@ene.com)  
Project voicemail (toll-free): (877) 313-5385

Information about the project is available at the Alberhill System Project public website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Alberhill.html>

Copies of the application and PEA, meeting dates, and other information about the Alberhill System Project are available on the website. As completed, the Draft and Final EIR and other documentation will be posted to the website. The Draft and Final EIRs will also be available for review at the following public libraries:

Lake Elsinore Library  
600 West Graham Avenue  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
(951) 674-4517

Canyon Lake Library  
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Canyon Lake, CA 92587  
(951) 244-9181

Paloma Valley Library  
31375 Bradley Road  
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**The CPUC hereby issues this Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.**

Jensen Uchida  
CPUC Project Manager

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April 20, 2010

Dear Responsible and Trustee Agency, Property Owner, and Interested Party:

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Alberhill System Project (Application A.09 09 022), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

We recently sent you a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the proposed project. To correct some errors on the map that was included with the NOP, we are providing the revised map on the outside of this notice. The main change corrects the label for Interstate 15 (I-15), which was previously misidentified as I-5. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The CPUC is currently seeking comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Circulation of the NOP opened a public comment period, which extends from April 15 through May 14, 2010. Written comments must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than May 14, 2010. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence to:

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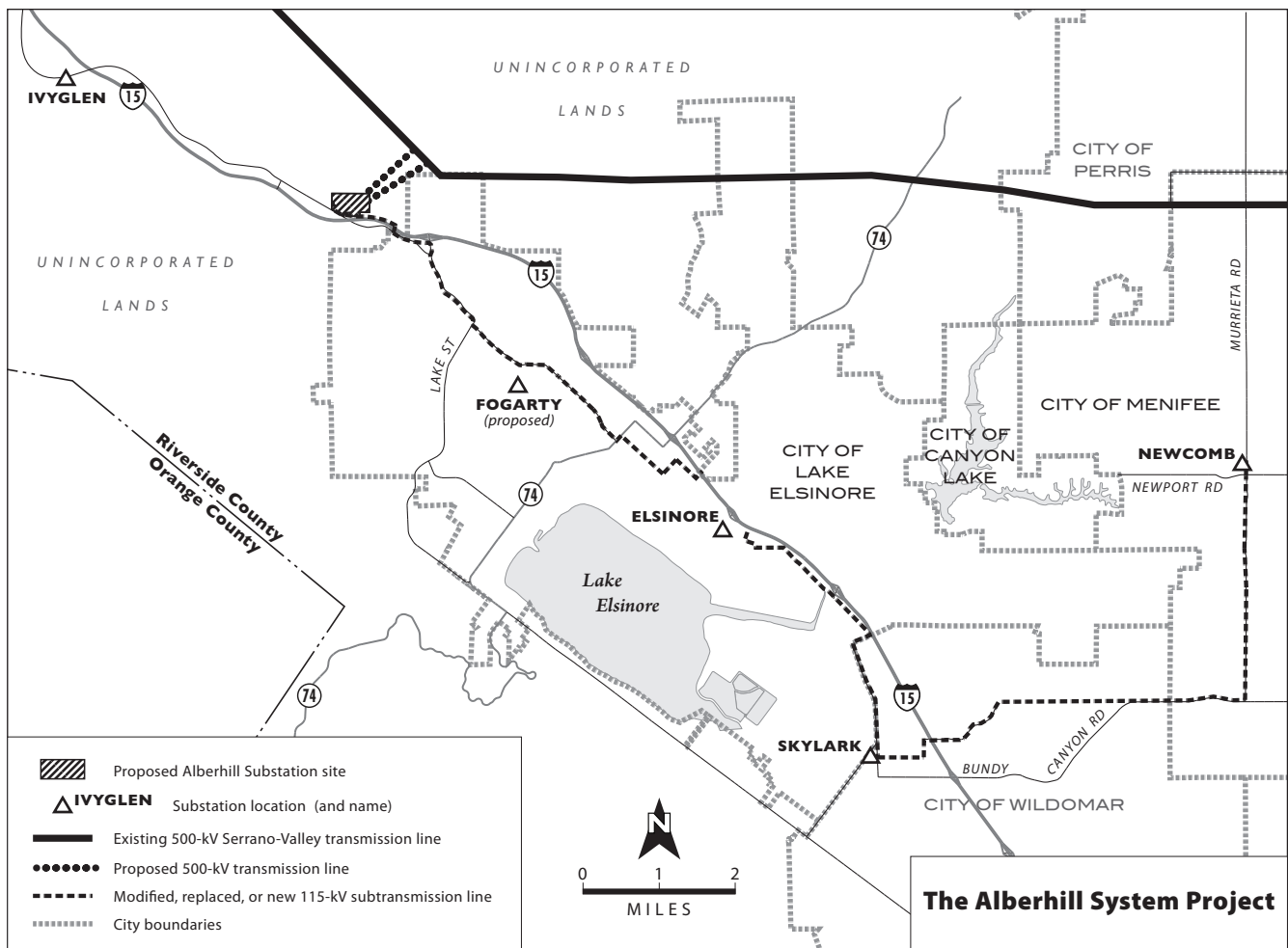
Or send comments via fax, email, or voicemail:

Fax: (415) 981-0801  
Email: [alberhill@ene.com](mailto:alberhill@ene.com)  
Project voicemail (toll-free): (877) 313-5385

The CPUC will also host a public meeting on the Alberhill System Project, where the public is invited to present comments about the proposed project and scope of the EIR:

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2010  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center  
183 North Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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CPUC Project Manager



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To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

From: Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF AMENDED PROPONENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND  
PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022)

Date: July 28, 2011

Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) on September 30, 2009 (Application A.09-09-022) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to construct the Alberhill System Project. SCE filed amended sections of the PEA on April 11, 2011, and the CPUC deemed the amended PEA complete on May 26, 2011. The amended sections of the PEA propose modifications to the two 500-kV transmission line alignments included in the original PEA. The modified alignments would avoid the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Stephens' Kangaroo Rat core reserve.

As the lead agency, the CPUC will prepare Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) to evaluate the proposed project in accordance with the criteria, standards, and procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 2100 et. seq. and California Administrative Code Sections 15000 et. seq.). A Notice of Preparation of an EIR was circulated on April 13, 2010, and a public meeting was held on April 29, 2010. The purpose of this follow-up Notice of Preparation is to open a 30-day public comment period for comments on the scope of the EIR with respect to the modified 500-kV transmission line routes proposed in the amended PEA. The comment period will extend from July 28 to August 26, 2011.

## **A. Location, Description, and Purpose of the Alberhill System Project**

The Alberhill System Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar as well as surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The proposed project would include the following:

- One 1,120 megavolt ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill 500/115-kV Substation.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Substation; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

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The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34-acres of a 124-acre property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County. The two 500-kV transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line. The 115-kV subtransmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately 9 miles).

Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed project. In addition, a 120-foot microwave antenna tower would be installed at the proposed Alberhill Substation site that would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site. From there, another new dish antenna would direct signals to a new dish antenna installed at the Serrano Substation.

SCE designed the proposed project to meet long-term forecasted electrical demand in the proposed project area and increase electrical system reliability. SCE estimates that construction would take approximately 23 months and has proposed that the Alberhill System Project be operational by summer 2014.

## **B. Scope of EIR and Discussion of Potential Impacts**

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### **Environmental Impacts**

The PEA identified that the proposed project may have a significant environmental impact on air quality. The CPUC's analysis in the EIR may identify other significant impacts from the proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the following resource areas for significant environmental impacts: visual resources; agricultural and forest resources; air quality and greenhouse gases; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and mineral resources; hazards and public safety; hydrology and water quality; land use; noise and vibration; population and housing; public services and utilities; recreation; and transportation and traffic. The EIR will also evaluate cumulative and growth inducing impacts. The CPUC will base the information and extent of the analysis to be presented in the EIR on input and comments received during the public comment period.

## **C. Public Review**

This Notice of Preparation has been sent to the State Clearinghouse, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties. Comments should identify the issues to be considered in the EIR with respect to the modified 500-kV transmission line routes proposed in the amended PEA. The public comment period on the scope of the EIR will extend from July 28 to August 26, 2011.



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The CPUC will host a meeting on the Alberhill System Project as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, August 18, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center  
183 North Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA

The meeting will begin as an open house, followed by a brief presentation about the proposed project and scope of the EIR with respect to the modified 500-kV transmission line routes proposed in the amended PEA. You are invited to submit written comments, which must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than Friday, August 26, 2011. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence.

Following the public comment period on the Notice of Preparation, the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will address comments received. A public meeting will also be held following release of the Draft EIR.

Please send comments to:

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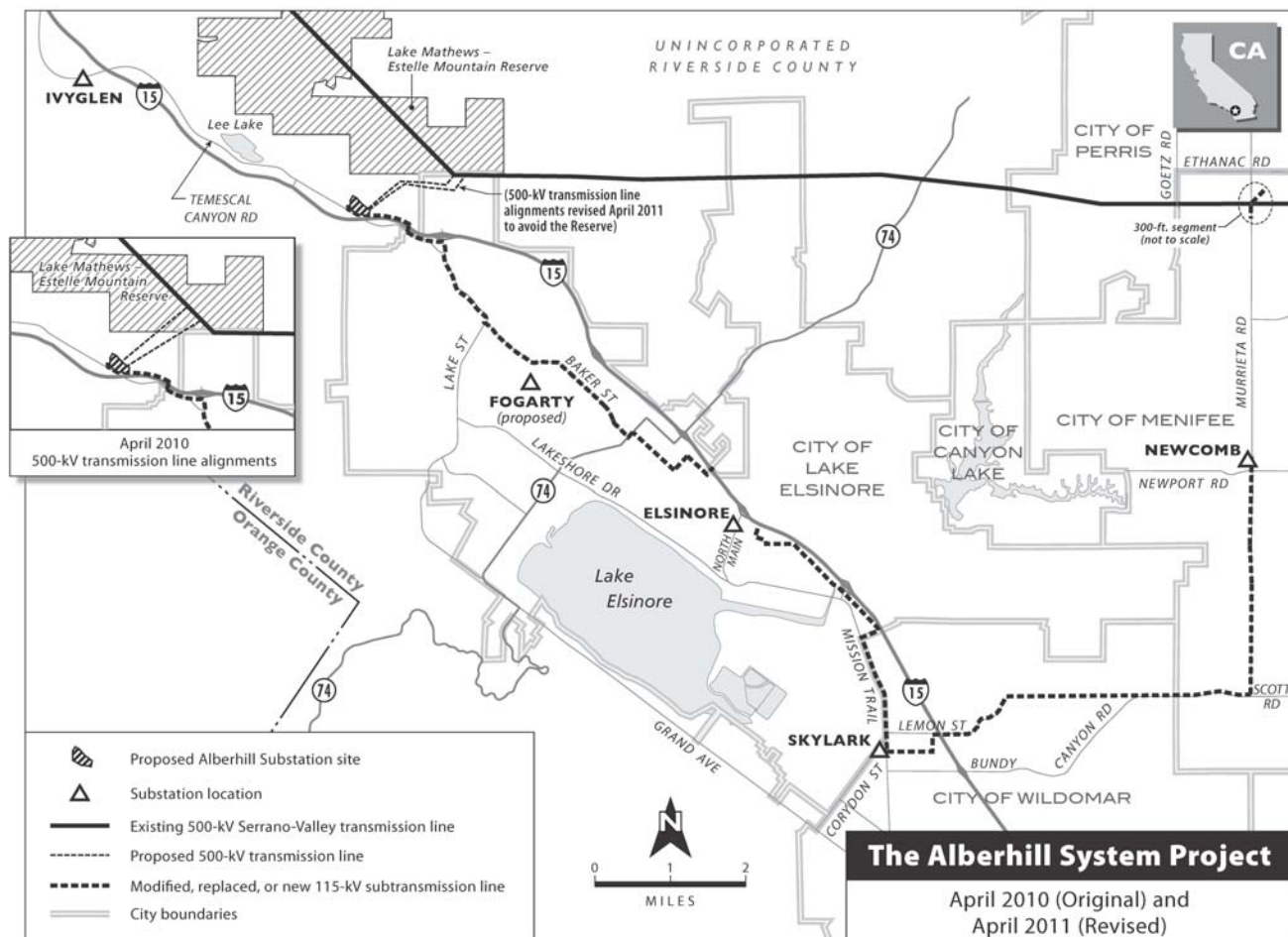
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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To:** Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

**From:** Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager

**Subject:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022) and Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

**Date:** May 6, 2015

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alberhill System Project (Alberhill Project or ASP) and the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Valley-Ivyglen Project or VIG). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to open a 30-day public comment period on the scope of the EIR for the Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project. Below is background information on each project and a summary of the status of each project's application. The comment period will extend from May 6, 2015, to June 5, 2015.

## A. Introduction

### *Alberhill System Project*

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on September 30, 2009, (Application A.09-09-022) with the CPUC to construct the Alberhill Project. The CPUC circulated an NOP on April 15, 2010, that opened a 30-day scoping comment period. SCE filed amended sections of the PEA on April 11, 2011, that modified the two proposed 500-kV transmission lines for the project. The CPUC circulated a second NOP on July 28, 2011, which opened another 30-day scoping comment period. The CPUC has not yet circulated an environmental document for the Alberhill Project.

### *Valley-Ivyglen Project*

On April 2, 2013, SCE filed a Petition for Modification (PFM) for Decision 10-08-009, which granted SCE a Permit to Construct the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project. On March 26, 2014, SCE filed a Motion to Bifurcate the Fogarty Substation Project from the Valley-Ivyglen Project, which was approved by the CPUC on August 28, 2014, thereby separating the Valley-Ivyglen Project from the Fogarty Substation Project.<sup>1</sup> On May 23, 2014, SCE filed a revised PFM for Decision 10-08-009 for the Valley-Ivyglen Project.

### *Environmental Review*

In August 2013, the CPUC determined that it would be in the public's best interest to consolidate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analyses for the proposed Alberhill Project Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and the Valley-Ivyglen Project PFM applications into a single CEQA document. As the lead agency, the CPUC has determined that an EIR should be prepared in accordance

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<sup>1</sup> Information about the Fogarty Substation Project is available at the following public website:  
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html>

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with the criteria, standards, and procedures of the CEQA (Public Resources Code sections 21000 et. seq. and California Code of Regulations Title 14, sections 15000 et seq.).

## **B. Alberhill System Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Alberhill Project would include construction of the following:

- One 1,120-megavolt-ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill Substation.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Substation; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34 acres of a 124-acre property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County. The two 500-kV transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line. The 115-kV subtransmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately 9 miles). See Figure 1 attached to this NOP. A portion of the proposed Alberhill Project 115-kV subtransmission line would be placed on structures built as part of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project.

Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed Alberhill Project. In addition, a 120-foot microwave antenna tower would be installed at the proposed Alberhill Substation site that would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site in Cleveland National Forest. From there, another new dish antenna would direct signals to a new dish antenna installed at the Serrano Substation in the City of Orange in Orange County.

The Alberhill Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar, as well as the surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. SCE designed the proposed Alberhill Project to meet long-term forecasted electrical demand in the Alberhill Project area and increase electrical system reliability. SCE estimates that construction would take approximately 28 months.

## **C. Valley–Ivyglen Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Valley–Ivyglen Project would involve the construction of a new, single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission line and a fiber optic line. The alignment of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen 115-kV line would generally follow the route approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009, with modifications to address erosion and landslide activity that occurred in the area. The modified route would be approximately 27 miles long and constructed within approximately 23 miles of new right-of-way. The line would traverse unincorporated Riverside County and the cities of Menifee, Perris, and Lake Elsinore. The proposed route would cross Interstate 15, Interstate 215 and State Route 74. See Figure 2

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attached to this NOP. Fiber optic lines would be installed overhead on the proposed structures and underground in new and existing conduit.

In addition to route realignment, the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project would include the following modifications compared to the project approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009:

- Additional disturbance areas and access road changes;
- Alternate construction methods, including helicopter use, blasting, temporary transmission poles, and retaining walls;
- Additional underground installations;
- Additional transmission structures and types of transmission structures;
- Increased span lengths and depths of borings.
- Additional construction methods, including shoofly poles, blasting, guard structures, and helicopter use;
- Modifications to work areas, staging areas, and helicopter operation yards; and
- Modifications to the telecommunications system, including overhead and underground installation.

SCE anticipates that construction of the Valley–Ivyglen Project would take approximately 27 months.

#### **D. Scope of EIR and Discussion of Potential Impacts**

CEQA requires agencies to consider environmental impacts that may result from a project, inform the public of potential impacts and alternatives, and facilitate public involvement in the assessment process. The EIR for the proposed Alberhill Project and Valley–Ivyglen Project will discuss the purpose and need for the proposed projects, describe alternatives, describe the environmental setting, evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed projects and alternatives, and evaluate cumulative impacts.

Preliminary analysis suggests that significant impacts could result from the Alberhill and Valley–Ivyglen Projects. Tables 1 and 2 summarize the potentially significant effects of the proposed projects. More detailed analyses will be included in the EIR.

**Table 1 Summary of Potentially Significant Effects of the Alberhill Project**

<b>Resource Area</b>	<b>Potential Effects</b>
<b>Aesthetics</b>	<p>A permanent effect on aesthetics along Interstate 15 (I-15), an eligible State Scenic Highway, could result from operation of the proposed Alberhill Project because the proposed Alberhill Substation, new 500-kV transmission lines, and new and upgraded 115-kV subtransmission lines (115-kV Segments ASP1, ASP3, ASP4, and ASP5) would be visible to motorists. Permanent effects may result because of visual contrast, alterations to existing scenic integrity, blocked or partially blocked views, and the introduction of industrial-like facilities to a relatively undeveloped rural area. The following components, among others, would be viewable from I-15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two 37-foot-tall transformers</li><li>• 49-foot-tall steel-enclosed 500-kV gas-insulated switchrack</li><li>• Control building (7,000 square feet)</li><li>• Parking area (7,600 square feet) and driveways (156,000 square feet)</li><li>• 8-foot-tall concrete or decorative-block substation perimeter wall</li><li>• 500-kV transmission lines and lattice steel towers (95 to 190 feet tall)</li><li>• 115-kV subtransmission lines (upgraded from 65–90 feet tall to 70–100 feet tall)</li></ul> <p>Permanent effects on the visual character or quality of a site or its surrounding area could result from operation of the proposed Alberhill Project at the proposed Alberhill Substation site, along the 500-kV transmission line routes, along 115-kV Segments ASP1 and ASP6, and along the northern section of the proposed 115-kV Segment ASP2 route near the proposed Alberhill Substation site that may reduce the intactness, unity, or vividness of existing views.</p>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<p>Temporary violations of maximum daily on-site emission levels of fugitive dust (particulate matter of 10 micrometers or less [PM<sub>10</sub>] and 2.5 micrometers or less [PM<sub>2.5</sub>]) would occur during construction of the proposed Alberhill Substation due to grading, excavation, and asphaltting. Temporary violations for maximum daily on-site emission levels of PM<sub>10</sub> would occur during construction of the proposed 115-kV subtransmission lines from roadwork, site preparation, structure installation, and wire stringing.</p> <p>The temporary exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and fugitive dust (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) would occur during construction of the proposed Alberhill Substation, 500-kV transmission lines, and 115-kV subtransmission lines.</p>
<b>Biological Resources</b>	<p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on Stephens' kangaroo rat would likely result from the construction and operation of the proposed Alberhill Substation, 500-kV lines, and several of the 115-kV segments.</p> <p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on riparian areas and federally protected wetlands (e.g., Temescal Wash or its tributaries) as defined by Clean Water Act Section 404 could result from construction and operation activities along the proposed 500-kV and 115-kV routes and at proposed Alberhill Substation site.</p>

**Table 1 Summary of Potentially Significant Effects of the Alberhill Project**

<b>Resource Area</b>	<b>Potential Effects</b>
<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	Each of the 560-MVA 500/115-kV transformers would contain approximately 33,550 gallons of transformer oil. In California, all used oil is managed as hazardous waste until tested to show it is not hazardous (Section 25250.4 of the California Health and Safety Code). Direct and indirect effects from the accidental release of hazardous materials could result during construction and operation of the proposed Alberhill Substation.
	Temporary and permanent effects from fire could result from construction and operation of the proposed Alberhill Project along the proposed 500-kV and 115-kV lines and at the proposed Alberhill Substation site, which would be located within or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	Temporary, direct, and indirect effects on water quality and existing drainage patterns could result from construction of the proposed Alberhill Substation, access road to 500-kV Tower SA-5, and along sections of the proposed 115-kV segments due to project-related activities such as the placement of fill, earth moving activities, and the potential for spill of hazardous materials near jurisdictional (e.g., Temescal Wash ) and potentially jurisdictional waterways/drainages.
<b>Cumulative Effects</b>	<i>Aesthetics.</i> A permanent effect on aesthetics along an eligible State Scenic Highway (I-15) could result from operation of the proposed Alberhill Project in addition to the proposed Talega–Escondido/Valley–Serrano (TE/VS) Project, and proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project. The proposed Alberhill Substation, 500-kV transmission lines, and 115-kV Segments ASP1 through ASP5, as well as the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project 115-kV Segments VIG3 through VIG7 and proposed TE/VS switchyard and associated 500-kV transmission lines, would be visible from I-15.
	<i>Air Quality.</i> A temporary violation of maximum daily on-site emission levels of PM <sub>10</sub> and PM <sub>2.5</sub> (fugitive dust) would occur during the construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project. Construction activities that overlap (e.g., earth-moving activities) may result in cumulative effects on air quality.
	<i>Air Quality.</i> Construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project could result in a temporary, cumulatively considerable net increase of VOC, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter of PM <sub>10</sub> , and PM <sub>2.5</sub> due to diesel- and gasoline-fueled engine exhaust from vehicles and equipment.
	<i>Biological Resources.</i> Construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project could result in cumulatively considerable effects on riparian areas and federally protected wetlands.

**Table 2 Summary of Potentially Significant Effects of the Valley-Ivyglen Project**

<b>Resource Area</b>	<b>Potential Effects</b>
<b>Aesthetics</b>	<p>Temporary and permanent effects on aesthetic resources along Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route 74 (SR-74), both eligible State Scenic Highways, could result from construction and operation of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project. Construction would occur over a 24-month period, and construction activities along 115-kV Segments VIG1 through 115-kV VIG8 would be noticeable to area residents and motorists along I-15 and SR-74. Construction activities that would temporarily affect scenic resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use of vehicles and equipment for excavation and grading activities, transporting and lifting, watering to control dust, transporting workers, and other construction activities;</li><li>• Soil and vegetation removal;</li><li>• Removal of existing power poles;</li><li>• Temporary construction site fencing and signage;</li><li>• Spraying of embankment slopes with an erosion control mixture, which may be vivid in color; and</li><li>• Temporary outdoor storage of materials, stockpiling of spoils from excavation.</li></ul> <p>A permanent effect on aesthetics along I-15 and SR-74 could result from the replacement of existing wood distribution line poles (30 to 80 feet tall) with new steel poles (up to 115 feet tall) and the introduction of new steel poles. The new poles would result in permanent visual contrast, alterations to existing scenic integrity, blocked or partially blocked views, and the introduction of industrial-like facilities to a relatively undeveloped rural area. The new and upgraded 115-kV subtransmission structures along 115-kV Segments VIG1 through 115-kV VIG8 would be intermittently noticeable to area residents and motorists along I-15 and SR-74.</p>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<p>Temporary violations for maximum daily on-site emission levels of PM<sub>10</sub> would occur during construction of the proposed 115-kV subtransmission lines from roadwork, site preparation, structure installation, and wire stringing.</p> <p>The temporary exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and fugitive dust (particulate matter of 10 micrometers or less and particulate matter of 2.5 micrometers or less) would occur during construction of the proposed 115-kV subtransmission lines.</p>
<b>Biological Resources</b>	<p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on Stephens' kangaroo rat would likely result from construction of several of the proposed 115-kV segments.</p> <p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on riparian areas and federally protected wetlands (e.g., Temescal Wash or its tributaries or the San Jacinto River) as defined by Clean Water Act Section 404 could result from construction and operation of a number of the proposed 115-kV segments. Among the areas likely to be affected are the proposed access roads and new structures along 115-kV Segment VIG6, trenched areas to install 115-kV Segment VIG8 underground, and the area where two tubular steel poles (4765121E and 4765120E) would be installed along 115-kV Segment VIG1 adjacent to the San Jacinto River.</p>
<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	<p>Temporary effects from the use of hazardous materials and petroleum products could result in upset or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials and petroleum products during construction.</p>



**Table 2 Summary of Potentially Significant Effects of the Valley–Ivyglen Project**

<b>Resource Area</b>	<b>Potential Effects</b>
	Temporary and permanent effects from wildfire could result during construction and operation of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project along proposed 115-kV segments that would be located within or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	Temporary and long-term effects on water quality and existing drainage patterns could result from 1) foundation excavation for 115-kV structure installations; 2) vegetation removal and earthmoving activities at construction sites and for access roads; 3) culvert construction across aquatic features; and 4) blasting. Erosion or siltation on or off site could result from the grading and vegetation clearing along a number of the proposed 115-kV Segments including along 115-kV Segment 8 where trenching would be required to install the proposed 115-kV line underground near Temescal Wash, a jurisdictional waterway .
<b>Land Use</b>	Potential conflict with Riverside County and City of Lake Elsinore land use policies, zoning ordinances, and requirements within specific plan areas could result (e.g., Alberhill Ridge Specific Plan in Lake Elsinore) because of the installation of new structures within 50 feet of eligible State Scenic Highways (Riverside County General Plan Policy 13.4), installation of structures along visually significant ridgelines and hilltops (Riverside County General Plan Policy 11.1(d)), or within an adopted road realignment for Lake Street (City of Lake Elsinore Vesting Tentative Tract No. 35001).
<b>Noise</b>	Temporary effects on nearby sensitive receptors could result from construction equipment and activities, including helicopter use and blasting that would exceed local noise standards, substantially increase temporary ambient noise levels, and generate substantial ground-borne vibrations during construction.
<b>Traffic</b>	Temporary effects on air traffic patterns could result from the use of helicopters during construction that increase safety risks.
<b>Cumulative Effects</b>	Cumulatively considerable effects may occur on aesthetics, air quality, and biological resources, as described in Table 3.

## D. Public Review

This NOP has been sent to the State Clearinghouse, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties. Comments should identify the issues to be considered in the EIR with respect to proposed projects. The public comment period on the scope of the EIR will extend from May 6, 2015 to June 5, 2015.

The CPUC will host two meetings on the Alberhill Project and the Valley–Ivyglen Project as detailed below:

**Date:** May 18, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Cesar E. Chavez Library  
163 E. San Jacinto  
Perris, CA 92570

**Date:** May 18, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center  
183 North Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Each meeting will begin with a brief presentation, followed by an open house format to answer specific questions about the proposed projects. You are invited to submit written comments, which must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than June 5, 2015. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence.

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Please send comments to:

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Following this public scoping period, the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will address scoping comments received during this public scoping period as well as the two previous public scoping periods for the Alberhill Project.

Information about the Alberhill Project is available at the following public website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Alberhill.html>

Information about the Valley-Ivyglen Project is available at the following public website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html>

Copies of applicant-submitted documents, meeting dates, and other information about the Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project are available on the websites. As completed, the Draft and Final EIR and other documentation will be posted to the website. The Draft and Final EIR will also be available for review at the following public libraries:

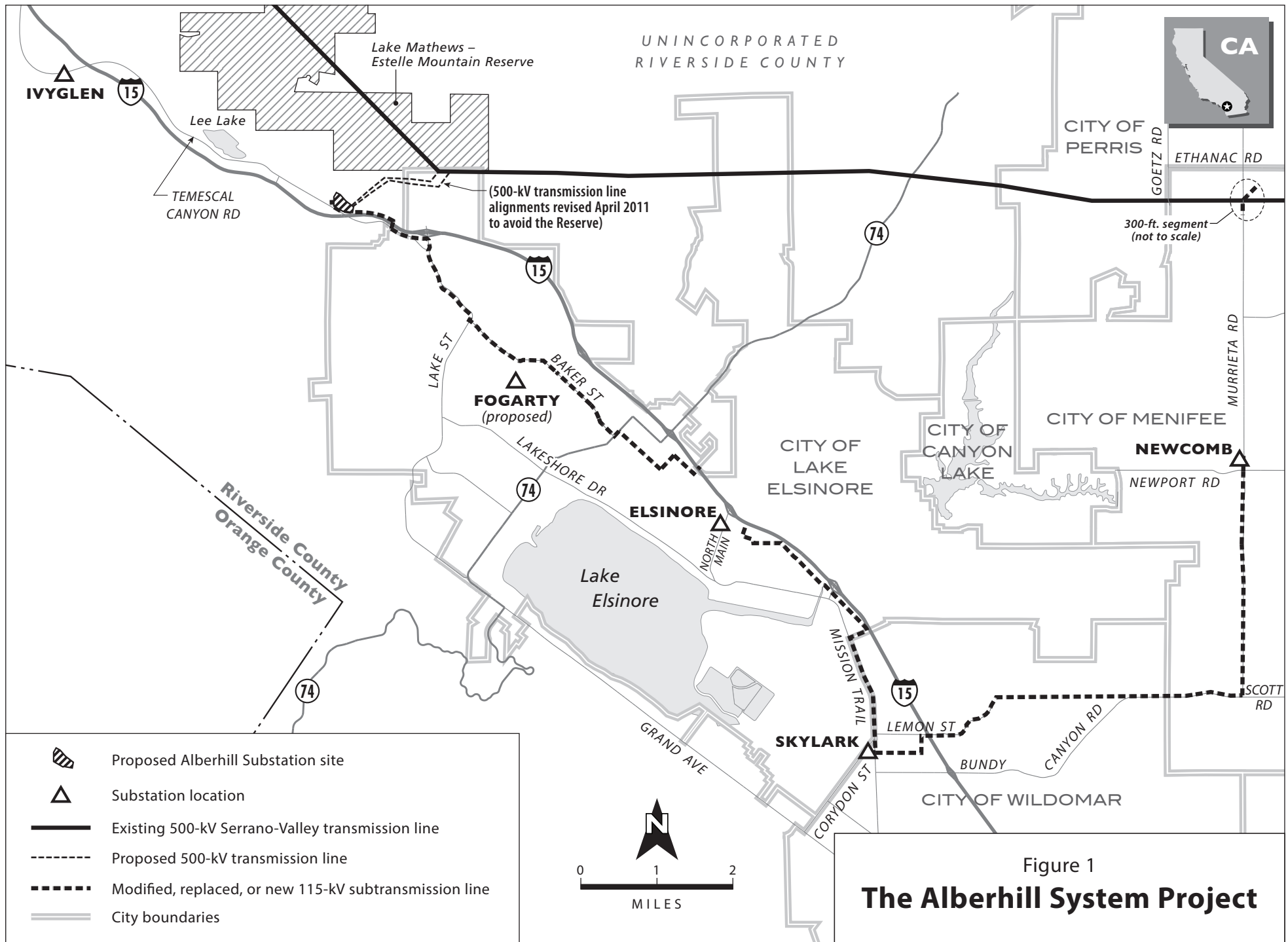
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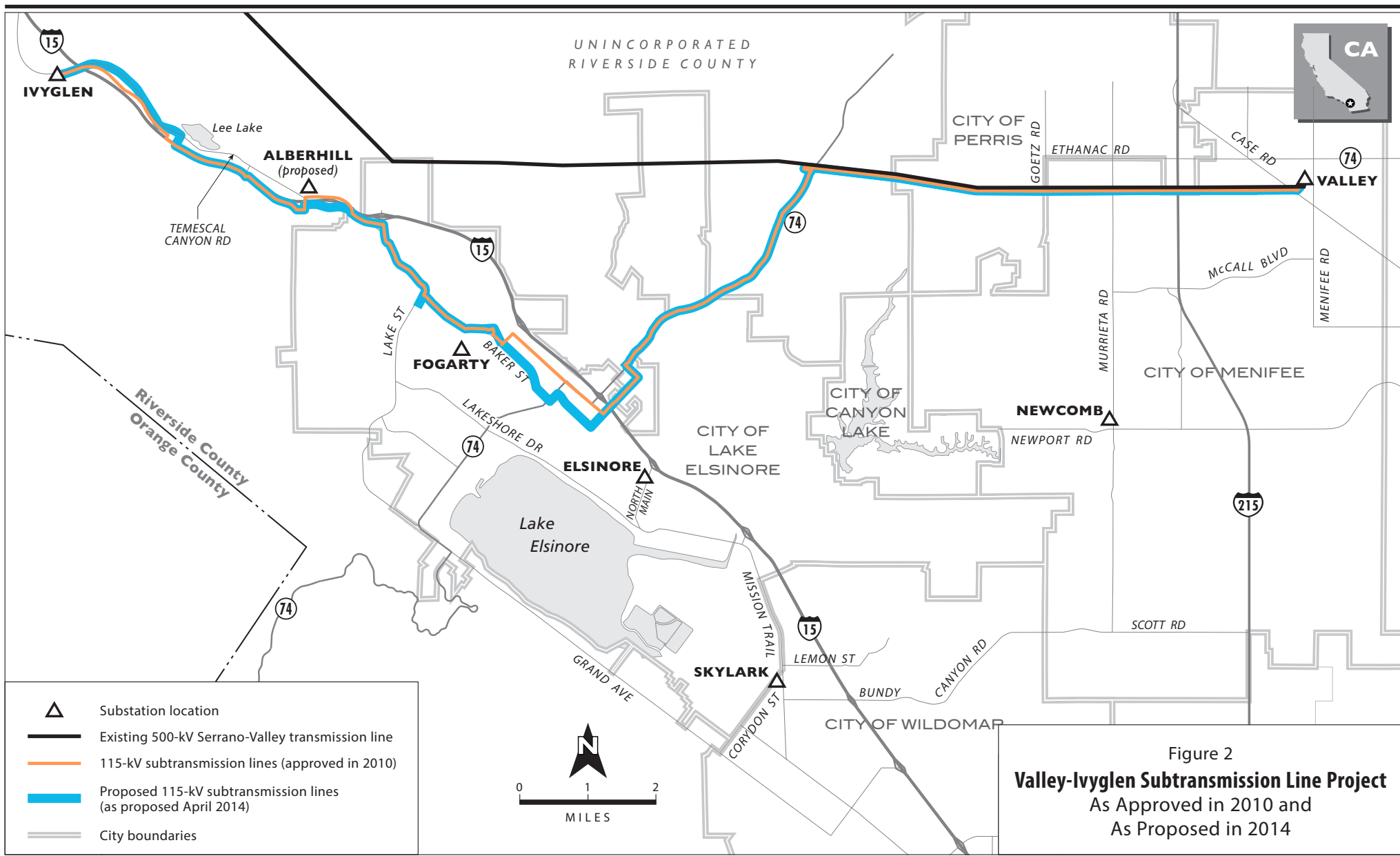
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Canyon Lake, CA 92587  
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## **Appendix B**

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**Scoping Meeting Sign-In Sheets and April 29, 2010  
Scoping Meeting Transcript**

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***B. Scoping Meeting Sign-In Sheets and April 29, 2010  
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC MEETING 12 ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT 13 183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California 14 Thursday, April 29, 2010 15 Brooke Silvas, CSR No. 10988, RPR 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 Sylvia Yanez will now make a brief 2 statement in Spanish stating that she is available 3 to assist anyone who needs information in Spanish. 4 (Interpreter speaking in Spanish.) 5 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Before we open it up to hear your 6 comments, I would like to give you a little 7 background on the purpose of tonight's meeting and 8 describe the project that has been proposed. I'll 9 outline CPUC's process, estimated schedule, explain 10 what you can expect during the environmental review 11 process, and let you know how you can participate 12 and provide your comments. 13 So the purpose of scoping is to inform the 14 public and responsible trustee agencies about a 15 proposed project subject to an EIR; to inform the 16 public about the environmental review process; to 17 solicit your input regarding the potential 18 alternatives to the proposed project; and the 19 appropriate scope of issues to be studied in the 20 EIR. We would like to hear your concerns and areas 21 of potential controversy. 22 And after the scoping period, we will be 23 preparing a scoping report, which will be 24 distributed to repositories. We'll place it on the 25 project Website. And hard copies will be made</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA; THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010 2 7:00 P.M. 3 4 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Good evening. I would like to 5 invite you to sit down, and we'll begin. If you 6 have cell phones or pagers, if you would put them on 7 mute. 8 Thank you all for coming tonight. Before 9 we begin, I want to point out the exits are to the 10 rear, through the double doors where you came in. 11 And there's also an exit here. And the restrooms 12 are back through the double doors where you came in. 13 We're here tonight to hear your comments 14 on the scope and content of the Environmental Impact 15 Report for the Alberhill System Project, which has 16 been proposed by Southern California Edison. 17 I'm Karen Ladd, with Ecology &amp; Environment 18 or E&amp;E. We're the third-party environmental 19 contractor for the California Public Utilities 20 Commission. We're preparing the Draft Environmental 21 Impact Report for the proposed Alberhill System 22 Project. I'm E&amp;E's project manager for the EIR. 23 And seated next to me is Mr. Jensen Uchida, who is 24 the project manager for the California Public 25 Utilities Commission.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 available upon request. 2 So the key players in the -- and their 3 roles I wanted to go over in the CEQA process. 4 Southern California Edison, in September 2009, filed 5 an application for a permit to construct the 6 Alberhill System Project from the California Public 7 Utilities Commission. And in March of 2010, 8 Southern California Edison amended the application 9 to request a Certificate of Public Convenience and 10 Necessity. 11 CPUC, the California Public Utilities 12 Commission, is the state commission charged with 13 regulating investor-owned utilities, like SCE, and 14 must determine whether to issue them a Certificate 15 of Public Convenience and Necessity for the proposed 16 project. As such, CPUC is the lead agency under the 17 California Environmental Quality Act, also referred 18 to as CEQA. The CPUC is neither a proponent nor an 19 opponent of the proposed project. 20 Prior to making a decision on whether to 21 permit the project, CEQA requires the CPUC to 22 conduct an environmental review to evaluate the 23 potential environmental impacts. The environmental 24 review is separate from the environmental impact 25 report, also referred to as the EIR.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 The EIR will be a detailed report that 2 describes what the environmental impacts would be 3 from the proposed project. As the third-party 4 environmental contractor for CPUC, E&amp;E is preparing 5 the EIR to provide the CPUC with the information 6 needed to make an objective, balanced decision. 7 So a little bit about the project. The 8 Alberhill System Project would involve construction 9 of the Alberhill substation, which would be a new 10 1,120 megavolt ampere, 500 to 115 kilovolt 11 electrical substation. It would require 12 construction of two new 500 kilovolt transmission 13 line segments, which would be about a mile long 14 each. They would be from the new substation to the 15 existing 500 kilovolt Serrano Valley transmission 16 line. The project would also include about 20 miles 17 of new and modified 115-kilovolt subtransmission 18 lines, as well as installation of telecommunications 19 improvements. 20 So here is a map. I hope you've all had a 21 chance to look more closely at the maps that we have 22 in the back. But just to give you an overview, the 23 substation is proposed to be built here, near 24 Temescal Canyon and Concordia Ranch Road. And these 25 two lines here are the approximately one-mile</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 So the CPUC has two parallel review 2 processes for the application before them for a 3 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 4 The one is the general proceeding under the 5 application for the CPCN. And the second is the 6 environmental review, or the CEQA process. 7 Under the general proceeding for the CPCN, 8 this process is led by an assigned commissioner, 9 Dian Grueneic, and administrative law judge, Hallie 10 Yacknin. And the scope of that process is defined 11 by Public Utilities Code Section 1002 to determine 12 the need for the project, facilities necessary to 13 promote the safety, health, comfort and convenience 14 of the public; to consider community values, 15 recreational and park areas, historic and esthetic 16 values, for example; and to review environmental 17 impacts as required by CEQA. 18 For the environmental review, the CPUC is 19 the lead agency under CEQA for conducting the 20 environmental review and the EIR. The EIR requires 21 public agency disclosure of significant effects and 22 means to reduce, avoid, and minimize those effects. 23 The purpose of the EIR is to present 24 discussion of alternatives and to provide an 25 opportunity for the public to view the planning and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 transmission line segments that would be constructed 2 from the substation to this existing 500-kilovolt 3 transmission line. And then in addition, there 4 would be new and modified subtransmissions, 5 115 kilovolt, in several places from the substation, 6 down through the Elsinore Substation, Skylark 7 Substation, over to Scott Road, and then up to the 8 Newcomb Substation. And there's some other small 9 adjustments; one being up here near the existing 10 500 kV transmission line. 11 So this is a summary of the project 12 objectives that Southern California Edison has for 13 the proposed project: The objectives are to 14 construct a project in a location suitable to serve 15 the current and long-term projected requirements in 16 the electrical needs area; increase system 17 operational flexibility and maintain system 18 reliability; enable and implement transfer of 19 electrical demand from the valley south 115 kilovolt 20 system to the new Alberhill system; provide safe and 21 reliable electrical service consistent with Southern 22 California Edison's transmission planning criteria 23 and guidelines; meet project needs while minimizing 24 environmental impacts; and meet project needs in a 25 cost-effective manner.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 decision-making process and to ensure that 2 decision-makers have a solid basis for making their 3 decision. 4 According to the CEQA guidelines, which we 5 will be following in preparing the EIR, we will be 6 looking at a number of environmental issues, 7 including esthetics, air quality and greenhouse 8 gases, agriculture and forestry, biological 9 resources, cultural resources, geology, soils, 10 paleontology, hazards and hazardous materials, 11 hydrology and water quality, land use and 12 population, noise and vibration, public services and 13 utilities, recreation and transportation and 14 traffic. 15 CEQA also requires alternatives to a 16 project that avoid or reduce significant impacts 17 that are identified. So the EIR will consider a 18 range of reasonable alternatives, including a 19 no-project alternative. That is, we will be 20 evaluating what would be the impact if the project 21 is not approved and is not constructed. The EIR 22 will evaluate the alternative impacts and compare 23 them with the impacts that are anticipated from the 24 project. 25 Tonight is the first opportunity for</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 public comment in the environmental review process.  2 And it's one of several opportunities that you will  3 have through the environmental review process. The  4 CPUC circulated the notice of preparation for the  5 EIR and announced this scoping meeting. The notice  6 was circulated April 13th. The notice opened a  7 public comment period for 30 days. And we're  8 looking to have your comments by May 14th.  9 After we get your comments, we will be  10 incorporating and -- we will be considering those  11 comments and incorporating those issues into the  12 EIR. And we will be completing a draft, we're  13 anticipating, sometime around this summer or fall,  14 at which time the CPUC will announce another public  15 meeting. And there will be a 45-day review period.  16 And we will be seeking your comments on the draft  17 EIR at that time. We'll take those comments and  18 respond to them as we prepare the final EIR. And  19 comments that you make on the draft EIR will become  20 part of the final EIR, along with the responses to  21 those comments. The final EIR is expected,  22 depending on the schedule, estimated fall/winter of  23 this year. And then after that, the CPUC would  24 determine whether to certify the EIR, possibly in  25 the winter 2010/2011 time frame, and then make a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 record. If you would like to make oral comments,  2 please make sure that you signed in at the  3 registration table so I have you on your list. And  4 you would fill out a speaker card that looks like  5 this. I'll first call any elected officials or  6 agency representatives who may have recommended to  7 speak. And then I will be calling the names of  8 people who have requested to speak on a  9 first-come/first-serve basis. I'll ask you to come  10 up to the podium. You have three minutes to provide  11 comments. The purpose of the meeting tonight is to  12 hear your comments. We will not be responding to  13 comments or answering questions. When I call on  14 you, please come forward to the podium and begin by  15 stating your name, as well as the name of any agency  16 or organization that you represent. Please speak  17 clearly into the microphone to help make sure that  18 we have an accurate record of your comments.  19 I'll ask you to conclude your remarks  20 within three minutes. After two minutes, I'll hold  21 up this yellow card to let you know that one more  22 minute. If you have not concluded your remarks at  23 the end of three minutes, I will ask you to stop,  24 and then I will invite the next person to come up to  25 the podium. If you are not finished with your</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 decision on the project.  2 After completing the EIR, the EIR informs  3 the commissioners about the project during their  4 decision-making process. And the commission would  5 vote on the project approval after the EIR process  6 is completed. No decisions are being made tonight.  7 If the project or an alternative is approved, the  8 decision will require monitoring of adopted  9 mitigation measures.  10 So written scoping comments must be  11 received or postmarked by May 14th, as I  12 mentioned. We have a comment form that you're  13 welcome to use. You're not required to use it. But  14 it does contain the address where you can mail  15 comments. It also has an e-mail address, a  16 telephone hotline, and information on repositories  17 where information on the project will be continued  18 to be updated. There is an internet website where  19 you can obtain information. And we will be  20 supplying local libraries with information about the  21 project.  22 So with that, I'm going to open it up to  23 take your comments on the project. We're -- note  24 that we have a court reporter here to record the  25 proceedings, which will become part of the public</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 comments when time is up and there is time after  2 other registered speakers have commented, you will  3 be allowed to return to the podium to continue.  4 I would also point out that providing oral  5 comments is only one of the ways that you can  6 comment on the environmental document. If you  7 prepared written comments, you may submit them to us  8 at the registration table or give them to me  9 directly. In addition, you are welcome to submit  10 written comments by mail, fax, or e-mail. And  11 information on how to submit written comments is  12 available on the registration table. All comments  13 received by May 14th will be given equal  14 consideration.  15 So with that, I will call Susan Bartman,  16 please.  17 <b>SUSAN BARTMAN:</b> Hi. My first issue is with the  18 information that was received in the mail. It's  19 very, very deceptive. The maps do not list street  20 names or locations by name so that you have any real  21 issue as to where lines are to be located or what is  22 going on. A lot of people I have talked to have  23 said that they were not aware that it affected them  24 in any way. The only reason that I knew I was  25 affected was I received a second letter. This first</p>

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<p>1 came in August of last year. I received a letter 2 approximately a week ago stating that there were 3 going to be people in the field assessing the area. 4 And I called a number that was on that information, 5 which was not a good number. So I got this old 6 sheet out. And on it, I got a general information 7 number and finally reached someone. And they did 8 send me some information and spoke to me. 9 I have some very serious issues about the 10 health quality if the line -- by the way, I live on 11 Rolling Hills Drive. And Byers is the cross-street 12 in the back of my property. I have two acres. It's 13 a rural area. Most of the people have one to ten 14 acres of land. And we're there because we like the 15 openness and the clean air and not having clutter. 16 And we certainly don't want lines. 17 I have serious issues with EPA stating 18 that the lines that you want to put in create cancer 19 and birth defects. I take issue with the fact that 20 I'm going to have loss of property value and also 21 esthetic value if lines are put in. 22 A third item is Indian artifacts are in 23 the area across the street and on the hills behind 24 me. There are petroglyphs and grinding holes and 25 rocks the County or -- some form of government has</p>	<p>1 being as fast as it is, construction is going to 2 create major havoc on that road in order to get that 3 work done. 4 The research that I have done -- 5 California Department of Health Science has 6 evaluated and concluded EMFs cause some degree of 7 increased child leukemias, brain cancers, Lou 8 Gehrig's disease, and miscarriages. The information 9 that has been accumulated over nine years, there is 10 proof that it may cause suicides and adult leukemia. 11 Final evaluations were done back in 2002. 12 EMF -- many of these things have been 13 documented already and need to be addressed before 14 this project could go forward. As I'm understanding 15 it, the 115 kV lines actually create more EMF than 16 what are currently there, which are carrying a 17 lighter load. So those need to be addressed. 18 Property values I believe will probably 19 decrease also because of the lines, which is a major 20 concern. I have an acre. And most of the people 21 either have one-, two-, five-acre, ten-acre parcels. 22 That's all I have. 23 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you. 24 Ray James. 25 <b>RAY JAMES:</b> Hello. My name is Ray James. And</p>
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<p>1 come out and fenced off some of those sites. 2 And I just feel that this is a bad way to 3 do business when people are given such a short 4 notice to something as big as this. We can only 5 respond within the next 14 days. And with most of 6 them not even understanding there was an issue, it's 7 really short notice. 8 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you. 9 Beverly Harrison. Beverly Harrison. 10 <b>BEVERLY HARRISON:</b> I have nothing to say at 11 this time. 12 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you. 13 Joe Dorsett. 14 <b>JOE DORSETT:</b> Hi. My name is Joe Dorsett. I 15 live at Bundy Canyon Road and Edwards Avenue. The 16 lines in question run directly through my property. 17 And I have many concerns about the effects of the 18 EMFs, the electromagnetic fields, that they create 19 and also what it will do to my family and my 20 property values. 21 There's an issue with the live oaks that I 22 have on my property that the current lines run 23 through. And there's some ordinances as far as that 24 goes. Kind of concerned that those will be 25 disturbed. As well as the traffic on Bundy Canyon,</p>	<p>1 I live on Byers Street in Menifee. My daughter 2 suffers from an autoimmune disease. And I think the 3 EMF lines may exacerbate her condition. I have a 4 neighbor to the south of me that has been diagnosed 5 with brain cancer that will also be affected. We 6 enjoy a rural setting out in the Menifee area with 7 astounding views of the surrounding countryside that 8 will be hampered dramatically by the tall poles that 9 will be in place. 10 I also have a solar system that is 11 installed adjacent to where the poles will be going. 12 The poles will cast shadows on them and interrupt 13 power output. 14 I also have a huge concern about this 15 alternate route down Byers that is being proposed. 16 It's not showing up on a lot of the information that 17 I'm receiving. On the maps that you have on the 18 walls or on the tables, the alternate route is not 19 being published properly for public input. The 20 proposed route along Murrieta is half a mile away 21 from me. This one goes across my property for 22 450 feet. And so I'm highly opposed to the 23 alternate route on Byers. Thank you. 24 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Ray Booze. 25 <b>RAY BOOZE:</b> Hello. My name is Ray Booze. And</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 I kind of missed out on the Fogerty Substation, for 2 public input on that. I won't spend much time on 3 that. Looking at the maps and the Alberhill, I 4 don't know why the two can't be combined closer to 5 Lake Street, near the park there off of Lake Street. 6 You already have openings there that would move the 7 Fogerty Substation approximately one mile west. And 8 then that would bring the Alberhill down about one 9 mile to the east and maybe combine the two.</p> <p>10 The next thing that I see on the map, 11 relating to the proposed increase on the lines that 12 they show here going from Terra Cotta to Collier, 13 and also they intersect with another set of lines 14 that is going straight through Baker Street. I 15 don't know if you're looking at the same map that I 16 have. But I can see where it would make sense to me 17 to eliminate that section of proposed line and 18 existing line actually at the junction of Baker and 19 Collier and eliminate it from that junction along 20 Baker all the way to Riverside Drive. It's a dirt 21 road that is probably more difficult to maintain. 22 If you were going to go to that junction and combine 23 the Baker Street line with the one going down Terra 24 Cotta to the north to Collier and then following 25 Collier all the way, you've got both your lines</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 At least that's what the City always says. And we 2 know that there are SMARA problems already 3 consisting with the land by the State. So you might 4 want to go to the State. I think this meeting might 5 be a little early.</p> <p>6 That's all I have to say. Thank you.</p> <p>7 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you.</p> <p>8 Sharon.</p> <p>9 <b>SHARON GOLINA:</b> Hello. My name is Sharon 10 Golina. I live in Alberhill Ranch. What I'm 11 concerned about is environmental impact with the 12 noise and dust. We live across the street from an 13 aggregate plant. Right now, people are sick in our 14 neighborhoods. The dust is really thick. And we 15 can't breathe as it is when they crush their rocks. 16 So with this impact for two years, I just don't know 17 how we're going to be able to live.</p> <p>18 Plus, the Fogerty Station is going right 19 behind the swimming pool, right behind the hill. 20 And what about the transmission from those -- from 21 that Fogerty Station? How are we going to be 22 impacted from that?</p> <p>23 And let me see what else I have. The 24 vibration. Are we going to get vibration off of 25 that also, the Fogerty Station? And the 120-foot</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 together. And on a paved street rather than having 2 to run through mud.</p> <p>3 And that's about all I have to say. Thank 4 you.</p> <p>5 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Paulie.</p> <p>6 <b>PAULIE:</b> Hi. Good evening. My name is Paulie. 7 And I live in Alberhill Ranch. The only reason that 8 I found out about the substation was a friend sent 9 me something a couple of weeks ago. And so I talked 10 to some of my neighbors, and found out nobody knew 11 except for one family. And it's impacting us 12 because it's going behind the pool of our hill, 13 which would be his view from his house because we 14 gave them something.</p> <p>15 We went around scouting, my neighbor and 16 I, to all of the neighbors that we thought would be 17 impacted to let them know. It's like this little 18 secret. Nobody wants to know so it can be put in so 19 these developers can put electricity in for 19,000 20 homes they are planning on building over there. And 21 then we get to pay for it.</p> <p>22 What I'm really angry about is you're 23 talking about CEQA. But does the land have to be 24 signed off SMARA? Because everyone knows since the 25 1880s, there's been mining here in Alberhill Ranch.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 microwave antenna, is that going off of -- you're 2 not answering questions. I don't know where that 3 pole is going. I think it's going off of the 15 and 4 Lake, down by the freeway, I think. I don't know.</p> <p>5 None of us got paperwork. We've come upon this from 6 somebody that gave it to us that is a business 7 owner. That's how I found out about it. So people 8 in Alberhill that's going to be impacted don't even 9 know about this. Nobody knows about it. In fact, 10 the first time that I found it was on a pole off of 11 Temescal Canyon where the horse ranches are on a 12 back road. That's where we found out about it.</p> <p>13 That's all I have to say.</p> <p>14 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Allen.</p> <p>15 <b>ALLEN:</b> My name is Allen. I live in Alberhill 16 Ranch too. And, you know, I don't know if the 17 project is going to pay us or whatever, but I would 18 just like to know, is there going to be any jobs 19 created from the people -- from the area if they do 20 decide to go with this project? And also, like the 21 other lady said, we're already dealing with one 22 problem over there with the aggregate company. I 23 don't know how -- once they start this project how 24 they're going to -- both of the mixtures, it's going 25 to be bad over there. And they're really going to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 let the people know.</p> <p>2 And then actually -- when you went through</p> <p>3 what you was talking about, the -- something to do</p> <p>4 with your health, one of the main things that I</p> <p>5 think they need to do is send out an MSDS on that,</p> <p>6 let the people know in the neighborhood what is</p> <p>7 really impacting the area.</p> <p>8 That's all I have to say.</p> <p>9 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Tim Fleming.</p> <p>10 <b>TIM FLEMING:</b> Good evening. My name is Tim</p> <p>11 Fleming. I'm a resident of Lake Elsinore. The</p> <p>12 first observation regarding this hearing or CUP</p> <p>13 meeting would be the age of these maps, particularly</p> <p>14 number 2. Central Avenue, it doesn't show any of</p> <p>15 the new developments as far as the Costco, the</p> <p>16 Target, and some of the other large construction</p> <p>17 projects that have taken place in the last few</p> <p>18 years, which tells me that these plans have been in</p> <p>19 the making for quite some time.</p> <p>20 Secondly, there's a transmission line</p> <p>21 planned between Romoland and Ivy Glen. And those</p> <p>22 lines are proposed to come down 74. And the</p> <p>23 alternate plan is for it to go down Third Street and</p> <p>24 go to EVMWD, which is to tie in, my opinion, to the</p> <p>25 LEAPS project. And then -- to be in the power</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 could have.</p> <p>2 Thank you very much.</p> <p>3 <b>MS. LADD:</b> John O'Doherty.</p> <p>4 <b>JOHN O'DOHERTY:</b> Good evening. My name is John</p> <p>5 O'Doherty. And I'm the owner of the property on the</p> <p>6 southeast corner of Third and Collier. From my peak</p> <p>7 of the map, one of the power lines runs down Third</p> <p>8 Street, but it dead ends at the freeway. It appears</p> <p>9 there's a break in it and then starts down again. I</p> <p>10 think it's actually where the line goes after it</p> <p>11 dead ends on Third Street.</p> <p>12 And the next thing I would like to know,</p> <p>13 if the Municipal Water District is in partnership or</p> <p>14 is involved in this project in any respect. And I</p> <p>15 should ascertain what the height of the poles is</p> <p>16 there. I understand it's 115 kV line that's</p> <p>17 proposed to run up Third Street.</p> <p>18 And the next question is exactly where on</p> <p>19 Third Street in the right-of-way this line is</p> <p>20 located. Because presently, the Valley Municipal</p> <p>21 Water District has taken the right-of-way for a pump</p> <p>22 station, which I am in litigation at this time,</p> <p>23 which is developed illegally in a flood plain.</p> <p>24 And on top of that, we have structures --</p> <p>25 there's an existing line going up there. I don't</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 business. And then to go down Temescal Creek,</p> <p>2 through their right-of-ways to the Fogerty Station.</p> <p>3 I've been to the other meetings when it</p> <p>4 comes to the other hearings for the Romoland</p> <p>5 transmission lines. And the Collier Avenue lines</p> <p>6 did not exist at that time. The Nichols Road lines</p> <p>7 existed at that time. And what I see on map</p> <p>8 number 2 is there's three different lines, including</p> <p>9 the red, which is the proposed double circuit. And</p> <p>10 then the green line, which overlaps and goes near</p> <p>11 Chaney is the double circuit of existing single</p> <p>12 circuit. And what most people in the audience might</p> <p>13 not know is the lines they're proposing are 85-foot</p> <p>14 towers. And if that doesn't impact the visual</p> <p>15 aspect of Lake Elsinore along the I-15 corridor</p> <p>16 going down Temescal Creek, nothing will.</p> <p>17 And, again, there's some discrepancies</p> <p>18 regarding the red line on map number 2 and the green</p> <p>19 lines that I wish this committee would take a</p> <p>20 serious look at. Because the first thing that</p> <p>21 glared at me was the fact that these maps didn't</p> <p>22 even show Costco and all of the new development on</p> <p>23 Central and I-15. So hopefully it's not too late to</p> <p>24 make some revisions and tie these all together so we</p> <p>25 don't have is the visual impact that these possibly</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 know exactly what the capacity of it is. And</p> <p>2 there's a (unintelligible) directly underneath that</p> <p>3 line, which, in all of my experience as an engineer,</p> <p>4 is illegal.</p> <p>5 And so I just want to let you know that I</p> <p>6 have major concerns also about the electromagnetic</p> <p>7 radiation coming off of those lines. And my</p> <p>8 property, which is on the south side of Third</p> <p>9 Street, right now is presently been substantially</p> <p>10 damaged by the construction of this pump station and</p> <p>11 would be further damaged by the erection of these</p> <p>12 power lines. And, of course, follow-up to that, my</p> <p>13 property value will be substantially diminished.</p> <p>14 Thank you.</p> <p>15 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you.</p> <p>16 Lynn Hamilton.</p> <p>17 <b>LYNN HAMILTON:</b> My name is Lynn Hamilton. And</p> <p>18 I have to talk fast. For everybody here, we may not</p> <p>19 be able to stop the project. I'm sure everybody</p> <p>20 knows it's a huge project, been in the pipeline for</p> <p>21 a long time.</p> <p>22 Just to relay a little experience. We</p> <p>23 recently fought the County over -- we live on Bundy</p> <p>24 Canyon Road. Their notice to us was that they</p> <p>25 needed to grade on a small portion of our lot. We</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 looked at the map that they were required to provide  2 by law. They're coming into our property by 42  3 feet. And their definition was a small portion.  4 Do your research. Look at the maps.  5 Attend the meetings and be informed. Okay. On the  6 internet, there's a lot of information about the  7 impact of the lines, the health impact. There's a  8 lot of controversy about it. I found a lot of old  9 information. There's a five-year study from 1982,  10 but there didn't seem to be a lot of information for  11 2000 and onward. I want everybody to know about a  12 website. I talk all the time. I don't know why I'm  13 so nervous. Okay. There's a website, National Grid  14 EMF. Their whole information about the United  15 States is like half a page, a quarter page. Most  16 power lines in the USA are built on rights-of-way.  17 That's their information on the internet. So you  18 have to really dig.  19 I found -- they do have some information  20 on there about power lines and the falling of -- how  21 electricity falls, distance-wise. And then there's  22 a really good Website vitatech.net. Very  23 informative. Very scientific. It talks about the  24 height of people standing under the lines. It talks  25 about, you know, the electric fields, the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 with the public. And giving us a lot more knowledge  2 about just finding out about the height of the  3 towers. And just everything concerned in that  4 project. And I know a lot of people don't let the  5 public speak. But they can make their concerns  6 known in writing and they should. And they can make  7 an impact on this situation. And make it for a  8 positive -- positive project.  9 Thank you.  10 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Thank you.  11 That concludes the list of speakers who  12 registered tonight. If there is anyone who  13 registered or who didn't register who would like to  14 come up and give their comments, you're welcome to  15 do so at this time. If I cut anybody off and you  16 still have more to say, please come up. State your  17 name again when you get to the podium.  18 <b>LYNN HAMILTON:</b> Okay. Lynn Hamilton. At one  19 point, I was really thinking very strongly about is  20 much of that big power line that is already there  21 is -- a lot of it is through unincorporated and  22 sparsely populated land. But those of us that live  23 where the power line is going to come to the edge of  24 our property, we're very concerned and we're -- we  25 feel -- you know, we know the area, most of us. And</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 electromagnetic induction into tissues. It's very  2 detailed. But that's the kind of thing that we need  3 to research for ourselves so we're informed about  4 the health damages because the utility companies are  5 not -- aren't going to validate health issues.  6 Thank you.  7 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Just so you know, when I put up the  8 one minute, you still have a minute to go.  9 But the next speaker is Ken Hamilton.  10 <b>KEN HAMILTON:</b> Yes. My name is Ken Hamilton.  11 And I live off of Bundy Canyon. My wife just spoke.  12 And we have litigated with the County, had dealings  13 with the County, and know that if we hadn't -- if we  14 hadn't defended ourselves, if we hadn't made that  15 initial attempt, it wouldn't have gotten done. So  16 we -- you have to initiate things and go after  17 things and study things. And yes, we haven't had  18 much time to prepare for this. And it seems that  19 there's an obvious vague -- a vagueness about  20 information supplied to us. And if it is such a  21 positive project, it seems to me that those positive  22 particulars would be significant for the public to  23 know, just for our confidence in the project and  24 what is going on and our health concerns. And I  25 think that there needs to be a lot more interaction</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 to me and to some other people, it seems like they  2 try to pick an area that's not heavily populated.  3 Granted. But the people who live there, we're very  4 concerned and we don't want to be discarded just  5 because we live in a rural setting or have old  6 houses or mobile homes or we've been there a long  7 time or whatever. We're important. And the  8 residents that are going to be impacted we want to  9 be taken into consideration. And we are concerned  10 about the health issues, the property values. The  11 poles, I didn't know anything about -- you know,  12 that's not my job. I know nothing about electrical  13 utilities. So 85-foot poles are substantial poles.  14 Well, all these things, we would appreciate being  15 told all these details clearly right upfront so we  16 know what it is we're facing.  17 Thank you.  18 <b>MS. LADD:</b> If you would state your name again  19 when you get to the podium.  20 <b>SHARON GOLINA:</b> I will. Sharon Golina at  21 Alberhill Ranch. You know, there's a lot of  22 property off of Lake Street, a lot of vacant land.  23 I don't know why these power poles and power  24 substations have to be in residential. There's a  25 lot of land off of Lake, down towards the 15</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Freeway. So why can't they move it down that way 2 and get out of the residential areas? Property 3 values, impact on breathing, electricity, vibration. 4 There's plenty -- maybe Castle &amp; Cooke will sell 5 them some land because they've got a lot of vacant 6 land there. And believe me, they're the ones that 7 want the electricity to build all their homes. So 8 let them give up some land. I mean it. I'm tired 9 of it. They ain't seen nothing else.</p> <p>10 <b>RAY BOOZE:</b> Ray Booze again. 11 Very good point she made. It just made me 12 think why they would have to run even inland like 13 they do. Why not just stay on 15? And you're not 14 impacting any homes at all then with your power 15 lines. And it just runs right along the freeway. 16 And basically the area that you're looking for, 17 don't go inland towards Alberhill at all. Stay 18 right on the freeway. Bring them along there if you 19 have to have big power lines.</p> <p>20 <b>MS. LADD:</b> State your name. 21 <b>ALLEN:</b> My name is Allen. I was going to ask, 22 again, if they're -- if the one station is going to 23 be behind the swimming pool or the people in the 24 neighborhood, is it going to impact it in any kind 25 of way? Are they going to let them know? I know --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 anything about underground. And I don't know if you 2 can -- if that's even an alternative. And there is 3 also -- for the EMF, there's also an offset 4 insulator, some type of a line that insulates and 5 keeps that EMF from -- from spreading or it's an 6 insulator. See, I don't even know. But I know 7 there are alternatives. And I hope that they are 8 brought out. And I hope that we understand those 9 alternatives.</p> <p>10 Thank you. 11 <b>JOE DORSETT:</b> Joe Dorsett. 12 I just wanted to make one comment. As far 13 as the EMF goes, there's -- there's been no readings 14 currently on the power lines that are in place. And 15 it might be beneficial for us all to know what the 16 current are before we even get started with the 17 project. And then have a monitoring -- monitoring 18 of what it would be when it's done or some type of 19 rejection so that we know. There are safe limits. 20 And there are limits that once they load the lines, 21 they go way over the amount that are humanly safe. 22 So that's all I have. 23 <b>MS. LADD:</b> Is there anyone else that would like 24 to come up and speak? 25 Please state your name when you get to the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 you know, I worked for water and power. We built 2 stations for reservoirs and stuff. And I know it 3 took a lot of space. If they're going to put a 4 station over by the swimming pool, something is 5 going to be affected. And they're going to need to 6 let the neighborhood know that if they're either 7 going to keep it there or if they're going to move 8 it or whatever. I know what it's about because I 9 worked for the water district and I worked with 10 people with power and I know what it can do. They 11 need to let them know if it's going to be affected, 12 if they're going to move it or what.</p> <p>13 <b>MS. LADD:</b> State your name again. 14 <b>PAULIE:</b> Hi, my name is Paulie from Alberhill 15 Ranch. And I just have a comment. If this station 16 is built, I'm hoping that we will get the private 17 number to the AQMD investigators so we can complain 18 about the smog. Because I know there's two years of 19 pollution that will be -- will be really affected by 20 it, which is over the standard -- minimum standard. 21 So I would like to have their private number. 22 Thank you. 23 <b>KEN HAMILTON:</b> My name is Ken Hamilton. I live 24 off of Bundy Canyon. And I just hope that all of 25 the alternatives are proposed. I haven't heard</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 podium. 2 <b>SUSANNE LOOSE:</b> Susanne Loose. I'm here on 3 behalf of my sister who lives right off Temescal 4 Canyon Road. What I really have no idea, how far 5 away do you have to live from these power lines? 6 How far do they radiate? And surely if they know 7 that information, which I'm sure they do, why they 8 would even consider putting it anywhere near where 9 anyone lives? It seems obvious that they should be 10 able to somehow plot this course away from where 11 anyone lives that would endanger anyone. 12 And that's all I have to say. 13 <b>MS. LADD:</b> If there are no more commenters, 14 then I will call the meeting to a close. Thank you 15 all for coming. I appreciate your attendance and 16 your comments. Please make sure to pick up a 17 comment sheet if you would like to send in written 18 comments. It has the address on it. Thank you all. 19 (Public meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m.) 20 -oOo- 21 22 23 24 25</p>

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**April 26, 2010**

**Mr. Jensen Uchida**  
**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**505 Van Ness Avenue**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102-3298**

**Dear Mr. Uchida:**

**Re: California Public Utilities Commission's Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Alberhill System Project; SCH# 2010041031**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety, noise and airport land use compatibility.

The proposal is for the construction of the Alberhill Substation and one new and four modified 115 kilovolt transmission lines connecting to five substations, including the existing Skylark Substation, which is in close proximity to Skylark Field Airport, a special-use, general aviation airport with extensive parachute jumping activities.

Skylark Field Airport operates with a Special-Use Airport Permit issued by the Division. The transmission lines should not result in hazards to flight, such as: obstructions to the navigable airspace required for flight to, from, and around an airport; visual hazards associated with distracting lights, glare, and sources of smoke; or, electronic hazards that may interfere with aircraft instruments or radio communication. We advise coordinating with the Airport Manager, Karl Gullledge, at (951) 245-9939, to ensure that the proposal is compatible with future as well as existing airport operations.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and regional land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our District 8 office concerning surface transportation issues.

**Thank you** for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314 or by email at [sandy.hesnard@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sandy.hesnard@dot.ca.gov).

**Sincerely,**

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c:State Clearinghouse, Skylark Field Airport, Perris Valley Airport



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## Department of Toxic Substances Control

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May 6, 2010

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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT

Dear Ms. Ladd:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "The Alberhill System Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar as well as surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The proposed project would include the following:

- One 1,120 megavolt ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV Sub transmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115 kV Subdivision to the new Alberhill 500/115 kV Subdivision.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and sub transmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Subdivision site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Subdivision; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.



The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34-acres of a 124-acre property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated Western Riverside County. The two 500 kV transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano-Valley 500 kV transmission line. The 115kV sub transmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation”.

Based on the review of the submitted document DTSC has the following comments:

- 1) The EIR should evaluate whether conditions within the project area may pose a threat to human health or the environment. Following are the databases of some of the regulatory agencies:
  - National Priorities List (NPL): A list maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA).
  - Envirostor (formerly CalSites): A Database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, accessible through DTSC's website (see below).
  - Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS): A database of RCRA facilities that is maintained by U.S. EPA.
  - Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS): A database of CERCLA sites that is maintained by U.S.EPA.
  - Solid Waste Information System (SWIS): A database provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board which consists of both open as well as closed and inactive solid waste disposal facilities and transfer stations.
  - GeoTracker: A List that is maintained by Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
  - Local Counties and Cities maintain lists for hazardous substances cleanup sites and leaking underground storage tanks.

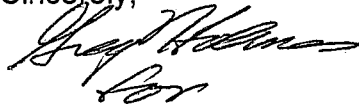
- The United States Army Corps of Engineers, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90017, (213) 452-3908, maintains a list of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).
- 2) The EIR should identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation for any site that may be contaminated, and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight. If necessary, DTSC would require an oversight agreement in order to review such documents.
  - 3) Any environmental investigations, sampling and/or remediation for a site should be conducted under a Workplan approved and overseen by a regulatory agency that has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous substance cleanup. The findings of any investigations, including any Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment Investigations should be summarized in the document. All sampling results in which hazardous substances were found above regulatory standards should be clearly summarized in a table. All closure, certification or remediation approval reports by regulatory agencies should be included in the EIR.
  - 4) If buildings, other structures, asphalt or concrete-paved surface areas are being planned to be demolished, an investigation should also be conducted for the presence of other hazardous chemicals, mercury, and asbestos containing materials (ACMs). If other hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints (LPB) or products, mercury or ACMs are identified, proper precautions should be taken during demolition activities. Additionally, the contaminants should be remediated in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.
  - 5) Future project construction may require soil excavation or filling in certain areas. Sampling may be required. If soil is contaminated, it must be properly disposed and not simply placed in another location onsite. Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) may be applicable to such soils. Also, if the project proposes to import soil to backfill the areas excavated, sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination.
  - 6) Human health and the environment of sensitive receptors should be protected during any construction or demolition activities. If necessary, a health risk assessment overseen and approved by the appropriate government agency should be conducted by a qualified health risk assessor to determine if there are, have been, or will be, any releases of hazardous materials that may pose a risk to human health or the environment.

Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5). If it is determined that hazardous wastes will be generated, the facility should also obtain a United States Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number by contacting (800) 618-6942. Certain hazardous waste treatment processes or hazardous materials, handling, storage or uses may require authorization from the local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). Information about the requirement for authorization can be obtained by contacting your local CUPA.

- 8) DTSC can provide cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies that are not responsible parties, or a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) for private parties. For additional information on the EOA or VCA, please see [www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields), or contact Ms. Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC's Voluntary Cleanup Coordinator, at (714) 484-5489.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [ashami@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ashami@dtsc.ca.gov) or by phone at (714) 484-5472.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Ladd,

The attached comment letter is in response to the EIR for the Alberhill System Project.

Regards,

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
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May 13, 2010

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Dear Ms. Ladd:

Re: Notice of Preparation of an  
Environmental Impact Report for the  
Alberhill System Project  
Southern California Edison

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the above referenced project. The purpose of the Alberhill System Project is to serve current and projected demand for electricity, and maintain electric system reliability in portions of southwestern Riverside County including the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Murrieta Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar as well as the surrounding unincorporated portions of Riverside County.

The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34 acres of a 124-acre property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County. The two 500-kV transmission lines would each extend approximately one mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line. The 115-kV sub-transmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately nine miles).

The District is providing the following comments/concerns that should be addressed in the EIR:

1. The EIR refers to Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCWCD) as Riverside County Flood Control. This shall be revised in the Final EIR.
2. Existing District facilities are located within the proposed project area and may be impacted. Any work that involves District right-of-way, easements or facilities will require an encroachment permit from the District. The construction of facilities within road right-of-way that may impact District storm drains should also be coordinated with us. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Ed Lotz of the District's Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.

Ms. Karen Ladd

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May 13, 2010

Re: Notice of Preparation of an  
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Alberhill System Project  
Southern California Edison

3. The District is a signatory to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). For purposes of procuring an encroachment permit from the District, the permit applicant will need to demonstrate that all construction related activities within the District right-of-way or easement are consistent with the MSHCP. To accomplish this, the CEQA document should include a MSHCP consistency report with all of its supporting documents and provide adequate mitigation in accordance with all applicable MSHCP requirements. The MSHCP consistency report should address, at a minimum, Sections 3.2, 3.2.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.2, 7.5.3 and Appendix C of the MSHCP.
4. The proposed project is located within the District's Sedco and Wildomar Master Drainage Plan (MDP) boundaries. When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within the MDP boundary of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The EIR should address potential impacts to proposed facilities within the project area. To obtain more information on the MDPs, please contact Edwin Quinonez of the District's Planning Section at 951.955.1917.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred directly to me at 951.955.8581

Very truly yours,

  
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Senior Civil Engineer

cc: Riverside County Planning Department  
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May 13, 2010

Alberhill Systems Project  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA 94111

Ms. Ladd,

The City of Perris is in receipt of the Notice of Preparation of an EIR for Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project. We appreciate having been included in the distribution of this notice.

We have reviewed the project map, as included in the pdf file at:  
[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Map Errata and Meeting Notice.pdf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/alberhill/Map_Errata_and_Meeting_Notice.pdf)

Based on this project map, it does not appear that there will be any work within the Perris city limits. We have no comments at this time regarding this project. We ask that the city be made aware of any changes in the project scope which result in work within our city limits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Habib Motlagh".

Habib Motlagh  
City Engineer



**From:** [Anna Hoover](#)  
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Ms. Ladd;

Electronically attached are the Pechanga Tribe's comments regarding the above named project. Please respond to this e-mail for confirmation of receipt. A hard copy will also follow via USPS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the attachment not open or if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you!

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**VIA E-MAIL and USPS**

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**Re: Pechanga Tribe Comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022)**

Dear Ms. Ladd:

Thank you for inviting us to submit comments on the above named Project. This comment letter is written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (hereinafter, "the Tribe"), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government.

The Tribe formally requests, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the entire environmental review process for the duration of the above referenced Project (the "Project"). The Tribe further requests to be directly notified of all public hearings and scheduled approvals concerning this Project. Please incorporate these comments into the record of approval for this Project as well.

The Tribe submits these comments concerning the Project's potential impacts to cultural resources in conjunction with the environmental review of the Project. The Tribe reserves the right to fully participate in the environmental review process, as well as to provide additional comment on the Project's impacts to cultural resources and potential mitigation for such impacts. Further, the Tribe reserves the right to participate in the regulatory process and provide comment on issues pertaining to the regulatory process and Project approval.

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) MUST INCLUDE  
INVOLVEMENT OF AND CONSULTATION WITH THE PECHANGA TRIBE IN ITS  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**

It has been the intent of the Federal Government<sup>1</sup> and the State of California<sup>2</sup> that Indian tribes be consulted with regard to issues which impact cultural and spiritual resources, as well as other governmental concerns. The responsibility to consult with Indian tribes stems from the unique government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes. This arises when tribal interests are affected by the actions of governmental agencies and departments. In this case, it is undisputed that the Project lies within the Pechanga Tribe's traditional territory. Therefore, in order to comply with the CEQA and other applicable Federal and California law, it is imperative that CPUC consult with the Tribe in order to guarantee an adequate basis of knowledge for an appropriate evaluation of the Project effects, as well as generating adequate mitigation measures.

**PECHANGA CULTURAL AFFILIATION TO PROJECT AREA**

The Pechanga Tribe asserts that the Project area is part of Luiseño, and therefore the Tribe's, aboriginal territory as evidenced by the existence of Luiseño place names, *tóota yixélval* (rock art, pictographs, petroglyphs), and an extensive Luiseño artifact record in the vicinity of the five sub-areas of the Project. These culturally sensitive areas are affiliated with the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians because of the Tribe's cultural ties and traditional knowledge of these areas as well as extensive history in these areas.

D. L. True, C. W. Meighan, and Harvey Crew<sup>3</sup> stated that the California archaeologist is blessed "with the fact that the nineteenth-century Indians of the state were direct descendents of many of the Indians recovered archaeologically, living lives not unlike those of their ancestors." Similarly, the Tribe knows that their ancestors lived on this land and that the Luiseño peoples still live in their traditional lands. The Tribe's knowledge of our ancestral boundaries is based on reliable information passed down to us from our elders; published academic works in the areas of anthropology, history and ethno-history; and through recorded ethnographic and linguistic accounts. The Pechanga Tribe's knowledge of our ancestral boundaries is based on reliable information passed down to us from our elders; published academic works in the areas of anthropology, history and ethno-history; and through recorded ethnographic and linguistic accounts. Many anthropologists and historians include the Project in their descriptions (Bean 1974; Sparkman 1908; Kroeber 1925; Oxendine 1989; White 1963; Harvey 1974; Smith and Freers 1994), and such territory descriptions correspond with that communicated to the Pechanga

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<sup>1</sup> See Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994 on Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments and Executive Order of November 6, 2000 on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.

<sup>2</sup> See California Public Resource Code §5097.9 et seq.; California Government Code §§65351, 65352, 65352.3 and 65352.4

<sup>3</sup> D. L. True, C. W. Meighan, and Harvey Crew. Archaeological Investigations at Molpa, San Diego County, California, University of California Press 1974 Vol. 11, 1-176

people by our elders. While historic accounts and anthropological and linguistic theories are important in determining traditional Luiseño territory, the most critical sources of information used to define our traditional territories are our songs, creation accounts, and oral traditions.

Luiseño history originates with the creation of all things at '*éxva Teméeku*, the present day City of Temecula, and dispersing out to all corners of creation (what is today known as Luiseño territory). It was at Temecula that the first human *Wuyóot* lived and taught the people, and here that he became sick, finally expiring at Lake Elsinore. Many of our songs relate the tale of the people taking the dying *Wuyóot* to the many hot springs at Elsinore, where he died (DuBois 1908). He was cremated at '*éxva Teméeku*. It is the Luiseño creation account that connects Elsinore to Temecula, and thus to the Temecula people who were evicted and moved to the Pechanga Reservation, and now known as the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians (the Pechanga Tribe). From Temecula, the people spread out, establishing villages and marking their territories. The first people also became the mountains, plants, animals and heavenly bodies.

Many traditions and stories are passed from generation to generation by songs. Lake Elsinore and its surrounding environs is one the location for noteworthy events in Luiseño culture. For example, it is the place where two of the *Káamalam* (first people), *Qáwqaw* and *Chixéemal*, had their first menses, which is the subject of one of the girls' coming-of-age songs (DuBois 1908). Another song recounts the travels of the people to the Elsinore area after a great flood (DuBois 1908). From here, they again spread out to the north, south, east and west. Three songs, called *Monívol*, are songs of the places and landmarks that were destinations of the Luiseño ancestors, several of which are located near the Project area. They describe the exact route of the Temecula (Pechanga) people and the landmarks made by each to claim title to places in their migrations (DuBois 1908:110). In addition, Pechanga elders state that the Temecula/Pechanga people had usage/gathering rights to an area extending from Rawson Canyon on the east, over to Lake Mathews on the northwest, down Temescal Canyon to Temecula, eastward to Aguanga, and then along the crest of the Cahuilla range back to Rawson Canyon. All areas of the Project are located within this culturally affiliated territory. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Most Likely Descendent (MLD) files substantiate this habitation and migration record from oral tradition. These examples illustrate a direct correlation between the oral tradition and the physical place; proving the importance of songs and stories as a valid source of information outside of the published anthropological data.

The proposed Project is located near four major Village Complexes - the Audie Murphy village complex-located immediately to the west of the Murrieta Road alignment area; Meadowbrook Complex - located to the northeast of Lake Elsinore and potentially within the 500kV area; *Páayaxchi* - the large village that was situated to the north of Lake Elsinore, west of the Project and *Táawila* - also known as the Ringing Rock Complex and Christianson-Webb. All villages contain domestic activity areas as well as sacred and ceremonial components.

*Tóota yixelval* (rock art) is also an important element in the determination of Luiseño territorial boundaries. *Tóota yixelval* can consist of petroglyphs (incised) elements, or pictographs (painted) elements. The science of archaeology tells us that places can be described through these elements. Riverside and Northern San Diego Counties are home to red-pigmented pictograph panels. Archaeologists have adopted the name for these pictograph-versions, as defined by Ken Hedges of the Museum of Man, as the San Luis Rey style. The San Luis Rey style incorporates elements which include chevrons, zig-zags, dot patterns, sunbursts, handprints, net/chain, anthropomorphic (human-like) and zoomorphic (animal-like) designs. Tribal historians and photographs inform us that some design elements are reminiscent of Luiseño ground paintings. A few of these design elements, particularly the flower motifs, the net/chain and zig-zags, were sometimes depicted in Luiseño basket designs and can be observed in remaining baskets and textiles today.

An additional type of *tóota yixelval*, identified by archaeologists also as rock art or petroglyphs, are cupules. Throughout Luiseño territory, there are certain types of large boulders, taking the shape of mushrooms or waves, which contain numerous small pecked and ground indentations, or cupules. One such example of this style of *tóota yixelval* was identified during the archaeological survey (P-33-001027). Additionally, according to historian Constance DuBois:

When the people scattered from Ekvo Temeko, Temecula, they were very powerful. When they got to a place, they would sing a song to make water come there, and would call that place theirs; or they would scoop out a hollow in a rock with their hands to have that for their mark as a claim upon the land. The different parties of people had their own marks. For instance, Albañas's ancestors had theirs, and Lucario's people had theirs, and their own songs of Munival to tell how they traveled from Temecula, of the spots where they stopped and about the different places they claimed (1908:158).

Our songs and stories, as well as academic works and recorded archaeological/cultural sites, demonstrate that the Luiseño people who occupied the Project area are ancestors of the present-day Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, and as such, Pechanga is the appropriate culturally affiliated tribe for projects that impact this geographic area.

In addition, the Pechanga Tribe has a long modern day history of involvement with Projects in the Alberhill, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Temescal Valley and Wildomar areas. Not only has the Pechanga Tribe been involved, but it has been given the designation of the consulting tribe or affiliated tribe on many projects located in the Cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar and Menifee, and their spheres of influence. In addition, Pechanga was the consulting tribe on the Audie Murphy Project and are currently the caretakers of the Meadowbrook and Ringing Rock (*Táawila*) Village Complexes. Moreover, the Pechanga Tribe has been the only

tribe to assume the role of MLD in the Lake Elsinore area which is confirmed by Native American Heritage Commission records.

The Tribe has additional information regarding specific place names and sensitive cultural areas that the Project may impact which are not included in this letter to protect their confidentiality. We welcome the opportunity to meet with CPUC and SCE to further explain and provide documentation and information concerning our specific cultural affiliation to and knowledge of these lands and the Project area.

### **PROJECT IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES**

The proposed Project is located in a highly sensitive region of Luiseño territory which is directly related to the creation stories and the Tribe believes that the possibility for recovering cultural resources during ground-disturbing activities is high. The Tribe has over thirty-five (35) years of experience in working with various types of construction projects throughout its territory and is highly qualified to make determinations regarding its ancestors. The combination of this knowledge and experience, along with the knowledge of the culturally-sensitive areas and oral tradition, is what the Tribe relies on to make fairly accurate predictions regarding the likelihood of subsurface resources in a particular location.

To date, the Tribe has received the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the archaeological studies<sup>4</sup>. The 2009 archaeological study indicates that there are over 100 previously recorded cultural sites within a ½ mile radius of the 115kV project line and two within a ½ mile radius of the proposed 500kV lines.

The Tribe is aware of significant sites that will be impacted by the proposed project, either directly or indirectly. For example, the archaeological report briefly reviews sites P-33-001027 and P-33-015724 however no mention is made that both of these sites are connected to a larger network of sites that form two of the Village Complexes described below. The Tribe has specific information about these two sites that a records search will not reveal. Further, the studies make a very broad assumption that most of the sites that were within the record search radius consisted of milling sites or lithic scatters. No discussion is provided of how these sites might be interrelated and no discussion is provided of the region and how the landscape was utilized, either prehistorically or historically. The Tribe is very concerned that the report does not address these sites more thoroughly, especially since one of the new prehistoric sites is located in direct connection with the Audie Murphy Village Complex. As stated above, the proposed Project is located near four major Village Complexes - the Audie Murphy village

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<sup>4</sup> Cultural Resources Inventory of the Proposed Southern California Edison 115kV/500kV Alberhill Circuits, Riverside County, California. Prepared by ECORP Consulting, September 2009 and

Cultural Resources Investigation of the Proposed Southern California Edison 500/115kV Alberhill Substation Project, Riverside County, California. Prepared by ECORP Consulting, December 2008

complex; the Meadowbrook Complex, *Páayaxchi* and *Táawila*. These four areas can be designated as Village Complexes because they contain not only domestic activity areas such as milling features and lithic scatters but they contain sacred and ceremonial features, *tóota yixélval* and human remains. Additionally, it has been clearly documented ethnographically as well as through oral traditions, that this geographic region was used for seasonal resource collecting and as a transportation route between additional villages located to the north near Glen Ivy and Lake Mathews; to the northeast near Cajalco Creek and the Motte Reserve area; to the east near Newport Road and the I215, and to the south in Temecula. The archaeological and cultural records verify that this area was well traveled and the natural resources were attractive and utilized by the Luiseño people.

The Tribe additionally has records maintained through oral tradition regarding the Alberhill area. Alberhill (as well as Lake Elsinore) features prominently in the Luiseño creation account, specifically regarding *Wuyóot*. In fact, there are three Luiseño place names that have been identified within a few hundred feet of the Project's boundaries in the Alberhill region that would be visually impacted by this Project. The Tribe has recently also located a new place name that is in the vicinity of the southwest portion of the 115kV line, near the Skylark Airport. *Píi'iv* is a known habitation location and was most likely associated with *Páayaxchi*.

Given the discrepancy between what the prior archaeological reports found within the APE and what the Tribe's records show are within the APE for the project, the Tribe requests that the CPUC assure that additional investigation and evaluation of the Project area be performed in conjunction with the Environmental Impact Report process. We further request that the regional cultural resources, including the Village Complexes within the region, be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report and that the proposed mitigation appropriately reflects the high sensitivity of this region.

The Tribe requests to be involved and participate with CPUC and SCE in assuring that an adequate environmental assessment is completed for the entire Project, including analysis of off-site impacts and in developing all monitoring and mitigation plans and measures for the duration of the Project. It is further the position of the Pechanga Tribe that Pechanga tribal monitor professionals be required to be present during all cultural resource surveys, and archaeological and ground-disturbing activities conducted in connection with the Project, including any additional archaeological excavations performed. The Tribe also requests that all analysis of impacts to cultural resources for this Project area must necessarily include all cultural resources in the vicinity, even if such complexes exist adjacent to or nearby each sub-area of the Project.

Given the sensitivity of the area, inadvertent discoveries are foreseeable impacts and thus need to be appropriately mitigated for within the confines of the Project. It is imperative that adequate cultural resources assessments be performed in conjunction with the Pechanga Tribe and the Project approval and environmental review process. The identification of surface resources during an archaeological survey should not be the sole determining factor in deciding



whether mitigation measures for inadvertent discoveries are required. The cultural significance of the area, provided in consultation with the Pechanga Tribe, should play a large part in determining whether specifications concerning unanticipated discoveries should be included.

### **REQUESTED TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT AND MITIGATION**

The proposed Project is on land that is within the traditional territory of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. The Pechanga Band is not opposed to this Project. The Tribe's primary concerns stem from the Project's proposed impacts on Native American cultural resources. The Tribe is concerned about both the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as Luiseño village sites, sacred sites and archaeological items which would be displaced by ground disturbing work on the Project, and on the proper and lawful treatment of cultural items, Native American human remains and sacred items likely to be discovered in the course of the work.

The CEQA Guidelines state that lead agencies should make provisions for inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5). As such, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that an agreement specifying appropriate treatment of inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources be executed between SCE and the Pechanga Tribe.

The Tribe believes that adequate cultural resources assessments and management must always include a component which addresses inadvertent discoveries. Every major State and Federal law dealing with cultural resources includes provisions addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: CEQA (Cal. Pub. Resources Code §21083.2(i); 14 CCR §1506a.5(f)); Section 106 (36 CFR §800.13); NAGPRA (43 CFR §10.4). Moreover, most state and federal agencies have guidelines or provisions for addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: FHWA, Section 4(f) Regulations - 771.135(g); CALTRANS, Standard Environmental Reference - 5-10.2 and 5-10.3). Because of the extensive presence of the Tribe's ancestors within the Project area, it is not unreasonable to expect to find vestiges of that presence. Such cultural resources and artifacts are significant to the Tribe as they are reminders of their ancestors. It is important to note that all resources are important to the Tribe and the determination is not based upon scientific importance. Moreover, the Tribe is expected to protect and assure that all cultural sites of its ancestors are appropriately treated in a respectful manner. Therefore, as noted previously, it is crucial to adequately address the potential for inadvertent discoveries.

Further, the Pechanga Tribe believes that if human remains are discovered, State law would apply and the mitigation measures and conditions of approval for the permit must account for this. According to the California Public Resources Code, § 5097.98, if Native American human remains are discovered, the Native American Heritage Commission must name a "most likely descendant," who shall be consulted as to the appropriate disposition of the remains. Given the Project's location in Pechanga territory, the Pechanga Tribe intends to assert its right

pursuant to California law with regard to any remains or items discovered in the course of this Project.

### **PROJECT MITIGATION MEASURES**

The Pechanga Tribe will itself be engaging in further assessment of the Project area, in consultation with tribal elders, to identify more specific information about this culturally sensitive area. The Tribe requests that the CPUC, SCE and the Project Archaeologist work directly with the Tribe to thoroughly evaluate and assess potential impacts to the Project Area, including any proposed off-site impacts. The Tribe further requests copies of the four studies referenced in the archaeological study as Chmiel and Cooley 2008; Cooley and Craft 2008; Craft and Cooley 2008; Lerch and Gray 2006 so that we may make a more thorough evaluation of the impacts to cultural resources. The Tribe also requests that sites P-33-001027 and P-33-015724 be avoided and preserved *in situ*.

Moreover, the Tribe possesses necessary information about the cultural sensitivity of this area that an archaeological survey alone can not reveal, and should be consulted to assist in identifying and mitigating the cultural resources impacts for this Project as soon as possible. The Tribe had previously requested to have a tribal monitor professional participate in the site survey already conducted, however we were not informed of the fieldwork. Therefore, we also request to be included in any future site visits, surveys and excavations to assist the Project Archaeologist in assessing impacts to cultural resources in the Project area. The Tribe further requests detailed copies of the Project maps that define the exact boundaries of the Project components so that we may continue to refine the identification of sites that may be impacted.

As an initial matter, the Tribe requests the following mitigation measures be included in the DEIR in order to address the recommendations as proposed in the archaeological study and to address inadvertent discoveries as well as Native American participation during earthmoving activities. The Tribe may submit additional suggested mitigation to specifically address proposed impacts to any sites or resources within the Project area:

**MM 1** Prior to beginning Project construction, SCE shall retain a Secretary of the Interior/Riverside County qualified archaeological monitor to monitor all ground-disturbing activities in an effort to identify any unknown archaeological resources. Any newly discovered cultural resource deposits shall be subject to a cultural resources evaluation.

**MM 2** At least 30 days prior to beginning Project construction, SCE shall contact the Pechanga Tribe to notify the Tribe of grading, excavation and the monitoring program, and to develop a Cultural Resources Treatment and Monitoring Agreement. The Agreement shall address the treatment of known cultural resources, the designation, responsibilities, and participation of professional Native American Tribal monitors during grading, excavation and ground



disturbing activities; Project grading and development scheduling; terms of compensation for tribal monitors; and treatment and final disposition of any cultural resources, sacred sites, and human remains discovered on the site.

- MM 3** Prior to beginning Project construction, the Project Archaeologist shall file a pre-grading report with SCE (if required) to document the proposed methodology for grading activity observation. Said methodology shall include the requirement for a qualified archaeological monitor to be present and to have the authority to stop and redirect grading activities. In accordance with the agreement required in MM 2, the archaeological monitor's authority to stop and redirect grading will be exercised in consultation with the Pechanga Tribe in order to evaluate the significance of any archaeological resources discovered on the property. Tribal monitors shall be allowed to monitor all grading, excavation and groundbreaking activities, and shall also have the authority to stop and redirect grading activities in consultation with the Project archaeologist.
- MM 4** The landowner shall relinquish ownership of all cultural resources, including sacred items, burial goods and all archaeological artifacts that are found on the Project area to the Pechanga Tribe for proper treatment and disposition.
- MM 5** All sacred sites, should they be encountered within the Project area, shall be avoided and preserved as the preferred mitigation, if feasible.
- MM 6** If human remains are encountered, California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Riverside County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin. Further, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98(b) remains shall be left in place and free from disturbance until a final decision as to the treatment and disposition has been made. If the Riverside County Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission must be contacted within 24 hours. The Native American Heritage Commission must then identify the "most likely descendant(s)" within 48 hours of receiving notification of the discovery. The most likely descendant(s) shall then make recommendations, and engage in consultations concerning the treatment of the remains as provided in Public Resources Code 5097.98 and the Treatment Agreement described in MM 2.
- MM 7** If inadvertent discoveries of subsurface archaeological resources are discovered during grading, SCE, the Project Archaeologist, and the Tribe shall assess the significance of such resources and shall meet and confer regarding the mitigation for such resources. SCE shall make the determination of significance if the Tribe and project Archaeologist cannot agree on the significance or the mitigation for such resources, based on the provisions of the California Environmental Quality

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Act with respect to archaeological resources and shall take into account the religious beliefs, customs, and practices of the Pechanga Tribe.

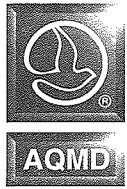
The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to working together with the CPUC and SCE in protecting the invaluable Luiseño cultural resources found in the Project area. Please contact me at 951-308-9295 X8104 once you have had a chance to review these comments so that we might address any outstanding issues concerning the Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Ladd:

## **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality analysis and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. Electronic files include spreadsheets, database files, input files, output files, etc., and does not mean Adobe PDF files. Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

### **Air Quality Analysis**

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. Alternatively, the lead agency may wish to consider using the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved URBEMIS 2007 Model. This model is available on the SCAQMD Website at: [www.urbemis.com](http://www.urbemis.com).

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address:  
[http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2\\_5/PM2\\_5.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html).

In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile\\_toxic/mobile\\_toxic.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html). An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

### **Mitigation Measures**

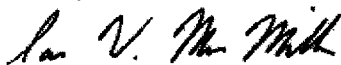
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html). Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,



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**Re: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report: Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022)**

Dear Ms. Ladd:

The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) is the agency that implements the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The RCHCA examined the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA).

In Section 4.4.1, Environmental Setting Section of Biological Resources, you discuss the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat, Western Riverside County. In the last sentence of the discussion you state, "In core reserve areas in occupied habitat, development projects are required to obtain individual permits." In fact, SCE will be required to avoid any "take" of SKR. In accordance with the SKR HCP, for any and all work performed by SCE within the core reserve, avoidance is required.

In Section 3.8, Environmental Surveys, you correctly stated that it will be necessary to survey for SKR and this will be important to assure that there will be avoidance of "take". These surveys will be required in affected areas within the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Core Reserve if the affected area extends beyond those parcels owned and managed by the RCHCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the PEA. We assume that the information we have provided will be of assistance in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,

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Re: Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report  
Alberhill System Project - SCH 2010041031

Dear Mr. Uchida:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Alberhill System Project. The project involves the construction of a substation on 34 acres and two 500 kV transmission lines.

The Department is responding as a Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources [Fish and Game Code Sections 711.7 and 1802 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15386], and as a Responsible Agency regarding any discretionary actions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381), such as a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (California Fish and Game Code Sections 1600 *et seq.*) and/or a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Permit (California Fish and Game Code Sections 2080 and 2080.1).

The new substation site is located south of Lee Lake on Temescal Canyon Road and the transmission lines extend south to the Skylark Substation and east and north to the Newcomb Substation in the County of Riverside. The map of the project shows that the new substation would be located on Temescal Canyon Road and the transmission lines would potentially cross Temescal Creek.

In addition, the project has the potential to impact existing mitigation lands and coastal sage scrub habitat in the area west of the I-15. The Draft EIR should address these issues and potential impacts to riparian birds, the least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, riparian vegetation and amphibians.

The project is located within the boundary of the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and is subject to the provisions and policies of that plan. The MSHCP is a Natural Communities Conservation Plan that provides coverage for 146 species and up to 510,000 acres. Participants in the MSHCP are issued take authorization for covered species and do not require Federal or State Endangered Species Act Permits.

Should the applicant choose not to process the development project through the MSHCP for covered species, then the project is subject to the Federal Endangered Species Act and/or the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for threatened and endangered species. A CESA Permit must be obtained if the project has the potential to result in "take" of species of plants or animals listed under CESA, either during construction or over the life of the project. CESA Permits are issued to conserve, protect, enhance, and restore State-listed threatened or endangered species and their habitats. The Department's CESA Incidental Take Permit state that a project must fully minimize and mitigate impacts to State-listed resources.

The DEIR should specify whether the project will obtain take through the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan as a Participating Special Entity or will need to obtain take through a CESA permit.

The Department is concerned about the continuing loss of jurisdictional waters of the State and the encroachment of development into areas with native habitat values. The DEIR should contain sufficient, specific, and current biological information on the existing habitat and species at the project site; measures to minimize and avoid sensitive biological resources; and mitigation measures to offset the loss of native flora and fauna and State waters. If the project site contains Federally- or State-listed species, the DEIR should include measures to avoid and minimize impacts to these species as well as mitigation measures to compensate for the loss of biological resources. The DEIR should not defer impact analysis and mitigation measures to future regulatory discretionary actions, such as a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, CESA Permit, or Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Permit.

Although the proposed project is within the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and could be subject to Section 6.1.2, Protection of Species Associated with Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools, a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification is still required by the Department should the site contain jurisdictional waters. Additionally, the Department's criteria for determining the presence of jurisdictional waters are generally more comprehensive than the MSHCP criteria in Section 6.1.2.

This particular project has the potential to have significant environmental impacts on sensitive flora and fauna resources, including Federally- and State-listed endangered species. Therefore, the DEIR should include an alternatives analysis

which focuses on environmental resources and ways to avoid or minimize impacts to those resources.

To enable Department staff to adequately review and comment on the proposed project, we suggest that updated biological studies be conducted prior to any environmental or discretionary approvals. The following information should be included in any focused biological report or supplemental environmental report:

1. A complete assessment of the flora and fauna within and adjacent to the project area, with particular emphasis upon identifying endangered, threatened, and locally unique species and sensitive habitats.
  - a. A thorough assessment of rare plants and rare natural communities, following the Department's November 2009 guidance for Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities. The guidance document can be found at the following link:  
[http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/Protocols\\_for\\_Surveying\\_and\\_Evaluating\\_Impacts.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/Protocols_for_Surveying_and_Evaluating_Impacts.pdf)
  - b. A complete assessment of sensitive fish, wildlife, reptile, and amphibian species. Seasonal variations in use of the project area should also be considered. Focused species-specific surveys, conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when the sensitive species are active or otherwise identifiable, are required. Acceptable species-specific survey procedures should be developed in consultation with the Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - c. Rare, threatened, and endangered species to be addressed should include all those which meet the CEQA definition (See CEQA Guidelines, 15380)
  - d. The Department's California Natural Diversity Data Base in Sacramento should be contacted at (916) 327-5960 to obtain current information on any previously reported sensitive species and habitat, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the California Fish and Game Code.
2. A thorough discussion of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts expected to adversely affect biological resources, with specific measures to offset such impacts.



- a. CEQA Guidelines, 15125(a), direct that knowledge of the regional setting is critical to an assessment of environmental impacts and that special emphasis should be placed on resources that are rare or unique to the region.
  - b. Project impacts should be analyzed relative to their affects on off-site habitats. Specifically, this should encompass adjacent public lands, open space, adjacent natural habitats, and riparian ecosystems. In addition, impacts to and maintenance of wildlife corridor/movement areas, including access to undisturbed habitat in adjacent areas, should be fully evaluated and provided.
  - c. The zoning of areas for development projects or other uses that are nearby or adjacent to natural areas may inadvertently contribute to wildlife-human interactions. A discussion of possible conflicts and mitigation measures to reduce these conflicts should be included in the environmental document.
  - d. A cumulative effects analysis should be developed as described under CEQA Guidelines, 15130. General and specific plans, as well as past, present, and anticipated future projects, should be analyzed relative to their impacts on similar plant communities and wildlife habitats.
  - e. The document should include an analysis of the effect that the project may have on the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan or on other regional and/or subregional conservation programs. Under Sections 2800-2835 of the California Fish and Game Code, the Department, through the Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) program is coordinating with local jurisdictions, landowners, and the Federal Government to preserve local and regional biological diversity.
3. A range of alternatives should be analyzed to ensure that alternatives to the proposed project are fully considered and evaluated (CEQA Guidelines 15126.6). A range of alternatives which avoid or otherwise minimize impacts to sensitive biological resources should be included. Specific alternative locations should also be evaluated in areas with lower resource sensitivity where appropriate.
    - a. Mitigation measures for project impacts to sensitive plants, animals, and habitats should emphasize evaluation and selection of alternatives which avoid and/or otherwise minimize project impacts.
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Off-site compensation for unavoidable impacts through acquisition and protection of high-quality habitat should be addressed.

- b. The Department considers Rare Natural Communities as threatened habitats having both local and regional significance. Thus, these communities should be fully avoided and otherwise protected from project-related impacts.
  - c. The Department generally does not support the use of relocation, salvage, and/or transplantation as mitigation for impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species. Department studies have shown that these efforts are experimental in nature and largely unsuccessful.
4. A CESA Permit must be obtained, if the project has the potential to result in "take" of species of plants or animals listed under CESA, either during construction or over the life of the project. CESA Permits are issued to conserve, protect, enhance, and restore State-listed threatened or endangered species and their habitats. Early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to the proposed project and mitigation measures may be required in order to obtain a CESA Permit. Revisions to the California Fish and Game Code, effective January 1998, require that the Department issue a separate CEQA document for the issuance of a CESA permit unless the project CEQA document addresses all project impacts to listed species and specifies a mitigation monitoring and reporting program that will meet the requirements of a CESA permit. For these reasons, the following information is requested:
- a. Biological mitigation, monitoring, and reporting proposals should be of sufficient detail and resolution to satisfy the requirements for a CESA Permit.
  - b. A Department-approved Mitigation Agreement and Mitigation Plan are required for plants listed as rare under the Native Plant Protection Act.
5. The Department opposes the elimination of watercourses and/or their channelization or conversion to subsurface drains. All wetlands and watercourses, whether intermittent or perennial, must be retained and provided with substantial setbacks which preserve the riparian and aquatic values and maintain their value to on-site and off-site wildlife populations.
- a. Under Section 1600 *et seq.* of the California Fish and Game Code, the Department requires the project applicant to notify the Department of any activity that will divert, obstruct or change the

natural flow or the bed, channel or bank (which includes associated riparian resources) of a river, stream or lake, or use material from a streambed prior to the applicant's commencement of the activity. Streams include, but are not limited to, intermittent and ephemeral streams, rivers, creeks, dry washes, sloughs, blue-line streams, and watercourses with subsurface flow. The Department's issuance of a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement for a project this is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by the Department as a responsible agency. The Department, as a responsible agency under CEQA, may consider the local jurisdiction's (lead agency) Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report for the project. However, if the CEQA document does not fully identify potential impacts to lakes, streams, and associated resources (including, but not limited to riparian and alluvial fan sage scrub habitat) and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring, and reporting commitments, additional CEQA documentation will be required prior to execution (signing) of the Streambed Alteration Agreement. In order to avoid delays or repetition of the CEQA process, potential impacts to a lake or stream, as well as avoidance and mitigation measures need to be discussed within this CEQA document. The Department recommends the following measures to avoid subsequent CEQA documentation and project delays:

(i) Incorporate all information regarding impacts to lakes, streams and associated habitat within the DEIR. Information that should be included within this document includes: (a) a delineation of lakes, streams, and associated habitat that will be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project; (b) details on the biological resources (flora and fauna) associated with the lakes and/or streams; (c) identification of the presence or absence of sensitive plants, animals, or natural communities; (d) a discussion of environmental alternatives; (e) a discussion of avoidance measures to reduce project impacts, (f) a discussion of potential mitigation measures required to reduce the project impacts to a level of insignificance; and (g) an analysis of impacts to habitat caused by a change in the flow of water across the site. The applicant and lead agency should keep in mind that the State also has a policy of no net loss of wetlands.

(ii) The Department recommends that the project applicant and/or lead agency consult with the Department to discuss potential project impacts and avoidance and mitigation measures. Early consultation with the Department is

recommended since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources. To obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification package, please visit our website at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/> or call (562) 430-7924.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact Robin Maloney-Rames at (909) 980-3818, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Brandt', is written over the printed name.

Jeff Brandt  
Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: State Clearinghouse, Sacramento

**From:** [bsnodgrass@wyroc.com](mailto:bsnodgrass@wyroc.com)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 14, 2010 3:20:45 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** Map in Notice of Preparation fo EIR  
**Subject:** Map in Notice of Preparation fo EIR  
**Attachments:** [MX-3501N\\_20100414\\_142146.pdf](#)

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Dear Ms. Ladd,

The map in the flyer you sent out incorrectly identifies the freeway near the project as I-5. It is the I-15. The I-5 freeway is near the coast.

You also show a City in the right had side. . .Menafee. . .this is spelled Meniffee. In the upper left hand corner you have a location spelled Ivyglen. I believe that should be Glen Ivy.

Bob Snodgrass

**From:** [Gary Bailey](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010 9:07:21 AM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager,

Alberhill System Project letter dated April 12 , 2010. Please note that the map on Page 2 of 4 has a substantial error .... Highway 15 is shown as Highway 5 .... I think everyone will know what you are talking about by looking at the map but thought I would point out this error anyway. Will the substation on Railroad Canyon Road, just below Canyon Lake, hook up with the Proposed Alberhill Substation ? Does the substation below Canyon Lake empty their treated waste water into Lake Elsinore ?

Yours truly

Gary Bailey

**From:** [Joe](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2010 4:57:58 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** EMF cause and effect on Home owners  
**Subject:** EMF cause and effect on Home owners

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My name is Joe Dorsett and I live on Bundy canyon rd in Wildomar next to the power lines that run down Bundy canyon and have concerns about the EMF that is and will be created by new 115kv sub-transmission line that will run within 200 feet of my home and the health effect it may cause.

I will be at the meeting on Thursday April 29th 2010 in Lake Elsinore and would like open a discussion on this matter.

Thank You,

Joe Dorsett

32965 Edwards ave

Wildomar, CA 92584

951-306-4664 Cell

951-244-8381 home

Raymond P. James, Jr.  
31785 Byers Street  
Menifee, CA 92584  
AP #358130059  
(951)679-7903  
April 27, 2010

Karen Ladd, Project Manager  
Alberhill System Project  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
130 Battery Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Karen Ladd, Project Manager for the Alberhill System Project:

On April 20, 2010, I received a letter announcing the Alberhill System Project, from Southern California Edison, project #Application A.09 09 022. I would like to address the concerns that I have regarding the project and the impact it would have on my family as residents within the proposed area.

First and foremost is the health of my daughter. She suffers from an autoimmune disease and the EMF lines may exacerbate her condition. This too, would be of great concern to our neighbors to the south of us as one of the residents is battling brain cancer. We purchased and built on this property to enjoy the rural setting and atmosphere which would be negatively affected by the placement of the large power poles and lines and would mean more loss of our property value. Our desire in selecting a rural lifestyle was to run our home as efficiently as possible with regard to utilities. The large power poles would cast oversized shadows and inhibit the optimum output of the solar panels that exist on our property. Additionally, the scenic view from our property would be completely lost as the house rests on elevated land and the "heads" of the poles would block our view of the mountains. (We specifically positioned our house so that the back would face the mountain range for the view).

The maps that were sent to the owners on Byers Street show the proposed route to be on Murrieta Road where lines currently exist, but failed to show the alternate route which is the one I am speaking of in regard to Byers Street. This information seems to have been deliberately omitted in an effort to avoid the outcry of public input against this plan; basically, no one is aware of the alternate route, unless one further inquires. This method of information dissemination significantly depresses the time allotted for public response given the lack of timely notification.



**Karen Ladd, Project Manager**  
Alberhill System Project  
April 27, 2010

I strongly encourage you insist that the project be conducted on Murrieta Road where lines currently exist. The alternate plan would gravely effect the rural lifestyle for my family, could have dire effects on my daughter's health and would inhibit the full production of our solar energy endeavors and utility conservation.

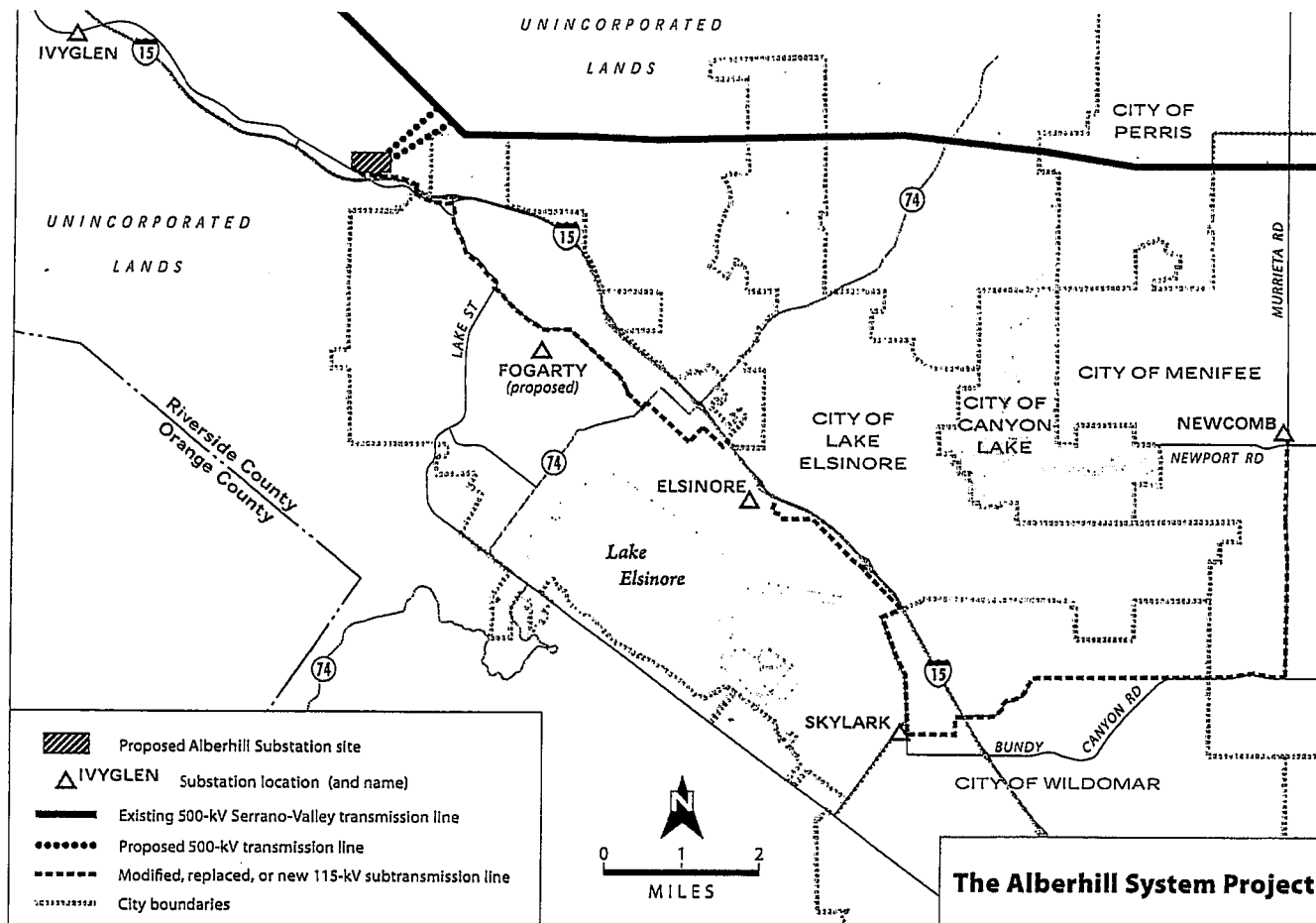
Respectfully yours,

Raymond James, Jr.

mj/rj

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cc: Jensen Uchida  
Ray Hicks



**From:** [APRIL BOOZE](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2010 8:59:06 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** Actual size of Fogerty sub-station  
**Subject:** Actual size of Fogerty sub-station

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Dear Ms. Ladd,

We are trying to find out the actual size of the proposed Fogerty sub-station. We have heard it will be three acres, others mention twelve acres. Please refer us to the web-site or person who would best be able to answer this question.

Regards, Ray and April Booze

**From:** [Aldo Congi](#)  
**Date:** Friday, April 30, 2010 11:10:48 AM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** Alberhill system project  
**Subject:** Alberhill system project

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My family owns the property at 30251 Murrieta Drive, Menifee which a Walgreen's leases from us. We are wondering is the project will have an affect on our property which appears to be diagonally across Newport Road from the Newcomb substation.

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**Aldo Congi**

VP, Managing Broker

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**From:** [Jack McGuffin](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 06, 2010 12:12:53 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT (\*time-sensitive information)  
**Subject:** ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT (\*time-sensitive information)

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May 06, 2010

Mr. Jensen Ushida, CPUC Project Manager

c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.

130 Battery Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

San Francisco, CA. 94111

Attn: Karen Ladd, Project Manager

Alberhill System Project

Dear Mr. Ushida, Ms. Ladd, et al:

I was in attendance at the CPUC-hosted public meeting regarding the Alberhill System Project on April 29, 2010 at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center. I am a 30-year resident and property owner in Wildomar, CA., residing on Lemon Street along the proposed path of the "modified, replaced, or new 115-kv subtransmission line" currently designated as part of the Alberhill System Project.

As you are aware from various comments during the course of that brief meeting, many residents and other impacted parties of these areas remain without any notification and/or details of this pending project. At best, the information supplied to concerned parties has been poorly disseminated while also being devoid of any information regarding the anticipated physical construction involved or adjunct construction which will also be required for the project's completion (i.e. widening of any streets including Lemon St. or other easements? 85-ft. towers? Underground transmission lines?, etc., etc.). As alluded to during this meeting, many residents would be forced to sacrifice portions of their property for the construction or adjustment of rights-of-way needed to complete the project. None of this information has been forthcoming from the agencies involved on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, I must agree with the preponderance of sentiment at this meeting that the realities of this Project have been, at this juncture, very poorly (if at all) presented to those directly impacted, and yet those potentially impacted most are being asked within a very restricted timeframe (by May 14<sup>th</sup>) to provide commentary on the Project which most know very little if anything about. This would seem to be putting a good portion of the 'cart before the horse', and at worst a thinly veiled attempt to avoid transparency for this Project and the people, property and environment it will impact on various levels. Therewith, I would like to voice my strong objection to proceeding with the Alberhill System Project as presented, until such information and viable options are made available to all impacted parties. In addition, the following comments apply more specifically to the Lemon Street to Scott Road 115-kv double-circuit subtransmission line as presented:

As proposed, the 115-kv double-circuit subtransmission line continuing from the Skylark Substation up Lemon Street presents a number of significant issues to consider:

1. Both west and east of Interstate 15 (originally labeled Interstate 5 on a map you previously approved for distribution), this subtransmission line runs through residential areas. On that south side of Lemon street where the current power lines exist, one among several routes exists for high school students who walk to and from school to attend Elsinore High School. These students from these residential areas would in many cases be consistently walking DIRECTLY UNDER the proposed transmission

lines to get to and from school. Directly adjacent to my own property at Blondon Ct. and Lemon St. (among other similar locations) there is also a school bus stop where younger school-aged children embark and disembark daily, some also crossing the street, then also to be directly under these lines on their way to and from school. Jean Hayman Elementary School is also on Lemon Street and elementary school children from these neighborhoods, often with a parent, also walk to their destinations along these routes. The residential property at the corner of Lemon St. and Orange St. in this same area is also an assisted-living Elder Care facility. Its residents are often quite fragile in health, including health issues which might easily be exacerbated by electromagnetic fields (pacemakers, etc.) Emergency Medical Services are called to this location fairly frequently. Although some agencies continue to support the notion that the effects of continued exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are "inconclusive", a good deal of research also strongly implicates EMFs in their relationship to adverse health effects including childhood leukemia, adult leukemia, neurodegenerative diseases such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, miscarriage, and clinical depression among others. "Inconclusive" in this regard is an unacceptable risk. It is undisputed that fields above 1mV/m (millivolt per meter) can disrupt heart pacemakers and defibrillators. Electrical fields of this intensity are common immediately adjacent to transmission power lines ([www. powerlinefacts.com](http://www.powerlinefacts.com)). The very latest research suggests that pregnant women should never venture anywhere near a transmission power line, for even momentary exposure to high magnetic fields sharply enhances the risk of miscarriage. They should avoid even driving under a transmission power line (ibid.) The better documented risks associated with a line's magnetic field are associated with the current going through a line rather than its voltage. To deliver a given amount of power, utilities must push more current through low voltage lines than high voltage lines. Therefore, in-field measurements show the magnetic field under a 115 kV line is often greater than the field immediately under a 345 kV line. The current research seems to suggest that living further than 400 feet from a transmission line will provide an adequate margin of safety from magnetic fields. MANY residents of these areas will NOT have such a margin of safety under the proposed project plan. UNDERGROUND transmission lines would appear to be the only acceptable option for such locations if the project is to proceed.

2. In addition to the above significant concerns, other obvious aesthetic and safety concerns are also present for this location and others. Lake Elsinore is a 'recreation-oriented' community. Directly off of Corydon Rd. near the Skylark Substation, is the entrance to the private airport which facilitates sky diving, parasailing, ultralight aircraft and other daily activity in the skies over the southern end of the lake. Also in close proximity is the established motocross facility which hosts thousands of riders on a continuous basis. With such aerial activity being a constant in this area, one might seriously question the wisdom of further erecting transmission facilities and power lines in such close proximity. Other concerns might also include the family-owned dairy (De Jong's) which is located near the Skylark station and provides dairy products to the area's residents through its herd of dairy cattle. EMF concerns may prove to be justifiable in this regard. Also located directly adjacent to this substation is the new (still uncompleted) Animal Shelter which will house many animals in the very near future. To my knowledge, no baseline or projected data regarding EMF emission levels have been made available for that particular location either. Needless to say, the potential impacts on property values and the aesthetic appeal of MANY properties will also be significant with above-ground transmission in residential areas.

3. For some areas of this project as currently defined, it would seem necessary to provide adequate information regarding the status of endangered flora and fauna indigenous to the areas. These include *Allium munzii* (Munz's Onion) indigenous to the Alberhill and Temescal Canyon areas (listed "Threatened"; State of California Endangered Species Act); *Ambrosia pumila* (San Diego Ambrosia; 2 populations in Alberhill area; listed "Endangered", Federal Endangered Species Act); *Euphydryas editha quino* (Quino Checkerspot Butterfly, Menifee, Murrieta, Wildomar, SW Riverside County, "Endangered", Federal Endangered Species Act); *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Bald Eagle, migrant and wintering species in western Riverside County, nesting attempted around bodies of water, "Endangered", California Endangered Species Act, "Threatened", Federal Endangered Species Act); *Poliophtila californica* (Coastal California Gnatcatcher, throughout western Riverside County in coastal sage scrub habitats. High densities occur along the 1-15 corridor, continuing southeast to Lake Skinner, ("Threatened" under Federal Endangered Species Act); *Dipodomys stephensi* (Stephens' Kangaroo Rat), patchy distribution from Corona/Norco Hills to Anza Valley, Temecula area,

"Threatened" under State of California Endangered Species Act, "Endangered" under the Federal Endangered Species Act). To date, I have seen no information regarding possible impacts from the proposed Alberhill System Project on the species above. I would expect any EIR being presently compiled to address such concerns also.

On behalf of the residents of our community, I ask that all of the above be given serious consideration as any plans for the Alberhill System Project continue. The necessity of providing upgraded electrical power service to our rapidly growing area is of significant importance. It should, however, proceed through a plan which provides for the safety and welfare of the area's inhabitants. I would hope that this project could become an example of California's commitment to providing its citizens with safe, socially and environmentally conscious power resources into the future.

Sincerely,

Jack R. McGuffin, M.Ed.

P.O. Box 1202

Wildomar, CA 92595

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[jaaram@earthlink.net](mailto:jaaram@earthlink.net)

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Sen. Barbara Boxer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Strategic Growth Council

**From:** [cheyen@roadrunner.com](mailto:cheyen@roadrunner.com)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 06, 2010 7:01:22 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** Alberhill System Project Protest  
**Subject:** Alberhill System Project Protest

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Dear Ms. Ladd,

My neighbors are buzzing that the Proposed Route for the above system has been changed to come through our streets on Holland and Byers St. We filed a timely protest against this happening as an alternate route. Is it true? If it is, please let us know what is being proposed, above ground, under ground, effect on the streets, changes in the streets, amount of voltage and anything else you can tell us.

Thank you for your time,

Kathleen and Vince Sweeney  
31031 Byers St  
Menifee, Ca. 92584



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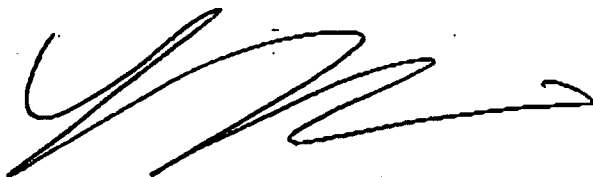
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Leslie D. Figueroa

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Sincerely,

Janet Mitchell  


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California Public Utilities Commission

Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Alberhill System Project  
April 29, 2010

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Thank you for participating in tonight's public scoping meeting. We would like to hear your comments.

Note: Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Name (please print): BYRON + BONNITA KIRK

Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS ALTERNATE ROUTE

SEE LETTER ATTACHED

Comments must be received by May 14, 2010

Mail comments to Jensen Uchida c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc., 130 Battery Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111  
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KAREN LADD, PROJECT MANAGER  
ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT  
ALTERNATIVE 115KV LINE

DEAR KAREN:

I AM WRITING AS A CONCERNED RESIDENT LIVING ON BYERS STREET IN MENIFEE, CA.

A SHORT TIME AGO, WE RECEIVED A NOTICE OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, WITH A MAP ATTACHED SHOWING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE PROJECT.

IF IT INDICATED AN ALTERNATE ROUTE I DID NOT SEE IT.

NOW, I AM BEING TOLD THAT THIS ALTERNATE ROUTE WHICH RUNS DOWN MY STREET, WILL BE USED INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINAL.

I REALLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE TOTAL IMPLICATIONS OF LIVING WITH THIS HIGH POWERED SYSTEM SO CLOSE TO OUR HOME, BUT I AM HEARING THAT IT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR HEALTH.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PROPERTY VALUES IF THIS HAPPENS.

I DO NOT KNOW WHY THE ORIGINAL ROUTE IS NOT BEING USED, BUT WE WERE NOT GIVEN MUCH NOTICE TO RESEARCH THIS AND BE PREPARED TO PROTEST THE PROJECT.

I HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THIS STREET, LIVING WITH MAJOR HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL THREATS.

IT IS OUR PRAYER, THAT THIS AND OTHER PROTESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND THEY WILL FIND ANOTHER SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND.

BYRON & BONNITA KIRK

*Bonnita L Kirk*

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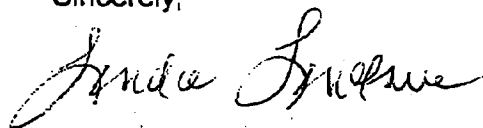
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**From:** [Alanna Noyes](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 11:29:10 PM  
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Alanna and Frank Noyes  
Members of Eagle Ridge Church



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Dwight and Gina Rider  
Menifee, California

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:07:43 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** (no subject)  
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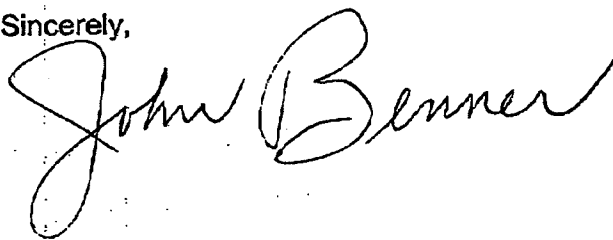
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*Pamela Buffington*  
*Member of Eagle Ridge Church*  
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**From:** [Christine](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:47:42 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
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**Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:27:53 PM  
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Tracy L. Decker  
30598 Lake Pointe Drive  
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**From:** [Suzanne Ellett](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 8:21:00 AM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** power lines in Menifee  
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**Joe & Suzanne Ellett**  
26337 Erise Spring Rd.  
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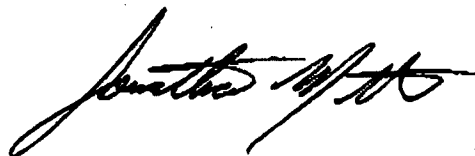
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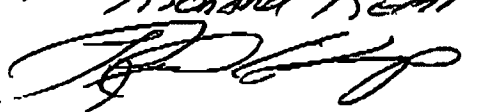
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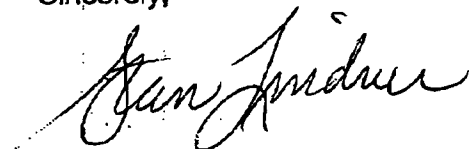
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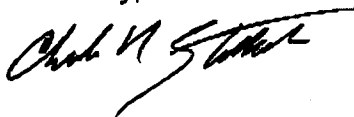
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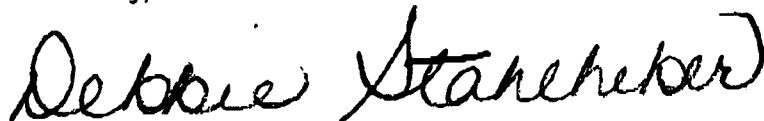
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OMMENTS

Dear Karen Ladd:

I am writing in regards to the proposed alternate Route for the Alberhill Project.

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We have lived on Bundy for 30 years and seen many changes in the area: both good and bad.

I understand that with the new housing comes more people and the utilities to provide for all the new growth of people still to come; but it doesn't seem as though much thought has been

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With the addition of high voltage added the existing powerlines it could be devastating.

The alternate route would have a definite negative impact on our lives, health and last to mention but also just as important the unsightly presence of these monstrous looking poles.

Respectfully  
 Zigmund & Elaine Baron  
 25160 Bundy Cyn Rd.  
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**From:** [Laurie Cook](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:21:54 AM  
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### COMMENTS

Dear Karen Ladd;

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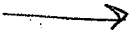
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Respectfully,

Menifee Resident: EVA Bishop  
Eva Bishop 31060 Byers Rd.  
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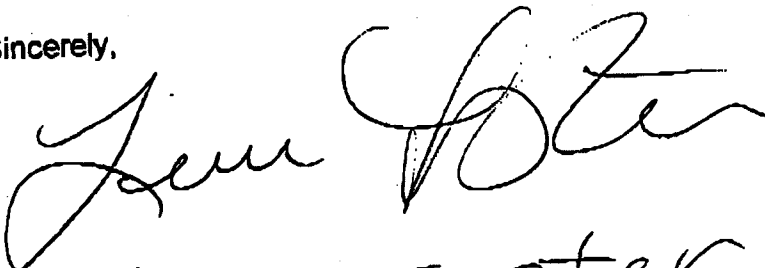
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### COMMENTS

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*My family has lived in this area for 62 yrs. and we have seen many changes over the years. My parents bought this place when there was nothing here.*  
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and are still country. There is alot of history in the area about the Indians that lived in the area. Do not destroy the beauty of the valley with the high voltage poles.

Deana Kumenik  
31050 Byers St.  
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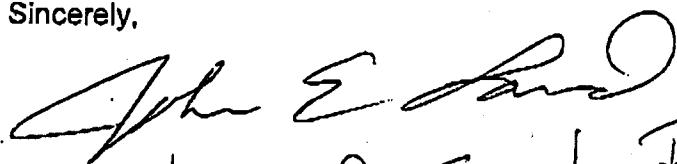
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This is The oldest part of Menifee, A Rural / Horse property, quiet, with The only area that has a true Natural Habitat Left. With all The Cookie-Cutter homes being built I would Think They could find plenty of areas that There isn't anything to disrupt ones Life. There is alot of empty land.

I Think They are looking for an easy Way to do this.

I have Hawks breeding, some of The oldest trees in all of Menifee, I didn't move here to hear Power Poles buzzing, you see this is Not Right, to Put This here. If you Could give me a call - I would Like to talk to you, I am really upset, Not That I don't realize that growth isn't Necessary, but just not in This area.

Joan Leonhardi

- 1) Fire hazard > yes high winds, tall trees, brush, old barns, homes, we don't have paved roads or street lights. We are OK with that, we just don't want your power poles.
- 2) IT would bring down our property values, Impair our health. (proven fact)  
Call The City of hope for records - Lukemina<sup>(sp)</sup> with Children Living within 5 miles of high Power Poles.
- 3) Street isn't wide enough, too dark at night so it is dangerous.

Please reconsider this Please

Joan Leonhardi

P.S. Sorry - I don't have time to re-write this as I have to go to work. I just found out this has to be in to you and I just received this info -

Thanks -

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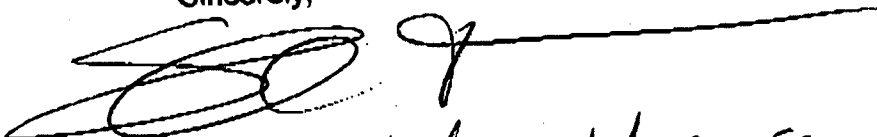
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ATTACHED; To This Paper is my neighbors Letter To you AND  
COMMENTS I Agree With Kathleen & Vince Sweeney Their concerns, their  
mine as well, About the Alberhill Project.

To Karen Ladd, AND TO Whom This May Concern;

I must add to it my strong feelings about this Alberhill System Project.  
I have lived in this valley Menifee (Holland & Bryans) since 1954, I AM Now 60 years  
old and have lived thru many changes, large developments surrounding us,  
crowding, traffic problems ECT. but still our little neighborhood, very rural,  
still has a trace of what is left of country living and yes <sup>precious</sup> we don't blend  
in with these new housing tracts but not any less ~~precious~~ <sup>precious</sup> to us, our home.  
These developments & new projects should Not have to hurt others who  
should have rights as well. This is my life, my home which now is threatened,  
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Now, I can be scared in a panic and sicken by the thought of this Alberhill Project which with my own eyes see Alternative Routes for these power lines which are not near homes! This makes me question and I find it strange they should pick our front yards and neighborhood to put these lines, it's people's homes, environment and lives at stake verses some other reason? They can't choose the other routes? That I do know exist!??? Where they don't destroy others' lives and perhaps worse (Take our land)! This valley and my land & home are part of my very soul, Please hear me and my neighbors, I plead with you with all my heart don't let this happen to us, Please Help find the alternative and humane way to resolve this nightmare matter. I also believe there are enough homeless people today without adding more. Thanking you in advance;  
Bonnie Hall & Family

May 7, 2010

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*32249 Murrieta Rd*  
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**From:** [Scott, William](#)  
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Alberhill System Project

Alternative 115KV line

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My name is Thomas Swick. I reside at 31170 Byers St. Menifee, CA. This address is approximately half way between Holland Rd. + Corson Ave. on Byers St. This house has been owned and resided in by my family for 51 yrs. My father bought the property for retirement. My parents have since passed on but they would have been devastated by this proposal to construct a 115KV Sub Transmission line within our beautiful country setting, as I am. Not only will it destroy the natural beauty of our community, it will lower property values. This is unacceptable in this very difficult economic period when property values are already at an all time low. As a small business owner I have felt the impact of this economic down fall in our country. I for one cannot endure any more setbacks.

My wife and I are in our mid 50's and

both suffer from Respiratory Ailments. My wife has advanced COPD w/ extreme weight loss and severe lung tissue damage. She is very ill and on oxygen 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week. I also have a 10yr. old grandson that plays with his friends in the neighborhood. There is a definite health threat from the increased Electromotive Force that will be surrounding and radiating from a 115KV line. Please do not construct this alternate route that runs down Byers St. It will strongly affect the lives of children, the elderly and the sick in a very detrimental way. Please don't make my family sick.

Also there has been very little if any notification of this alternate route that travels down Byers St. in Menifee. The community has not been given enough time to protest its construction. It's like it was purposely left out to avoid public outcry against the plan. The Sub Transmission Line should go down Murrieta Rd. in the existing right of way, Not down Byers St. where it would disrupt dozens of families lives. I strongly oppose the construction of the alternate 115 KV line on Byers Rd. in Menifee.

Thomas + Diane Swick

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Tim Bishop

Affiliation (if applicable):

Phone:

Email:

Address:

31090 Boyers St.

City, State, Zip:

Menifee CA. 92584

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## COMMENTS

The idea of using Boyers as a Alternate Route for the power line project is obscure. The idea of Residential means people. The impact per family would be inhibited by un healthy Radiation from these poles. Murietta Rd. has less population than Boyers. So should be the only Route available.

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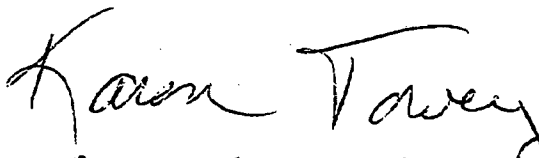
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Member 2008  
951-821-1829

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Name (please print):

Loretta Jo Ann Ziemer

Affiliation (if applicable):

Phone:

Email:

Address:

31080 Byers St. Menifee, Calif. 92584

City, State, Zip:

Menifee Calif. 92584

## COMMENTS

I am 53 yrs. old I've been here and my family since before I was born. My mother's father bought this 70 yrs ago. We were here before San City was built. I have lived here almost all my life, and progress has is not always a good thing when it can be harmful to a small area and community. If there is somewhere they can keep this away from our small area and families, animals, that and other, to protect our small community that would be the right thing to do. We've had alot of changes in this area and this is one big thing we don't need here. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

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Thank you much  
Loretta Ziemer

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Phone: (951) 246-4794 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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COMMENTS THIS PROJECTS VIABILITY WAS BASED ON "HOODWINKING  
THOSE WITH PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE EFFECTED BY ITS' PRESENCE.  
THE ORIGINAL NOTICE AND MAP WERE BY DESIGN "DECEPTIVE". NO STREET  
NAMES WERE LISTED. NO INFORMATION WAS GIVEN AS TO THE EFFECT  
ON HEALTH (EMF'S) AND PROPERTY VALUES. - MY HUSBAND AND I  
PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO  
CONGESTION, STREET LIGHTS, PAVED STREETS, OR THE INTRODUCTION OF  
"CITIFICATION". THE "ALTERNATE ROUTE", DESIGNATED ONLY BY DASHES,  
WOULD CHANGE THAT. IT TURNS OFF MARIETTA RD., WEST ON HOLLAND  
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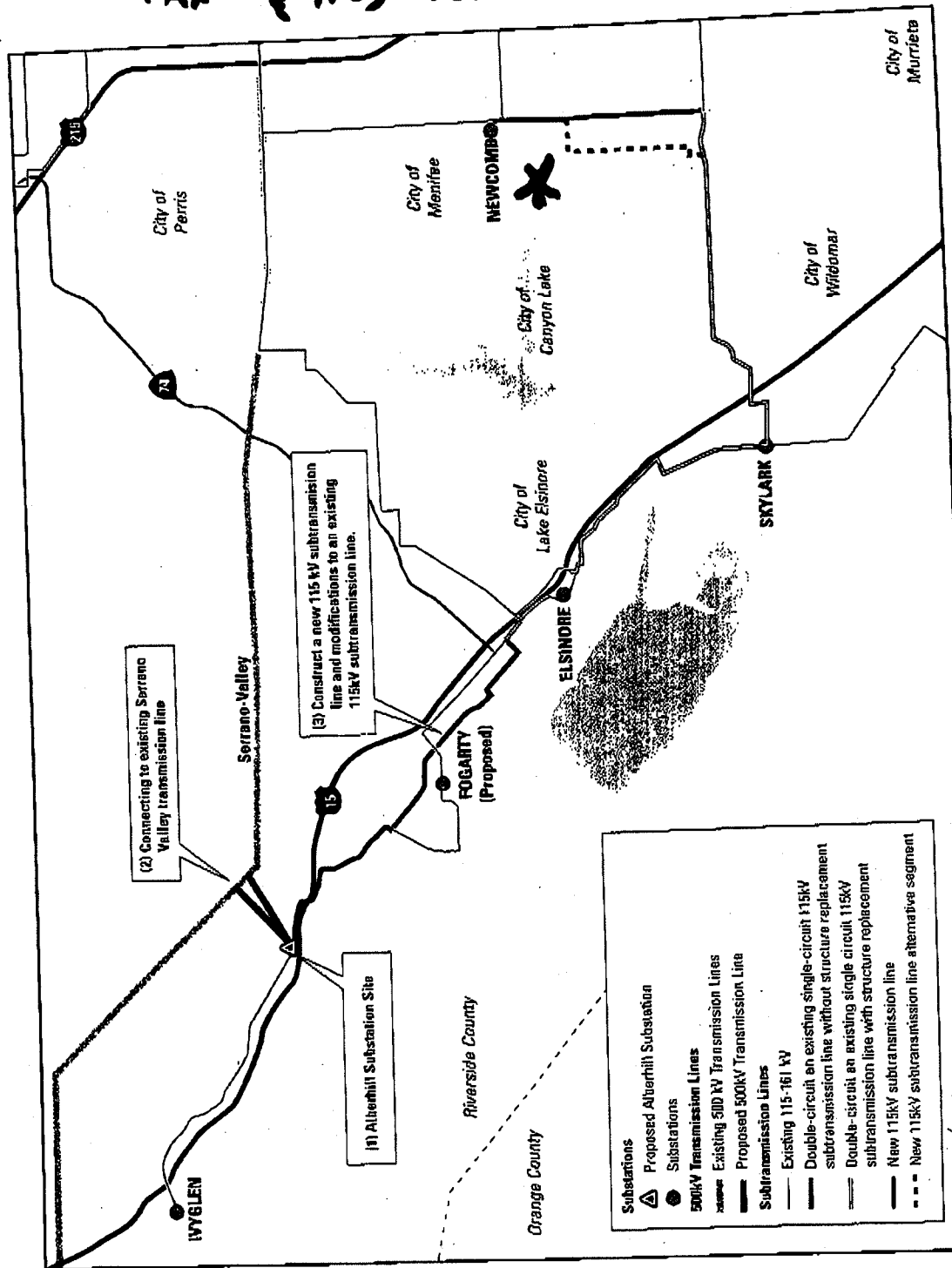
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# PROJECT MAP - NO STREET NAMES

## \* ALTERNATE ROUTE



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### COMMENTS

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AN EYESORE IN OUR RURAL RESIDENTIAL  
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VALUES, WHICH HAVE ALREADY FALLEN ENOUGH.  
MY HUSBAND AND I ARE COUNTING ON OUR  
HOME VALUE TO CARRY US THROUGH OUR  
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TIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME Christi Lewis

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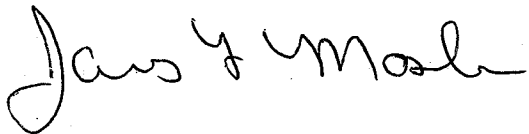
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Joan Leonhardi  
31040 Byers St.  
Menifee, CA  
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Hello Karen,

I just found out that, They have chosen the plan to come through Holland + Byers St. yesterday -

I was in shock. This is a quiet Equestrian St, part of a trail, to protect The Country way of Life.

Menifee has only become a City in the last 2 years. I have lived here 10 years and looked for 2 years for this quiet wonderful place to live and now you want to put high Power Poles down a dirt road, with No Street Lights, narrow and have buzzing Noises going on.

We have had several Fires here in this area with helicopter drops, I don't think that's a good idea, do you? There are a lot of animals living in this area, even buffalo. Can horses tell you that they can't sleep because of the buzz from your lines?

Also on this street are some of the tallest trees in Menifee.

Please look for an area that people don't live, a quiet peaceful life to put the poles.

There are many areas that is



Vacant, Then when they do build, people will know what they are getting into. Not after the fact.

1) Fire hazard - yes, high winds, tall trees (some of the oldest in Menifee) brush old barns, homes.

We don't have paved roads, Nor do we have street lights. We are O.K. with this. but if you have speeding kids driving and hitting your poles in the dark, IT'S NOT SAFE. Our street isn't wide enough...

IT would bring down property values, and most important, impair the health of children and adults. (proven fact) I don't have time to get the facts from the City of hope) But I know it's there. (as I just found out about this yesterday.) Children living within 5 miles of high power lines.

Sorry I don't have time to rewrite this, as I'm off to work and need to get this into the mail. So you'll have it by the 14th -

Thank you  
Joan Leonard

P.S.

I'm 64 and thought this was my retirement home - I will have to move if this happens - I have 9 grandchildren to think about their safety.

**From:** [John O'Doherty](#)  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2010 1:27:58 PM  
**Posted At:** Inbox  
**Conversation:** Alberhill Project  
**Subject:** Alberhill Project  
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[ELS JOD PROPERTY\\_112309\\_1005.pdf](#)  
[ELS "AFTER PUMP HOUSE" SITE PLAN\\_011510\\_1605.pdf](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is John O'Doherty.

I am the owner of the property on the SE corner of Collier Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street intersection in Lake Elsinore (see attached sketch).

I appeared and spoke at the recent hearing in Lake Elsinore.

For the last five years I have been in litigation with the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District who illegally took approx. 350 LF of the approx. 500 LF of my frontage onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The judge has ruled against me on the most recent ruling but I am in the process of appealing this ruling.

Earlier, the judge ruled that I owned the underlying fee in my half of the street and similarly for the property owner on the north half of the street.

I got no compensation for the taking of my property OR the damage to the remaining part of my property.

The judge decided that, even though the Water District has completely walled off my property and ejected me therefrom without any permission to access or traverse, the judge maintains that there is NO taking but rather just an easement right over my property. This, of course, is only too ridiculous for words.

So, in effect, irrespective of his later decisions, he has rightly ruled that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is private property.

As mentioned at the hearing, I would like to know what involvement the EVMWD has in this project because I am determined to fight their ongoing "scorched earth" (phrase coined by City of Lake Elsinore lawyer) policy and arrogance in doing just exactly what they please in the Lake Elsinore area.

Furthermore, I am a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California and have been practicing in that profession for over 40 years and in all my years practicing in the State of California I always understood that one could not build structures in easements, yet, somehow or another the District in the persons of Centex Homes was able to build a 12' high wall directly underneath the existing power lines. Is there one law for the people and another law for arrogant public agencies who feel they are answerable to no authority?

In addition, it is now clearly established, and supported by a former board member (see attached letter) that the District allowed Centex Homes to construct this pumping station in a flood plain without a permit and without taking any mitigation measures thereby causing a mini Katrina potential catastrophe. I am pursuing this matter also.

I would like to know why 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was chosen for this portion of the route? And the diagrams received don't indicate where the power line goes when it reaches the freeway. Does it turn right and then again traverse my property?

How is this power line going to be constructed over the existing walled in pumping station?

People should be taken out and shown poles and power lines exactly like those proposed to be constructed rather than have lay people try to imagine what they look like on paper.

The value of my property has been damaged to the extent of approx. \$1,000,000 to date and now it is proposed to bury it altogether and I can't help but think that the EVMWD is in cahoots with Edison to do me in entirely.

Apart from the physical and visibility damage that would be done to my property, I also have major concerns about Electromagnetic Radiation issues associated with power lines carrying the current that these lines are proposed to carry.

I know that this additional power supply might be necessary, and am happy that, unlike the way the EVMWD illegally grabbed my property and so far has gotten away with it (their motto most likely being that "possession is nine tenths of the law"), that at least the public is being consulted in a proper manner. The optimal solution should be found if the justification for this project is made and due consideration is given to all parties affected.

Thank you,

*Best regards,*

*John O'Doherty P.E.  
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**FRED W. CROWE**  
**18740 Collier Avenue**  
**Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**  
**Phone (951) 674-3439**

March 9, 2007

Board of Directors  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
313 Chaney Street,  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Board Members:

The time has come for me to resign from the EVMWD Corporate Board. Donna and I hope to do some traveling and may not be here for the next Corporate Board meeting.

I sincerely thank the directors for the privilege of serving on this Board. I believe it prudent for me to leave a few candid comments for your consideration.

First, it seems to me that the fees paid for outside engineering and planning studies are exorbitant. I don't know if this is the result of incompetent price-gouging consultants, the management of the District contracts or something else. I suspect it is some of each.

Second, it also seems to me that the District's attorney fees are excessive. Perhaps the result of the incompetence mentioned in the paragraph above.

Most every licensed professional and elected official in California must agree to uphold the Constitution of the State of California. One way this is accomplished is to abide by and enforce the state laws and local ordinances that are patterned to be relative to the State Constitution. I will enclose a portion of the California Constitution with this letter.

I will give you an example of how incompetence relates to the success of the District. The Third Street Sewer Pump Station: It appears to me that the District accepted plans and caused construction of the station that was not in conformance with state laws and local ordinances.

The site is built within a flood plain not in agreement with state laws, local grading and street improvement ordinances, also destroying the use of Third Street by the adjoining property owners who are both the "servient and dominant tenements" of Third Street easement.

Did the City of Lake Elsinore approve the grading and site improvement plans, issue an encroachment permit, or in any other way scheme with the District to take control of

Third Street? I believe the damages to each adjoining property owner could easily be a million dollars each. Did the District or their consultants not consider this?

The dedicated primary purpose for Third Street is to be a STREET. Nothing else can be placed in the street by anyone that destroys the primary purpose of the dedicated easement without compensating the adjoining owners for damages. (See State Constitution)

Local street improvement ordinances (Ord. #460, 461, etc.) are very specific that when the street use capacity is exceeded by drainage or utilities, the systems must be placed underground or removed from the right of way.

The Third Street flood control channel was placed on the Proposition F priority list that the voters approved around 1990. The box culverts under I-15 are 300-400 feet southerly of Third Street. The box culvert under Collier Avenue is on the northerly side of Third Street. The District and their consultants should have seen these conditions and known they were proposing the station within the flood plain.

One equitable solution to this mess: The Districts and consultants meet with the adjoining owners and agree to design and construct improvements within Third Street sufficient to provide major access to and from Collier Avenue for both commercial properties with all utilities and drainage underground and left-turn pockets in Third Street and Collier Avenue. The District should agree to pay for all land needed outside of existing Third Street.

I'm of the opinion that the District and consultants must consider the feasibility of any project before commencing final design. If constraints are discovered the work should be stopped immediately, determination made who is responsible for the error in judgment and the contract be renegotiated or cancelled.

The C.E.Q.A. Definition of Feasibility helped us set guide lines for quality control of projects and helped us better serve our clients in our business. I will enclose the C.E.Q.A. guidelines for quality control.

I would urge the Board to establish management policy that would benefit the District and protect the citizens that are affected by the District's actions.

I hope these comments will be of some help to the District. I thank you again for letting me serve the District. I am sure that I am leaving the District in good hands.

Sincerely,



Fred W. Crowe

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## WHAT DOES FEASIBLE MEAN?

### DEFINITION OF FEASIBLE:

"CAPABLE OF BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN A SUCCESSFUL MANNER WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, LEGAL, SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL FACTORS."

### FEASIBILITY:

- ◆ SITE SUITABILITY
- ◆ ECONOMIC VIABILITY
- ◆ AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- ◆ GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY
- ◆ OTHER PLANS OR REGULATORY LIMITATIONS
- ◆ JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES
- ◆ WHETHER THE PROPONENT CAN REASONABLY ACQUIRE, CONTROL OR OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO AN ALTERNATIVE SITE

KEY PROVISIONS: CEQA Guidelines §§ 15126(d)(5)(A); 15364

**California Constitution  
Preamble and Declaration of Rights**

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION  
PREAMBLE

We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our  
freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish this  
Constitution.



**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE 1 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

**SECTION 1. All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.**

**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION...  
ARTICLE 1 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

**SEC. 2. (a) Every person may freely speak, write and publish his or her sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of this right. A law may not restrain or abridge liberty of speech or press.**

**(b) A publisher, editor, reporter, or other person connected with or employed upon a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, or by a press association or wire service, or any person who has been so connected or employed, shall not be adjudged in contempt by a judicial, legislative, or administrative body, or any other body having the power to issue subpoenas, for refusing to disclose the source of any information procured while so connected or employed for publication in a newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication, or for refusing to disclose any unpublished information obtained or prepared in gathering, receiving or processing of information for communication to the public.**

**Not shall a radio or television news reporter or other person connected with or employed by a radio or television station, or any person who has been so connected or employed, be so adjudged in contempt for refusing to disclose the source of any information procured while so connected or employed for news or news commentary purposes on radio or television, or for refusing to disclose any unpublished information obtained or prepared in gathering, receiving or processing of information for communication to the public.**

**As used in this subdivision, "unpublished information" includes information not disseminated to the public by the person from whom disclosure is sought, whether or not related information has been disseminated and included, but is not limited to, all notes, outlines, photographs, tapes or other data of whatever sort not itself disseminated to the public through a medium of communication, whether or not published information based upon or related to such material has been disseminated.**

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**SEC. 3. The people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good.**

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SEC. 4. Free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference are guaranteed. This liberty of conscience does not excuse acts that are licentious or inconsistent with the peace or safety of the State. The Legislature shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.

A person is not incompetent to be a witness or juror because of his or her opinions on religious beliefs.

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SEC. 5. The military is subordinate to civil power. A standing army may not be maintained in peacetime. Soldiers may not be quartered in any house in wartime except as prescribed by law, or in peacetime without the owner's consent.

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SEC. 6. Slavery is prohibited. Involuntary servitude is prohibited except to punish crime.

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SEC. 7. (a) A person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law or without equal protection of the laws; provided, that nothing contained herein or elsewhere in this Constitution imposes upon the State of California or any public entity, board, or official any obligations or responsibilities which exceed those imposed by the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution with respect to the use of pupil school assignment or pupil transportation. In enforcing this subdivision or any other provision of this Constitution, no court of this State may impose upon the State of California or any public entity, board, or official any obligation or responsibility with respect to the use of pupil school assignment or pupil transportation, (1) except to remedy a specific violation by such party that would also constitute a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and (2) unless a federal court would be permitted under federal decisional law to impose that obligation or responsibility upon such party to remedy the specific violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Except as may be precluded by the Constitution of the United States, every existing judgment, decree, writ, or other order of a court of this State, whenever rendered, which includes provisions regarding pupil school assignment or pupil transportation, or which requires a plan including any such provisions shall, upon application to a court having jurisdiction by any interested person, be modified to conform to the provisions of this subdivision as amended, as applied to the facts which exist at the time of such modification.

In all actions or proceedings arising under or seeking application

of the amendments to this subdivision proposed by the Legislature at its 1979-80 Regular Session, all courts, wherein such actions or proceedings are or may hereafter be pending, shall give such actions or proceedings first precedence over all other civil actions therein.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the governing board of a school district from voluntarily continuing or commencing a school integration plan after the effective date of this subdivision as amended.

In amending this subdivision, the Legislature and people of the State of California find and declare that this amendment is necessary to serve compelling public interests, including those of making the most effective use of the limited financial resources now and prospectively available to support public education, maximizing the educational opportunities and protecting the health and safety of all public school pupils, enhancing the ability of parents to participate in the educational process, preserving harmony and tranquility in this State and its public schools, preventing the waste of scarce fuel resources, and protecting the environment.

(b) A citizen or class of citizens may not be granted privileges or immunities not granted on the same terms to all citizens.  
Privileges or immunities granted by the Legislature may be altered or revoked.

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SEC. 8. A person may not be disqualified from entering or pursuing a business, profession, vocation, or employment because of sex, race, creed, color, or national or ethnic origin.

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SEC. 9. A bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts may not be passed.

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SEC. 10. Witnesses may not be unreasonably detained. A person may not be imprisoned in a civil action for debt or tort, or in peacetime for a militia fine.

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SEC. 11. Habeas corpus may not be suspended unless required by public safety in cases of rebellion or invasion.

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SEC. 20. Noncitizens have the same property rights as citizens.

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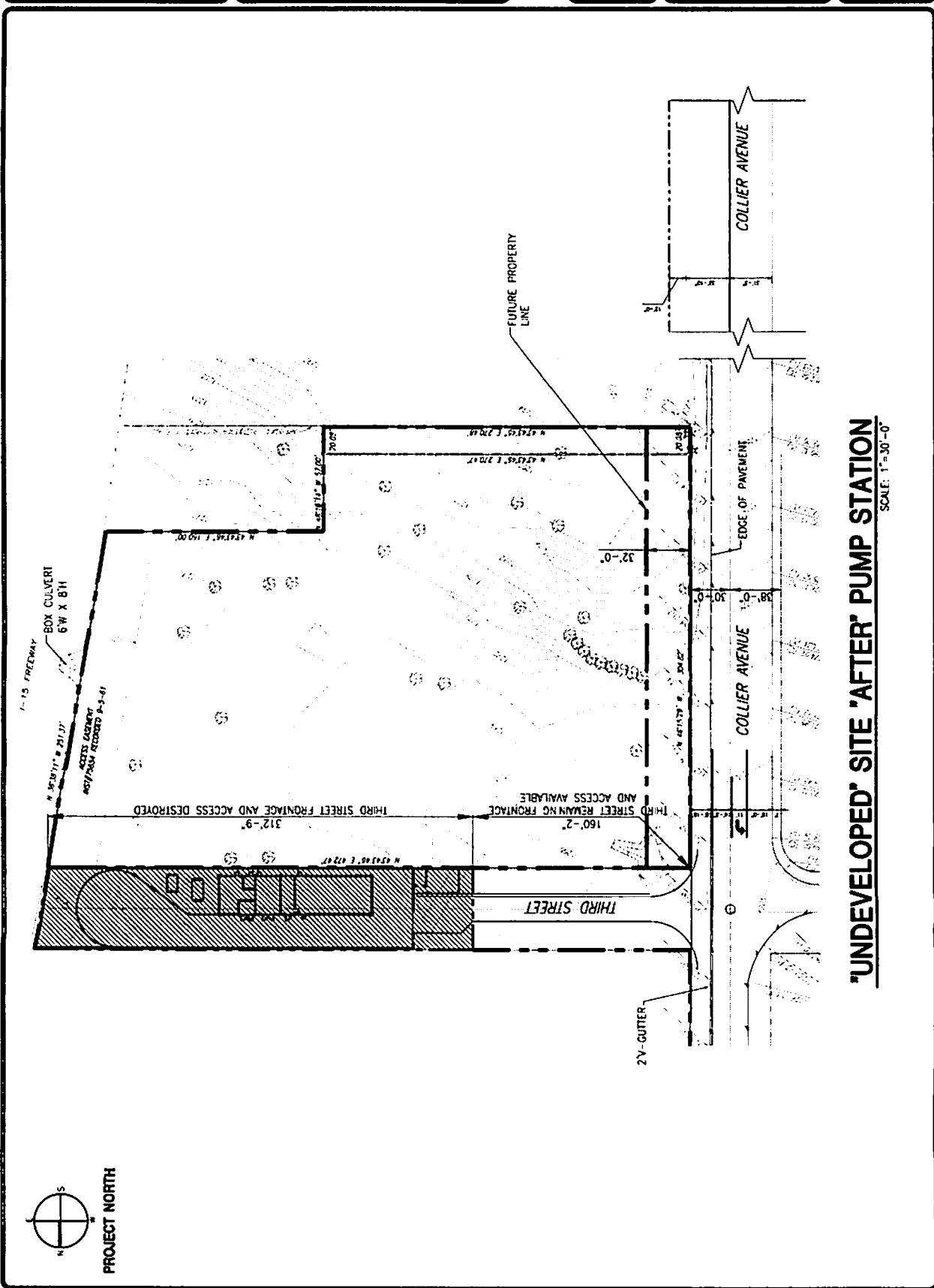
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**Subject:** Emailing: alberhillcomplaintletter  
**Attachments:** [alberhillcomplaintletter.pdf](#)

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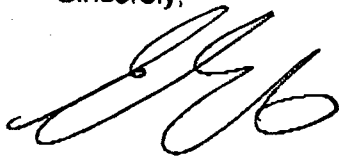
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Sincerely,



Ellen Titus  
25653 Lola Ct  
MENIFEE CA 92584

I am an active member of Eagle Ridge Church  
25891 Holland Rd  
Menifee, 92584

May 10, 2010

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From  
Donna and Sergio Castillo  
31011 Melvin st.  
Menifee CA, 92584

To  
Karen Ladd System Project Manger  
Alberhill System Project  
C/O Ecology and Environment, inc  
130 Batter Street, 4th Floor  
San Francisco CA, 94111

Re: Alberhill System Project Revision Protest due by May 14th, 2010

Dear Karen Ladd:

On May 10th 2010 i recieved a letter announcing the Alberhill System Project. We live on the corner of Holland and Melvin making us more affected by having these large poles on or near our property. Our concern is not only for the negative results of this proposed route, to ourselves, but for the whole equestrian rural neighborhood for the following reasons:

- Buyers Street is an approved Equestrian Trail by the Menifee Board of Supervisors.
- The negative impact to the health of the people and animals living on our properties would be devastating.
- The negative impact such a poles and voltage would have on the incentive to improve our nieghborhood by remodeling, and further building equestrian properties here. Many of us have plans on hold now due to the next to high voltage, the area will become a blight.
- This disrupts the planning and zoning of the equestrian and agrarian nature of this small area due to the very close proximity of high voltage lines to our homes, trees, plants barn and animals.
- The additional high voltage lines next to the Pachenga Indain Sacred Burial Ground located on Holland would be negatively impacted as well because it is a haven for the natural unique flora and fauna.
- The proximity of the high voltage lines will present a fire hazard close to our homes, barns, and animals because we are prone to high winds.

Please relocate these high voltage power lines whether, above the ground, or under it, elsewhere and do not disrupt our unique area and our lives. Everyone we talk to on this area agrees. There is not one person who thinks this not be decastating to our way of life here.

sincerely,  
Donna and Sergio Castillo

# California Public Utilities Commission

Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Alberhill System Project  
April 29, 2010

Thank you for participating in tonight's public scoping meeting. We would like to hear your comments.

**Note:** Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Name (please print):

THOMAS FUARMAN

Affiliation (if applicable):

951-970-6261

Phone:



Mr Thomas Fuhrman  
25690 Holland Rd  
Menifee, CA 92584-9762

Email:

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Address:

City, State, Zip:

## COMMENTS

THIS WILL IMPACT THE HEALTH OF  
THE 50 ANIMAL AND 300 PEOPLE THAT USE  
MY PROPERTY EVERY WEEK.

PLUS 10 OTHER PERSON THAT YOU HAVE  
ALREADY HEARD!

DON'T DO IT.

Comments must be received by May 14, 2010

Mail comments to Jensen Uchida c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc., 130 Battery Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111

Fax: (415) 981-0801 Project Voicemail: 877-313-5385 email: alberhill@ene.com

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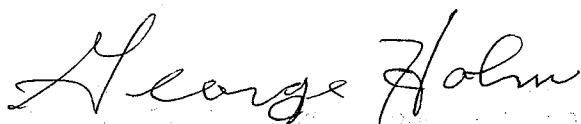
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**From:** [Peterson, Robert](#)  
**To:** [Santilli, Amber](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Alberhill System Project Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 14, 2010 12:15:15 PM

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**From:** Mary Saenz [mailto:mary@nearcal.com]  
**Posted At:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 2:55 PM  
**Posted To:** Alberhill  
**Conversation:** Alberhill System Project Comment  
**Subject:** Alberhill System Project Comment

We have a piece of property right at the location of your proposed substation site. Can you please provide me with the APN # for the location of the substation site?

Mary Saenz  
Near-Cal Corporation  
951 245-5400  
951 245-5416 fax



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Following the public comment period on the Notice of Preparation, the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will address comments received. A public meeting will also be held following release of the Draft EIR.

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Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
(951) 674-4517

Canyon Lake Library  
31516 Railroad Canyon Road  
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The CPUC hereby issues this Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

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CPUC Project Manager

State, Elsinore failed to regulate mines owned by legendary developer David Murdock

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The beautiful City of Lake Elsinore (motto "Dream Extreme") is just a short hop over the Ortega Highway from the much poorer O.C. communities of Coto de Caza and Ladera Ranch. As such it's an attractive and affordable bedroom community for would-be homeowners who can't yet buy in all South O.C. prices.

A number of O.C. developers are already considering building there, including The Shopoff Group, Spyglass Ranch LLC and Trumark.

But complaints from residents and, late last month, a DSHM survey that is used to help city by the State Mining and Geology Board raise questions about whether city leaders, in their effort to attract land developers, have been, well, lulled into sleep.



Elsinore surface mines photographed by Paulie Tehrani from her patio in Alberhill Ranch. Elsinore is ringed by surface mines, five of them owned by the giant business conglomerate Castle & Cooke, which extracts clay, rock and aggregate. The mines have names like Pacific Clay Pits, Mountain Avenue Pit #2, and Murdock Alberhill Ranch (that's would be legendary developer David H. Murdock, chairman and CEO of C&C, more of whom you'll hear in a bit.)

Castle and Cooke also is building a 500-plus acre, 1,300 home development, Alberhill Ranch, adjacent to several of the working mines and overlying portions of an old mine, according to city officials.

Neighbors, including some Alberhill homeowners, have complained for years that the mines are a source of dust, pollution and gas leaks, one such ~~near the site of the proposed Alberhill Elementary School~~ reported near the site of the proposed Alberhill Elementary School.

Questions have been raised as to whether portions of Alberhill were built on old mining land that was not properly reclaimed. (City officials concede that this is, technically, true - more on this in a bit.)

Anyway state officials, who have ceded "lead agency" status over the mines to the city, are taking notice. In a five-page delinquent notice sent to the city's public works director December 21, state officials charge that the city failed to inspect the mines as required by law, failed to cite the operators for violations of state mining laws, failed to ensure that the mines had updated reclamation plans and bonds ensuring that funds were available to reclaim them; and allowed operators to abandon three of the mines, including the one underlying portions of the housing development.

Improperly reclaimed mines can cause big problems, including toxic runoff, floods, gas leaks and other problems. In addition, state officials said they also found instances where the working mines had expanded out of their approved footprint, and

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had inadequate erosion control. (Read the whole notice [here](#). [Ignore 45 day notice](#) 1/14/10).

#### CITY OFFICIALS "BLINDSIDED"

"It's disappointing to see some of these claims," said Ken Seumalo, the city's public works director. "I'm not pointing fingers, the state knows mining, and we are the lead agency, but we feel like we are blindsided. What they are saying is we are not administering (mining law) appropriately."

Seumalo conceded some mistakes, in particular the city's failure to follow all the steps required to legally reclaim the mine land that now underlies portions of Alberhill Ranch. Seumalo said he thinks that most of the land under the homes was never actually mined but some parts of the development, including a large park, were and in any case much of the land was covered by a state reclamation plan that should have been sent to state mine regulators for final review, but wasn't.

"I don't want to make it sound like we are faultless. There are some errors that we made. We followed the intent, we just missed a step," Seumalo said.

The Watchdog twice called and twice e-mailed a copy of the deficiency notice to David Hollingsworth, who is president of both Pacific Clay Products and Pacific Aggregates, Castle & Cooke's mining subsidiaries, to get their response to the state charges. We'll share the company's response if and when they provide one.

But the ~~deficiencies detailed by the state~~ echo some of the complaints that Alberhill residents Paulie Tehrani and Sharon Gallina have been making for years: to the city, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and finally to the state Office of Mine Reclamation.

"I will be surprised if justice is given to us. I believe that deep pockets can do anything they want in the city of Elsinore," Tehrani said.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT, BILLIONAIRE

Castle & Cooke certainly does have deep pockets.

The company ~~owns most of the island of Lanai (89,000 acres), 17,000 acres in~~ California, plus thousands of acres more in each of Oahu, North Carolina, Arizona and Illinois.



Castle & Cooke's Chairman.

CEO and majority owner, 86-year-old David H. Murdock, is a legendary self-made businessman, a high school dropout now estimated by Forbes magazine to be worth \$2.5 billion, the 374th richest human in the world.

When he took over Castle & Cooke in 1985 it was ~~apparently~~ near bankruptcy, Murdock got, in addition to the foundering agribusiness, the island of Lanai and a struggling pineapple canner, Dole Food Co., which Murdock ~~retail~~ ~~into an~~ agribusiness powerhouse with ~~annual revenue~~ ~~now~~ \$7 billion.

According to articles ~~here in the Riverside Press Enterprise~~ and also ~~here~~, Murdock has contributed personally to help elect pro-development council people in Elsinore, with contributions from him, Castle & Cooke and other related entities totaling in excess of \$250,000 since 2003.

Seumalo rejected the notion that the tiny city of Elsinore (population 51,000) is being unfairly influenced by the giant land developer. "We have development standards, a development code. We do have a competent mining consultant. I feel like we are pretty well staffed."

Seumalo added that he doesn't always agree with the citizen watchdogs who sign their names "Paulie and Sharon," but said they are often the eyes and ears of city staff. "They are a squeaky wheel, but there is a value of that to the city. The mines need to operate in compliance with all these regulations."

The city's consultant, a company called ~~Landscape Inc.~~, is preparing a response to the deficiency notice. It's due to the state in early February.

More cities:

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## **Appendix D**

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**Comment Letters from Thirty-Day Public Comment Period After  
Circulation of the Second Alberhill Project Notice of Preparation  
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**Re: Pechanga Tribe Comments on the Notice of Amended Proponent's Environmental Assessment and Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022)**

Dear Ms. Ladd:

This comment letter is written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luisecio Indians (hereinafter, "the Tribe"), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government. The Tribe formally requests, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the entire CEQA environmental review process for the duration of the above referenced project (the "Project") as well as the regulatory process. Please add the Tribe to your distribution list(s) for public notices and circulation of all documents, including environmental review documents, archeological reports, and all documents pertaining to this Project. The Tribe further requests to be directly notified of all public hearings and scheduled approvals concerning this Project. Please incorporate these comments into the record of approval for this Project as well.

The Tribe submits these comments concerning the Project's potential impacts to cultural resources in conjunction with the environmental and regulatory review of the Project and to assist the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in preparing appropriate mitigation for the cultural resources that may be discovered during development of this Project.

Comments were submitted by the Tribe for the original Notice of Preparation (NOP) in May 2010 on this Project. At that time, the Tribe requested to begin consultation with the CPUC as we have additional information that the archaeological studies did not reflect. To date, the Tribe has still not been contacted to begin consultation with the CPUC or Southern California Edison (SCE) and we are very concerned that we were not contacted during the revisions to the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) in which the preferred Alignments will impact significant tribal and cultural resources. Further, we have not been provided the opportunity to

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participate during the archaeological survey(s) and physically view the proposed Project Alternatives which will further assist in our determination of impacts to these cultural resources.

Finally, the Amended PEA states that there will be biological and cultural studies that will be conducted prior to construction activities on the Project in order to "...modify the project design in order to avoid sensitive resources, or to implement Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) to minimize the impact to sensitive resources..." The Tribe believes that this is an ineffective determination and is deferred mitigation. Under CEQA, deferred mitigation is generally prohibited, and further the deferral of conducting studies which would identify potential impacts to a later date could be a violation of CEQA. (See, e.g., *Sandstrom v. County of Mendocino* (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1988) 202 Cal. App. 3d 296).

#### THE CPUC MUST INCLUDE INVOLVEMENT OF AND CONSULTATION WITH THE PECHANGA TRIBE IN ITS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

It has been the intent of the Federal Government<sup>1</sup> and the State of California<sup>2</sup> that Indian tribes be consulted with regard to issues which impact cultural and spiritual resources, as well as other governmental concerns. The responsibility to consult with Indian tribes stems from the unique government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes. This arises when tribal interests are affected by the actions of governmental agencies and departments. In this case, it is undisputed that the project lies within the Pechanga Tribe's traditional territory. Therefore, in order to comply with CEQA and other applicable Federal and California law, it is imperative that the CPUC consult with the Tribe in order to guarantee an adequate basis of knowledge for an appropriate evaluation of the Project effects, as well as generating adequate mitigation measures.

#### PECHANGA CULTURAL AFFILIATION TO PROJECT AREA

The Pechanga Tribe has previously submitted cultural affiliation details on the Project area in prior comments however; the following is being provided again as a basis for beginning consultation with the CPUC and SCE.

The Tribe, as well as the archaeological report, asserts that the Project area is part of Luisefio, and therefore the Tribe's, aboriginal territory as evidenced by the existence of Luisefio place names, *toota yixelval* (rock art, pictographs, petroglyphs), and an extensive Luisefio artifact record in the vicinity of the Project. This culturally sensitive area is affiliated with the Pechanga Band of Luisefio Indians because of the Tribe's cultural ties to this area as well as extensive history with Lead Agencies in this area and monitoring other projects within the area.

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See e.g., Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994 on Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments, Executive Order of November 6, 2000 on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, Executive Memorandum of September 23, 2004 on Government-to-Government Relationships with Tribal Governments, and Executive Memorandum of November 5, 2009 on Tribal Consultation.

<sup>2</sup>See California Public Resource Code §5097.9 et seq.; California Government Code §§65351, 65352.3 and 65352.4



D. L. True, C. W. Meighan, and Harvey Crew<sup>3</sup> stated that the California archaeologist is blessed "with the fact that the nineteenth-century Indians of the state were direct descendents of many of the Indians recovered archaeologically, living lives not unlike those of their ancestors." Similarly, the Tribe knows that their ancestors lived on this land and that the Luisefio peoples still live in their traditional lands. The Tribe's knowledge of our ancestral boundaries is based on reliable information passed down to us from our elders; published academic works in the areas of anthropology, history and ethno-history; and through recorded ethnographic and linguistic accounts. The Pechanga Tribe's knowledge of our ancestral boundaries is based on reliable information passed down to us from our elders; published academic works in the areas of anthropology, history and ethno-history; and through recorded ethnographic and linguistic accounts. Many anthropologists and historians include the Project in their descriptions (Bean 1974; Sparkman 1908; Kroeber 1925; Oxendine 1989; White 1963; Harvey 1974; Smith and Freers 1994), and such territory descriptions correspond with that communicated to the Pechanga people by our elders. While historic accounts and anthropological and linguistic theories are important in determining traditional Liaise() territory, the most critical sources of information used to define our traditional territories are our songs, creation accounts, and oral traditions.

Luisefio history originates with the creation of all things at *'exva Temeeeku*, the present day City of Temecula, and dispersing out to all corners of creation (what is today known as Luisefio territory). It was at Temecula that the first human *Wuyoot* lived and taught the people, and here that he became sick, finally expiring at Lake Elsinore. Many of our songs relate the tale of the people taking the dying *Wuyoot* to the many hot springs at Elsinore, where he died (DuBois 1908). He was cremated at *'exvct Temeeeku*. It is the Luisefio creation account that connects Elsinore to Temecula, and thus to the Temecula people who were evicted and moved to the Pechanga Reservation, and now known as the Pechanga Band of Luisello Mission Indians (the Pechanga Tribe). From Temecula, the people spread out, establishing villages and marking their territories. The first people also became the mountains, plants, animals and heavenly bodies.

Many traditions and stories are passed from generation to generation by songs. Lake Elsinore and its surrounding environs is one the location for noteworthy events in Luisefio culture. For example, it is the place where two of the *Kciamatani* (first people), *Ocrwqaw* and *Chixeemal*, had their first menses, which is the subject of one of the girls' coming-of-age songs (DuBois 1908). Another song recounts the travels of the people to the Elsinore area after a great flood (DuBois 1908). From here, they again spread out to the north, south, east and west. Three songs, called *Monlivol*, are songs of the places and landmarks that were destinations of the Luisefio ancestors, several of which are located near the Project area. They describe the exact route of the Temecula (Pechanga) people and the landmarks made by each to claim title to places in their migrations (DuBois 1908:110). In addition, Pechanga elders state that the

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<sup>3</sup>D. L. True, C. W. Meighan, and Harvey Crew. Archaeological Investigations at Molpa. San Diego County. California, University of California Press 1974 Vol. 11, 1-176

Temecula/Pechanga people had usage/gathering rights to an area extending from Rawson Canyon on the east, over to Lake Mathews on the northwest, down Temescat Canyon to Temecula, eastward to Aguanga, and then along the crest of the Cahuilla range back to Rawson Canyon. All areas of the Project are located within this culturally affiliated territory. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Most Likely Descendent (MLD) files substantiate this habitation and migration record from oral tradition. These examples illustrate a direct correlation between the oral tradition and the physical place; proving the importance of songs and stories as a valid source of information outside of the published anthropological data.

The proposed Project is located near four major Village Complexes - the Audie Murphy village complex-located immediately to the west of the Murrieta Road alignment area; Meadowbrook Complex - located to the northeast of Lake Elsinore and potentially within the 5001(V area; *Pciayaxchi* — the large village that was situated to the north of Lake Elsinore, west of the Project and *Taawila* — also known as the Ringing Rock Complex and Christianson-Webb. All villages contain domestic activity areas as well as sacred and ceremonial components.

*Thom yixelval* (rock art) is also an important element in the determination of Luiseflo territorial boundaries. *Thom yixelval* can consist of petroglyphs (incised) elements, or pictographs (painted) elements. The science of archaeology tells us that places can be described through these elements. Riverside and Northern San Diego Counties are home to red-pigmented pictograph panels. Archaeologists have adopted the name for these pictograph-versions, as defined by Ken Hedges of the Museum of Man, as the San Luis Rey style. The San Luis Rey style incorporates elements which include chevrons, zig-zags, dot patterns, sunbursts, handprints, net/chain, anthropomorphic (human-like) and zoomorphic (animal-like) designs. Tribal historians and photographs inform us that some design elements are reminiscent of Luiseflo ground paintings. A few of these design elements, particularly the flower motifs, the net/chain and zig-zags, were sometimes depicted in Luiseflo basket designs and can be observed in remaining baskets and textiles today.

An additional type of *loofa yixelval*, identified by archaeologists also as rock art or petroglyphs, are cupules. Throughout Luiseflo territory, there are certain types of large boulders, taking the shape of mushrooms or waves, which contain numerous small pecked and ground indentations, or cupules. One such example of this style of *toota yixelval* was identified during the archaeological survey (P-33-001027). Additionally, according to historian Constance DuBois:

When the people scattered from Ekvo Temeko, Temecula, they were very powerful. When they got to a place, they would sing a song to make water come there, and would call that place theirs; or they would scoop out a hollow in a rock with their hands to have that for their mark as a claim upon the land. The different parties of people had their own marks. For instance, Albanas's ancestors had theirs, and Lucario's people had theirs, and their own songs of Munival to tell

how they traveled from "Temecula, of the spots where they stopped and about the different places they claimed (1908:158).

Our songs and stories, as well as academic works and recorded archaeological/cultural sites, demonstrate that the Luiseño people who occupied the Project area are ancestors of the present-day Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, and as such, Pechanga is the appropriate culturally affiliated tribe for projects that impact this geographic area.

In addition, the Pechanga Tribe has a long modern day history of involvement with Projects in the Alberhill, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Temescal Valley and Wildomar areas. Not only has the Pechanga Tribe been involved, but it has been given the designation of the consulting tribe or affiliated tribe on many projects located in the Cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar and Menifee, and their spheres of influence. In addition, Pechanga was the consulting tribe on the Audie Murphy Project and are currently the caretakers of the Meadowbrook and Ringing Rock (*Tciawlla*) Village Complexes. Moreover, the Pechanga Tribe has been the only tribe to assume the role of MLD in the Lake Elsinore area which is confirmed by Native American Heritage Commission records.

The Tribe has additional information regarding specific place names and sensitive cultural areas that the Project may impact which are not included in this letter to protect their confidentiality. We request an opportunity to meet with CPUC and SCE to further explain and provide documentation and information concerning our specific cultural affiliation to and knowledge of these lands and the Project area.

#### CULTURAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE EVALUATED IN THE DEIR

The proposed Project is on land that is within the traditional territory of the Luiseño and therefore, the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. The Tribe's primary concerns stem from the Project's likely impacts on Native American cultural resources. The Tribe is concerned about both the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as Luiseño village sites and archaeological items which would be displaced by ground disturbing work on the Project, and on the proper and lawful treatment of cultural items, Native American human remains and sacred items likely to be discovered in the course of the work.

After review of the 2011 Notice of Preparation (NOP), the Tribe has specific concerns regarding the Project. As in May 2010, we request consultation with the CPUC and SCE representatives regarding the important and significant cultural resources that will be impacted by the Project. The Tribe has information that, due to sensitivity and specific tribal policies, cannot necessarily be made public and to which archaeologists are not privy. Early consultation with us ensures that concerns about potential impacts to significant and important cultural resources are addressed in a sensitive and meaningful manner. Relying solely on the archaeological consultant for information without contacting a professional tribal consultant regarding *their* ancestors and *their* history does not fulfill the spirit of consultation nor does it

acknowledge that tribes themselves know specific information about the land, its past history and uses and, more importantly, its ancestors that is vital in the planning process.

*The Tribe was not Notified by the PEA Revisions' and has yet to Begin Consultation*

It is imperative that the DEIR presents an adequate and thorough study of cultural resources within the Project area and within the region. The Tribe would like to emphasize that portions of the proposed Project are located within multiple habitation sites and a large village complex, portions of which have been preserved and protected by the County of Riverside and the City of Menifee. Habitation sites and village complexes are of utmost importance to the Tribe because they are the last physical remains of where the ancestors lived. They contain information and data that are reflective of every aspect of tribal culture. It is well known that native village and habitation complexes enveloped large areas of land, sometimes several square miles. The Tribe understands that, for various reasons, Cultural Resource Management (CRM) work is often limited to the proposed project with no resources expended for a regional analysis. However, in order to understand the full impacts of the Project on cultural resources, not only those resources within the Project area, but also the adjacent resources must be taken into account from not only a scientific archaeological perspective but from a cultural one as well. The Tribe asserts that in the DEIR, any analysis of impacts to cultural resources for this Project area must necessarily include all village complexes, even if such complexes exist adjacent to or nearby the Project area.

Based upon the information presented in the revised PEA, the majority of the Alternatives will be places within existing Right-of-Ways (ROWs). However, without the Tribe's input regarding the identification of significant cultural resources in these areas, any impacts and/or destruction to this area are a great irreparable loss to tribal culture and scientific knowledge and cannot possibly be mitigated to a 'less than significant' level. As we noted in May 2010, the archaeological study noted several sites that we know to be related to the village complexes in the area. Further, because many of these ROWs were never monitored — either archaeologically or tribally, the potential for previously undiscovered subsurface resources is always high.

Additionally, the Tribe understands that, for management purposes, cultural sites are often recorded as separate entities. However, this has caused a narrow interpretation of cultural areas; each individual 'site' is often viewed as a single, isolated event and little to no research is conducted on the surrounding areas that may indicate a larger habitation area or Village Complex, as has been done on this Project to date. If indiscriminate destruction of individual "sites" (i.e., individual features) is allowed to continue with little to no effort put forth by the Lead Agency or Archaeologists to attempt to accommodate both the goal of preservation alongside the goal of development, the only remaining features of our villages will be small portions that have been chosen by archaeologists to be "saved" based only on a scientific assessment and valuation of the site rather than the cultural significance attributed to it by the Tribe. This sort of methodology completely ignores the value of an individual feature/site's

contribution to the entire habitation area and the cultural importance of these villages and larger areas of habitation. The Tribe would like to encourage archaeologists to look at how these features relate to each other and to the larger environment or landscape instead of separating them into discrete and isolated sites and thus diminishing their importance.

*Cultural Studies Should be Completed Prior to  
Approval and Certification of the DEIR*

The Tribe is concerned that not all the Project alternatives, especially any new locations determined in the PEA, have been appropriately surveyed for cultural resources. Although two archaeological studies were conducted in 2005 and 2009, it is not clear in the revised PEA if all the alternatives have been surveyed; the Tribe believes that the Project should be fully surveyed for evaluation in the DEIR with a complete assessment of the activity areas/cultural sites located within the Project boundaries and within a reasonable vicinity of the Project. Further, the Tribe requests to be involved in all assessment and evaluation done by the CPUC and SCE, including participating in all archaeological surveys and excavation programs, and to participate as a partner in interpreting the results and devising appropriate mitigation based upon those results.

The Pechanga Tribe requests that the CPUC take steps for the protection of any uncovered resources in the process of these assessments. The additional surveys may reveal significant cultural resources and sites which may be eligible for inclusion in the historic site registers, may contain human remains and/or may be sacred Luisefio sites. The Pechanga Tribe believes that only after the completion of more extensive surveys by both the Project Archaeologist and the Pechanga Tribe, will a complete assessment of impacts be accurate.

Additionally, the revised PEA indicates that there will be biological and cultural studies that will be conducted prior to construction activities however only biological and paleontological studies are recommended. We do not understand what cultural studies would need to be conducted this late in the Project. The Tribe believes that this is deferred mitigation which is generally disfavored under CEQA and creates an uncertainty in the mitigation measures, as it defers mitigation to a later time yet lacks performance standards to ensure that impacts to significant cultural resources will be addressed and mitigated.

**REQUESTED TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT AND MITIGATION**

The proposed Project is on land that is within the traditional territory of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians. The Pechanga Band is not opposed to this Project. The Tribe's primary concerns stem from the Project's proposed impacts on Native American cultural resources. The Tribe is concerned about both the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as Luiseno village sites, sacred sites and archaeological items which would be displaced by ground disturbing work on the Project, and on the proper and lawful treatment of

cultural items, Native American human remains and sacred items likely to be discovered in the course of the work.

Given the sensitivity of the area, inadvertent discoveries are foreseeable impacts and thus need to be appropriately mitigated for within the confines of the Project. The identification of surface resources during an archaeological survey should not be the sole determining factor in deciding whether mitigation measures for inadvertent discoveries are required. The cultural significance of the area should play a large part in determining whether specifications concerning unanticipated discoveries should be included.

The Tribe requests to be involved and to participate with the CPUC and SCE in assuring that an adequate EIR is completed, and in developing all monitoring and mitigation plans and measures for the duration of the Project. In addition, given the sensitivity of the Project area, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that Pechanga tribal monitors be required to be present during all ground-disturbing activities conducted in connection with the Project, including any additional archeological excavations performed.

The CEQA Guidelines state that lead agencies should make provisions for inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5). As such, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that an agreement specifying appropriate treatment of inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources be executed between the Project Applicant/Developer and the Pechanga Tribe.

The Tribe believes that adequate cultural resources assessments and management must always include a component which addresses inadvertent discoveries. Every major State and Federal law dealing with cultural resources includes provisions addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: CEQA (Cal. Pub. Resources Code §21083.2(i); 14 CCR §1506a.5(t)); Section 106 (36 CFR §800.13); NAGPRA (43 CFR §10.4). Moreover, most state and federal agencies have guidelines or provisions for addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: FHWA, Section 4(1) Regulations - 771.135(g); CALTRANS, Standard Environmental Reference - 5-10.2 and 5-10.3). Because of the extensive presence of the Tribe's ancestors within the Project area, it is not unreasonable to expect to find vestiges of that presence. Such cultural resources and artifacts are significant to the Tribe as they are reminders of their ancestors. Moreover, the Tribe is expected to protect and assure that all cultural sites of its ancestors are appropriately treated in a respectful manner. Therefore, as noted previously, it is crucial to adequately address the potential for inadvertent discoveries.

Further, the Pechanga Tribe believes that if human remains are discovered, State law would apply and the mitigation measures for the permit must account for this. According to the California Public Resources Code, § 5097.98, if Native American human remains are discovered, the Native American Heritage Commission must name a "most likely descendant," who shall be consulted as to the appropriate disposition of the remains. Given the Project's location in Pechanga territory, the Pechanga Tribe intends to assert its right pursuant to California law with regard to any remains or items discovered in the course of this Project.

### PROJECT MITIGATION MEASURES

The Pechanga Tribe will itself be engaging in further assessment of the Project area, in consultation with tribal elders, to identify more specific information about this culturally sensitive area. The Tribe requests that the CPUC, SCE and the Project Archaeologist work directly with the Tribe to thoroughly evaluate and assess potential impacts to the Project Area, any new Alternatives and any proposed off-site impacts. The Tribe further requests copies of the four studies referenced in the archaeological study as Chmiel and Cooley 2008; Cooley and Craft 2008; Craft and Cooley 2008; Lerch and Gray 2006 so that we may make a more thorough evaluation of the impacts to cultural resources. The Tribe also requests that, if they will be impacted in any way by the new Alternatives, sites P-33-001027 and P-33-015724 be avoided and preserved *in situ*.

Moreover, the Tribe possesses necessary information about the cultural sensitivity of this area that an archaeological survey alone cannot reveal, and should be consulted to assist in identifying and mitigating the cultural resources impacts for this Project as soon as possible. The Tribe had previously requested to have a professional tribal monitor participate in the site survey already conducted, however we were not informed of the fieldwork. Therefore, we also request to be included in any future site visits, surveys and excavations to assist the Project Archaeologist in assessing impacts to any new Alternatives in the Project area. The Tribe further requests detailed copies of the Project maps that define the exact boundaries of the Project components so that we may continue to refine the identification of sites that may be impacted.

As an initial matter, the Tribe requests the following mitigation measures be included in the DEIR in order to address the recommendations as proposed in the archaeological study and to address inadvertent discoveries as well as Native American participation during earthmoving activities. The Tribe may submit additional suggested mitigation to specifically address proposed impacts to any sites or resources within the Project area:

- MM 1      Prior to beginning Project construction, SCE shall retain a Secretary of the Interior/Riverside County qualified archaeological monitor to monitor all ground-disturbing activities in an effort to identify any unknown archaeological resources. Any newly discovered cultural resource deposits shall be subject to a cultural resources evaluation.
- MM 2      At least 30 days prior to beginning Project construction, SCE shall contact the Pechanga Tribe to notify the Tribe of grading, excavation and the monitoring program, and to develop a Cultural Resources Treatment and Monitoring Agreement. The Agreement shall address the treatment of known cultural resources, the designation, responsibilities, and participation of professional Native American Tribal monitors during grading, excavation and ground disturbing activities; Project grading and development scheduling; terms of compensation for tribal monitors; and treatment and final disposition of any

cultural resources, sacred sites, and human remains discovered on the site.

- MM 3 Prior to beginning Project construction, the Project Archaeologist shall file a pre-grading report with SCE (if required) to document the proposed methodology for grading activity observation. Said methodology shall include the requirement for a qualified archaeological monitor to be present and to have the authority to stop and redirect grading activities. In accordance with the agreement required in MM 2, the archaeological monitor's authority to stop and redirect grading will be exercised in consultation with the Pechanga Tribe in order to evaluate the significance of any archaeological resources discovered on the property. Tribal monitors shall be allowed to monitor all grading, excavation and groundbreaking activities, and shall also have the authority to stop and redirect grading activities in consultation with the Project archaeologist.
- MM 4 The landowner shall relinquish ownership of all cultural resources, including sacred items, burial goods and all archaeological artifacts that are found on the Project area to the Pechanga Tribe for proper treatment and disposition.
- MM 5 All sacred sites, should they be encountered within the Project area, shall be avoided and preserved as the preferred mitigation, if feasible.
- MM 6 If human remains are encountered, California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Riverside County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin. Further, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98(b) remains shall be left in place and free from disturbance until a final decision as to the treatment and disposition has been made. If the Riverside County Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission must be contacted within 24 hours. The Native American Heritage Commission must then identify the "most likely descendant(s)" within 48 hours of receiving notification of the discovery. The most likely descendant(s) shall then make recommendations, and engage in consultations concerning the treatment of the remains as provided in Public Resources Code 5097.98 and the Treatment Agreement described in MM 2.
- MM 7 If inadvertent discoveries of subsurface archaeological resources are discovered during grading, SCE, the Project Archaeologist, and the Tribe shall assess the significance of such resources and shall meet and confer regarding the mitigation for such resources. SCE shall make the determination of significance if the Tribe and project Archaeologist cannot agree on the significance or the mitigation for such resources, based on the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act with respect to archaeological resources and shall take into account the religious beliefs, customs, and practices of the Pechanga Tribe.

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The Tribe reserves the right to fully participate in the environmental review process, as well as to provide further comment on the Project's impacts to cultural resources and potential mitigation for such impacts. Further, the Tribe reserves the right to participate in the regulatory process and provide comment on issues pertaining to the regulatory process and Project approval.

The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to working together with the CPUC in protecting the invaluable Pechanga cultural resources found in the Project area. Please contact me at 951-770-8104 once you have had a chance to review these comments so that we can begin consultation and analysis of impacts to cultural resources. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Anna Hoover  
Cultural Analyst

Cc Pechanga Office of the General Counsel  
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# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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September 6, 2011

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## **Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

### **Air Quality Analysis**

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. The lead agency may wish to consider using land use emissions estimating software such as URBEMIS 2007 or the recently released CalEEMod. These models are available on the SCAQMD Website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html>.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2\\_5/PM2\\_5.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html).

In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile\\_toxic/mobile\\_toxic.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html). An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

### **Mitigation Measures**

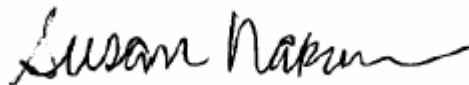
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html). Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,



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# **Fred W. Daniel**

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August 11, 2011

Alberhill System Project  
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Re: Public Comment

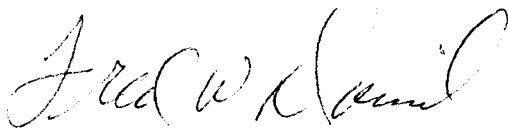
I own and operate a business in the area affected by the proposed SCE project. Specifically, SCE has proposed the construction of the Alberhill substation, with associated transmission lines and system upgrades to support this substation.

I support SCE in this project and believe it will add to the quality of life for the residents of the area, and will insure continued reliable electric power for the residents and businesses concerned.

I will not be able to attend any of the public hearing, but I hope this letter will serve to demonstrate my support for SCE, and their ongoing effort to improve the reliability of the electric service they provide.

If you have any questions or require further information, I can be reached at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred W. Daniel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

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**From:** Van Ferry <vanruthferry@hotmail.com>  
**Posted At:** Monday, August 22, 2011 12:12 PM  
**Conversation:** Alberhill Systme Project, Newcomb - Comment re: Murrieta Road  
**Subject:** Alberhill Systme Project, Newcomb - Comment re: Murrieta Road  
**Categories:** Red Category

Decision Makers for the Alberhill Project:

Please read the letter below. We are also attaching this in a Word document. Please do not run your towers and lines south on Murrieta Road to Bundy Canyon Road.

With strong impact,  
Van and Ruth Ferry

August 22, 2011

To: Karen Ladd, Project Manager, Alberhill System Project  
Mr. Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager  
Mr. Raymond Hicks, SCE Regional Manager

RE: Proposed route for towers and lines on Murrieta Road, Menifee

Decision Makers,

I have recently become aware of your intentions to run towers and high-yield transmission lines south on Murrieta Road to Bundy Canyon Road. My husband and I and all of our neighbors in the Calder Ranch community strongly object to this plan.

Calder Ranch is one of the premier communities in Menifee, with large, high-quality homes on one-acre sites. When the developer established this neighborhood, he spent well over \$14 million dollars to put all utilities underground. The price of the homes included this cost, and the underground utilities are one of the major purchase/sales values here. It is deceptive and inappropriate for SCE and the CPUC to now run unsightly 85 to 95 foot poles with high-yield lines down this street, on top of the underground utilities. It will dramatically alter the beauty and rural feel of our homes.

The street was also widened at the requirement of governing/permitting bodies. This means that if towers and lines were to be put down Murrieta Road they would be almost over the top of new homes that have not even been occupied yet.

The health risks associated with Electric Magnetic Fields (EMF) are not acceptable for the neighborhoods with higher density of homes that run on both side of Murrieta Road. New homes are also planned on the east side of Murrieta.

In this struggling economy, putting these unsightly poles and lines with their associated health risks in this area will further will further inhibit the real estate growth so desperately needed by the City of Menifee.

In summary, any lines run by SCE/CPUC should be routed through undeveloped areas with fewer residents, and one that will produce less impact on the economy of the City.

Thank you for considering these important aspects when you seek to run lines from one sub-station to another.

Respectfully,  
Van and Ruth Ferry  
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**From:** Fred and Carol Lewis <lewis4x4@msn.com>  
**Posted At:** Sunday, August 21, 2011 7:39 PM  
**Conversation:** Alberhill System Project - Protest  
  
**Subject:** Alberhill System Project - Protest  
  
**Categories:** Red Category

I live in city of Menifee, along Murietta road, where SCE is planning to build a 115kV transmission line. Our community was never notified by SCE that this was planned, and I live within 300 ft. Our community is protesting this transmission line construction. We are sending letters of protest as well to CPUC, and to City of Menifee.

We only read about this addition to the project last week in the newspaper.

Please keep me posted of status.

Fred Lewis  
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cell 909-435-1812

August 19, 2011

Alberhill System Project  
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Subject: Southern California Edison  
Alberhill System Project -(Application No. [A.09-09-022])

**Attn: Karen Ladd, Project Manager**

**cc: Mr. Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission**

This project is proposing development of a 115kV transmission line on Murietta Rd in city of Menifee, south of Newport Rd, to Scott Rd.

I live in Calder Ranch community, frontage to Murietta Rd. I am a director on our POA board. Our community consists of many large ranch homes on acre lots, and our developer, who is still building homes here, has put all utilities underground, and spent large sums of money widening Murietta Rd, placing all utilities underground. We have no power poles or any other poles on Murietta Rd. along our community.

Now, SCE has contacted the city, and we just learned through the newspaper that they intend to build 90 ft concrete towers and transmission lines along Murietta Rd. Our community is absolutely enraged that this is being planned.

There are hundreds of acres of open land, just to the west of our community, and we see no reason why we have to live right under these towers and transmission lines, running along our community front wall, and across our main entrance. They will lower our property values, and ruin the quality of life we have. They just don't belong on a community road, with many new homes going in, churches and schools all along this section of the road.

SCE has never contacted us about this, and we request this development be denied. Please let us know what we can do to stop this, and we request that the CPUC require SCE to re-route this proposed line.

Thank you.



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**From:** Jack McGuffin <jaaram@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 1:24 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Cc:** Peterson, Robert; O'Connor, Bonny; Zuppiger, Kimberly A.  
**Subject:** ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT: TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION  
**Attachments:** Alberhill System Project, August 2011.docx

**Importance:** High

Please find the attached comments as requested at the Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Alberhill System Project, August 18, 2011. Your attention to and consideration of these comments is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Alberhill System Project

August 23, 2011

c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.

Attn: Karen Ladd, Project Manager

Mr. Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager

130 Battery Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Ladd, Mr. Uchida, et al:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your representatives Rob Peterson, Bonny O'Connor and Kimberly Zuppiger, as well as Milissa Marona from SCE, on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center in Lake Elsinore, CA. Our opportunity to discuss in an open forum our mutual possible concerns and appreciations regarding the Alberhill System Project was very helpful. Thank you for making that meeting available.

In a previous letter to you on April 30, 2010, I had voiced some of my initial concerns regarding the particulars of this project and its execution, specifically with regard to several different areas including EMF emissions and actual configurations of the proposed double-circuit subtransmission line (Segment 5) extending from the Skylark Substation up Lemon Street. After our pleasant discussion, I would like to re-iterate and further detail here some of these concerns, in the hope that they will be considered further in your eventual preparation of a Final EIR concerning the Alberhill Project.

My initial concerns are of course prompted by the fact that significant portions of the proposed 'upgraded' subtransmission line (Segment 5) run through residential areas. From the surrounding neighborhoods, in addition to the relative proximity of some residents directly adjacent to these power lines, school children and often their parents are quite near these power lines as they catch a bus for school, and also walk directly underneath these lines as part of their path in walking to Elsinore High School on a daily basis. Jean Hayman Elementary School is also located directly across the street from the power lines further south on Lemon Street, closer to the Skylark Substation (this school has been temporarily closed due to district budget constraints). When in session, children and parents of these young children often park across the street directly under these power lines as well, waiting for their students after school and also in many cases bringing them to school as well. Naturally, this poses an essentially 'daily exposure' scenario for these young and older students and their accompanying parents (who are also in some instances pregnant with 'future students' as well). As mentioned previously also, directly across the street from my own property (21950 Lemon St. and adjacent acreage) is also a small residence-based elder-care facility with multiple residents, naturally along this same subtransmission line route (which is directly adjacent, in front of/above that residential facility). Needless to say, there are naturally other portions of this Segment 5 line where other residential properties are in similar

juxtaposition. This roadside 'path' on Lemon Street also has other foot traffic on a daily basis, there being no sidewalks on that side of the street in many portions of this Segment.

From my own understanding and research of the realities of subtransmission line construction and maintenance, I would venture to say that an UNDERGROUND line in this area, for all practical purposes, would NOT be a very feasible option, for reasons with which you're undoubtedly already familiar. Therefore, I'd like to address and elaborate on some possible concerns and realities in constructing the new/modified 115-kV double-circuit line being proposed in this area. As Milissa Marona mentioned during our meeting, some of these concerns may indeed already have been addressed or planned in SCE's methodology/technology for construction and completion of this project:

- There is substantial evidence that exposure to extra-low frequency magnetic fields of an average intensity greater than 2 milligauss doubles the risk of a child contracting leukemia. This relationship has been a matter of scientific inquiry since 1979. Sixteen out of nineteen studies conducted since 1995 are now viewed as identifying a statistically significant relationship between magnetic fields greater than 2 to 4 mG and a two to four-fold increase in a child's risk of contracting that disease. There is very good evidence that even momentary exposure to ELF fields greater than 16 mG increase by a factor of 5 that a woman will have a spontaneous abortion within the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. There is very strong evidence finding a relationship between maximum ELF magnetic field exposure greater than 16 mG and a 6-fold increase in miscarriages. There is also strong evidence that these fields are associated with other diseases such as Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). There is substantial evidence linking ELF magnetic fields greater than 12 mG and breast cancer and strong evidence linking magnetic fields and the suppression of the therapeutic effects of the anti-cancer drug, tamoxifen.
- While there is little evidence that electric fields at the intensities associated with power lines directly impact human health, these fields have the potential for indirectly inducing harmful reactions. It is undisputed that fields above 1 mV/m can disrupt heart pacemakers and defibrillators. Electric fields of this intensity, while rare in general, are common immediately adjacent to transmission power lines. Also, one researcher claims that electric fields from power lines ionize particles in the air, and these particles are carcinogenic. This research has been validated by epidemiological evidence.
- When assessing danger, distance is all-important. The current research seems to suggest that living further than 400 feet from a transmission line will provide an adequate margin of safety from magnetic fields. However, the very latest research suggests that pregnant women should *never* venture anywhere near a transmission power line, for even momentary exposure, for the reasons mentioned above. They should avoid even driving under a transmission power line. Those utilizing pace makers or automatic defibrillators should similarly avoid even momentarily venturing near transmission lines. Those concerned about the less-documented risks associated with particles ionized by electric fields should avoid outdoor exposures within 2000 feet downwind from transmission lines.
- The risks associated with electric fields directly correspond to a line's voltage. Therefore, the risks associated with electric fields increase in tandem with the line's voltage. The better documented risks associated with a line's magnetic field are associated with the current going through a line rather than its voltage. To deliver a given amount of power, utilities must push more current through low voltage lines than high voltage lines. Therefore, in-field measurements show the magnetic field under a 115 kV line is often greater than the field

immediately under a 345 kV line. Also, high voltage lines are customarily built on wider rights of way than low voltage lines. Therefore, people tend to live closer to low voltage lines than they do to high voltage lines. For these reasons, low voltage transmission power lines in general pose a greater risk to human health than do high voltage lines.

- There are those who suggest that non-ionizing radiation such as ELF-EMF contains too little energy to influence animal tissues. This formerly popular argument has largely fallen into disuse. Ionizing radiation (such as X-rays) contains sufficient energy to knock electrons out of their valiances, thereby creating chemically active ions. By-in-large, ELF-EMF does not contain sufficient energy to create ions. It was therefore argued that ELF-EMF must be biologically inactive. The argument has largely fallen into disuse (except by John Muller et al.) because all knowledgeable scientists agree that magnetic fields have biological impacts. They clearly promote bone growth at high intensities, suppress melatonin production, and induce cells to emit stress proteins. The argument revolves around whether these recognized biological impacts imply potential human harm. (The electric fields immediately adjacent to power lines are ionizing, which is the genesis of the argument that electric fields are associated with cancer). Those such as John Moulder and Peter Valberg, who vociferously decry the dangers of EMF, both earn substantial incomes from testifying for power companies that ELF-EMF is not dangerous. John Moulder has been the most active, having been under retainer from five utilities simultaneously. Valberg is associated with Harvard University (although not a full-time faculty member). He has not done work in the field in some time. In September of 2000, there was an extraordinary event, the publication of the British Journal article. In that article, the prime authors of all the significant epidemiological research of the past five years came together and admitted that their original research had come to invalid conclusions. Whereas they had originally concluded that there was not a statistically significant relationship between ELF-EMF and cancer, they now conceded that their original research should have recognized the existence of such a significant relationship. These results were confirmed by two additional research groups. Moulder and Valberg, while aware of the new research, justify their assertions by pointing both to invalidated research and to “blue panels” that, relying upon the now-invalidated research, had found insufficient evidence for such a relationship. In addition, Moulder frequently distorts the findings of his references by pejoratively picking sentences out of context.
- Bodies such as the UK National Radiological Board and the comparable German authorities, while finding a link between ELF-EMF and cancer, have said it’s not worth worrying over. Europe employs on average higher voltages than does the U.S. Because of the physics, this means that European transmission power lines emit lower levels of magnetic fields than do U.S. lines. Furthermore, most European countries, including the UK and Germany, have prohibited the construction of transmission power lines near homes for many years. The U.S. has no comparable restriction. As a result, only a negligible number of European homes experience high levels of ELF-EMF. However, such high-level exposures are common in the U.S. Accordingly, European conclusions on the low level of exposures do not apply to the U.S.
- The IARC, a division of the World Health Organization, has found a link between cancer and ELF-EMF. Yet, it seems extraordinarily cautious in its pronouncement of this link. Similarly, the National Radiological Board and the National Institute of Health seem to be very cautious in pronouncing the existence of a link. Why is this? Electricity is essential to a modern society. Top level government bodies such as the IARC are concerned that issuing pronouncements will improve the welfare of the relatively small number exposed to high intensity fields, while endangering the prosperity of the majority of those who are not threatened by these fields. We should also not overlook the role of the utilities. As members of a regulated industry, the

electric utilities have developed and deployed advanced lobbying tools. They have become very effective lobbyists who are able to influence policymakers on such matters. The debate about EMF seems likely to continue with some sectors of the world's population still seeking the benefits of electrical energy while others try to identify the risks associated with the use of this energy source. Meanwhile, transmission and distribution utilities must essentially adopt a neutral position on this issue and continue with the policies that successfully satisfy the demand for electricity by an ever-increasing population.

- Research funding in this area is a problem. One logical source for such funding would be the utilities' own research arm, the EPRI. However, there is evidence that the EPRI declines to fund follow-up research when the original research uncovers evidence of magnetic fields' potential to cause disease. It fails to fund the follow-up research even when its own analysts suggest the additional research should be conducted.
- The federal government completed in mid-1999 its \$45 million EMFRapid study that recommended passive actions in general, but did recommend transmission power lines be sited so as to reduce magnetic field emissions. However, the EMFRapid study based many of its findings upon research that is now recognized to be invalid. Had it been based upon valid research, it is likely its recommendations would have been much stronger. Nevertheless, there has been little federal research since that date.
- The California EMF project has released its findings. In its evaluation, it concludes that magnetic fields **likely cause** childhood and adult leukemia, adult brain cancer, spontaneous abortions, and ALS. The evaluation further concludes that magnetic fields **possibly cause** childhood brain cancer, female and male breast cancer, Alzheimer's disease, suicide, and heart problems.

With these many factors in mind, I'd like to also cite some information regarding line designs which reduce EMF emissions, in the hope that some of this technology is currently recognized and/or utilized by SCE:

- Due to difficulties in obtaining routes for new overhead transmission lines, utilities obviously strive to maximize the capacity of their existing circuits by using bundled conductors, higher operating temperatures and voltage upgrades. These methods can prove expensive if tower modifications are necessary to maintain ground clearance requirements. American Electric Power Co. (AEP), Columbus, Ohio, reported, circa 1998, the successful development of 'upgrade loops' that increase the clearances to the tower and ground by adding an insulator extension. This technique can provide cost-effective voltage upgrades (138-kV to 230-kV), which when combined with conductor compaction, i.e. reduced conductor spacing, will reduce the resistive losses and EMF levels. EPRI has also reported on its examination of both conductor compaction and splitting of line phases as a means of EMF reductions over a wide range of transmission voltages.
- In Sweden, two power companies and the National Grid operator combined to develop power lines (70 kV-400 kV) with low magnetic field emissions. A 250-meter test span was erected and three 245-kV compacted line designs were studied. The comparable magnetic field profiles for the selected split phase design compared with existing line configurations show appreciable difference. Similar split phase conductor arrangements have also been used in Holland.
- The Finnish power utility, Imatran Voima Oy (IVO), and NK Cables have developed covered conductors for HV transmission lines that have a significant number of design and technical advantages: The revised conductor configuration enables phase conductor spacings to be reduced and the voltage to be upgraded without change of spacing, for example 66 kV to 154 kV. Shorter and less bulky towers are required to support the circuit conductors. Conductor

clashing in adverse weather conditions does not disturb power delivery. The compact conductor configuration can reduce the electromagnetic field to one third of the levels associated with existing horizontal conductor arrangements. Comparisons between bare and covered (SAX) conductors for various conductor configurations are notable.

- Electro Slovenia (ELES) is responsible for planning the route corridor for the new International double-circuit 400-kV Cirkovce (Slovenia)-Heviz (Hungary) transmission line. This line has to comply with Slovene legislation governing “Electromagnetic Radiation in the Natural and Living Environment” and satisfy the Ministry of Spatial and Environmental Planning requirements before a construction permit is issued. Theoretical models that evaluate in numerical terms the engineering and economic feasibility of the transmission line with the environmental assessment have been applied to the various transmission line alignments on the selected north and south routes. By employing modern materials and advanced high performance construction technologies, this new line will optimize the use of multiple voltage towers and compacted line design with various phase conductor alignments. These techniques will ensure compliance with the Slovene government legislation, which is more rigorous than many foreign standards with respect to the intensity of electric and magnet fields for 50 Hz frequency networks.
- The New York Power Authority and EPRI finished the design, construction and testing of a passive two-loop shielding system for reducing magnetic fields along a short section of 345-kV transmission line in upstate New York. This project culminated several years of work and testing at EPRI’s Power Deliver Center in Lenox, Massachusetts. The route contained two transmission lines. A two-loop design was developed to reduce the magnetic fields on both sides of the right-of-way (a single passive loop normally reduces the field asymmetrically, more on one side of the lines than on the other). After careful study, engineers chose a two-loop design that would reduce the field approximately an equal amount on both sides of the right-of-way. The design using EPRI research experience demonstrated the effectiveness of passive loop shields in providing an economical means of magnetic field reduction.

It would be my sincere hope that all concerned parties would seriously consider the above information in any/all processes involved in the approval and finalization efforts for the Alberhill System Project, in addition to other environmental, aesthetic and related concerns. I feel this is an important and necessary Project for our growing communities. I am a native Californian and retired teacher, and in my 60+ years in California have been a resident of the Wildomar area specifically for 32 years. I have always seen California as a ‘leader’ of the nation on many fronts, and would hope that it continues to witness technologies and applications which are increasingly ‘user/environmentally friendly’ in a more comprehensive sense.

Thank you for your collective attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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# **Appendix E**

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**Comment Letters from Thirty-Day Public Comment Period After  
Circulation of the Notice of Preparation for the Valley–Ivyglen and  
Alberhill Projects  
(May 6, 2015)**

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***E. Comment Letters from Thirty-Day Public Comment Period After  
Circulation of the Notice of Preparation for the Valley-Ivyglen and  
Alberhill Projects (July 28, 2011)***

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**From:** Tsang, Kevin <KTSANG@rctlma.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 11:13 PM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Williams, Russell; Gramlich, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of EIR for Alberhill System Project and Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
**Attachments:** SCE - Alberhill Station.pdf

Please find the attached comment letter for the Notice of Preparation of EIR for Alberhill System Project and Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project.

Thank you,

**Kevin Tsang, PE**

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# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY



*Juan C. Perez, P.E., T.E.  
Director of Transportation and  
Land Management*

### Transportation Department

*Patricia Romo, P.E.  
Assistant Director of Transportation*

June 5, 2015

Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**RE: Notice of Preparation of an EIR for the Alberhill System Project and Valley-Ivyglen  
Subtransmission Line Project**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alberhill System Project (ASP) and Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (VIG).

The Alberhill System Project proposes the construction of a 500/115-kV substation, two 500-kV transmission lines, and one new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines. The Valley-Ivyglen Project proposes the construction of a 27-mile long single circuit 115-kV subtransmission line between Southern California Edison's Valley and Ivyglen Substations.

The Riverside County Transportation Department (County) requests that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Ecology and Environment, Inc. coordinate with the County to determine the appropriate location of the power poles and subtransmission lines. The County is currently processing a number of road widening projects led by capital and development projects along the proposed routes for the ASP and VIG subtransmission lines. Coordination will be of mutual benefit to the CPUC and County to minimize interim improvements and future relocation of utilities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the NOP. We look forward to receiving the Draft EIR for the project. Please contact me at (951) 955-2016 with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K. Tsang', with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

Kevin Tsang for Russell Williams  
Development Review Manager

RUW:KKT

cc: Juan C. Perez, Director of Transportation and Land Management  
Patricia Romo, Assistant Director of Transportation

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**From:** Chun, Arlene <Abchun@rcflood.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Wong, Mike  
**Subject:** Comments for NOP of an EIR -- Alberhill & Valley-Ivyglen Projects  
**Attachments:** Alberhill-Ivyglen(P8-170282).pdf

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept the attached comment letter from the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District regarding the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects. The original wet-signed hard copy is following via mail.

Best regards,  
Arlene Chun

**Arlene B. Chun, MSCEE, RE**  
Environmental Regulatory Services  
Regulatory Division

Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 4, 2015

*Sent via email to: [alberhill@ene.com](mailto:alberhill@ene.com) and [ivyglen@ene.com](mailto:ivyglen@ene.com)*

Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 92111

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental  
Impact Report for the Alberhill and Valley-  
Ivyglen Projects

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects proposed by Southern California Edison Company (SCE). Due to geographic proximity, overlapping impacts, and similar timelines, the California Public Utilities Commissions (CPUC), as the lead agency, determined that it would be in the public's best interest to disclose the environmental impacts of the Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen projects in a single EIR.

The proposed Alberhill project includes the construction of the following within the cities of Menifee, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore, and the unincorporated Riverside County area of Alberhill:

- A new 500/115-kV substation (Alberhill substation);
- Two, approximately 1.5-mile-long 500-kV transmission lines to connect the Alberhill Substation to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line;
- One new and four modified subtransmission lines, totaling approximately 20.5 miles, to transfer five substations served by the Valley South 115-kV System to the Alberhill substation;
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines and in new and existing underground conduit; and
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site, microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano substation, and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

The proposed Valley-Ivyglen project consists of the construction of a new 27-mile single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission line and fiber optic line between the existing Valley and Ivyglen Substations. The alignment of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen project would generally follow the route approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009 with modifications to address erosion and landslide activity that occurred in the area. In addition to route realignment, the proposed Valley-Ivyglen project would include the following modifications compared to the 2010 approved project:

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Ivyglen Projects

- Additional disturbance areas and access road changes;
- Alternate construction methods, including helicopter use, blasting, temporary transmission poles, and retaining walls;
- Additional underground installations;
- Additional transmission structures and types of transmission structures;
- Increased span lengths and depths of borings;
- Additional construction methods, including shoofly poles, blasting, guard structures, and helicopter use;
- Modifications to work areas, staging areas, and helicopter operation yards; and
- Modifications to the telecommunications system, including overhead and underground installation.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has the following comments/concerns:

1. Existing District facilities are located within the proposed project areas and may be impacted. Any work that involves District right of way, easements, or facilities will require an encroachment permit from the District. The construction of facilities within road right of way that may impact District storm drains should also be coordinated with the District. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Amy McNeill of the District's Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.
2. The District is a signatory to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). For purposes of procuring an encroachment permit from the District, the permit applicant will need to demonstrate that all construction-related activities within the District right of way or easement are consistent with the MSHCP. To accomplish this, the CEQA document should include an MSHCP consistency report with all of its supporting documents and provide adequate mitigation in accordance with all applicable MSHCP requirements. The MSHCP consistency report should address, at a minimum, Sections 3.2, 3.2.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.2, 7.5.3 and Appendix C of the MSHCP.
3. The proposed projects are located within and/or adjacent to the District's Sedco, Romoland, Homeland, and Salt Creek Master Drainage Plan (MDP) boundaries. When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within each MDP boundary of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The EIR should address potential impacts to proposed flood control facilities within each project area. To obtain more information on the MDPs, please contact Edwin Quinonez of the District's Planning Section at 951.955.1345.
4. If the proposed project will have significant impact on the watercourses that have floodplains associated with them, the DEIR should address potential direct and indirect floodplain impacts. Impacted floodplains will likely need to be studied and



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mapped. For any work or alteration of the FEMA mapped floodplains, the City is responsible for compliance with the FEMA floodplain management regulations within the city limits.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the NOP. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any questions concerning this letter may be referred to me at 951.955.1233 or Arlene Chun at 951.955.5418.

Very truly yours,



MIKE WONG, P.E.  
Engineering Project Manager

cc: Amy McNeill  
Edwin Quinonez

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**From:** Ryan Fowler <rfowler@cityofmenifee.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 9:27 AM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project NOP Comment Letter - City of Menifee  
**Attachments:** NOP Comment Letter (Valley-Ivyglen).pdf

To whom it may concern (at Ecology and Environment, Inc.):

Please find the attached NOP comment letter regarding the Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen projects from the City of Menifee.

Feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this comment letter.

Regards,

*Ryan Fowler*

Associate Planner

**City of Menifee | Community Development Department**

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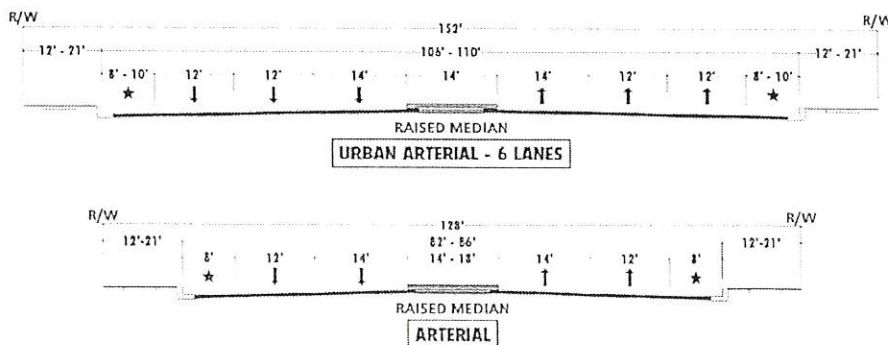
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Project Scoping Comments  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111

RE: Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects – Notice of Preparation Comment

Dear Ecology and Environment, Inc.:

Thank you for providing an opportunity for the City of Menifee Community Development Department to review the Notice of Preparation for the Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects. Menifee's Community Development Department has reviewed the notice and has the following comments:

1. The City is concerned with construction of any new 115-kV transmission lines and poles within the City of Menifee, particular any replaced, new or upgraded poles/towers along Murrieta Road, Scott Road, and Bundy Canyon Road. The City requests that SCE address concerns related to transmission line aesthetics where lines are proposed within the City of Menifee, such as locating smaller distribution lines on the same poles wherever feasible to reduce visual clutter and following the existing utility corridors along Murrieta Road, Scott Road, and Bundy Canyon Road.
2. SCE should take into consideration the recently approved (December 2013) City of Menifee Circulation Element when designing the power pole alignment. The poles should be placed at their ultimate location per the City's Circulation Element roadway cross-sections. The poles should be located either within the right-of-way's parkway or completely outside of the public rights-of-way within a private easement, but they should not be placed within the ultimate planned pavement, curb, gutter, trails, or sidewalks. For your reference, Murrieta Road is designated as an Arterial (4 lanes, divided) roadway and Bundy Canyon and Scott Road are designated as Urban Arterial (6 lanes, divided) roadways. Refer to the corresponding cross-sections below.



3. Please also discuss and provide illustrations of the types of poles and towers that will be utilized within each segments within the City of Menifee.
4. Some portions of the lines within the existing utility corridor along Murrieta Road are currently undergrounded. Please explore and provide information regarding the feasibility of undergrounding the medium voltage 115 kV transmission line along Briggs, Scott and Bundy Canyon—particularly, along those segments that are currently undergrounded.
5. An encroachment permit shall be required for all improvements constructed within the City public right-of-way.
6. The City of Menifee would like to coordinate with SCE on the placement of individual poles to be proposed within the City's rights-of-way.
7. The City of Menifee Community Development Department requests to receive subsequent notices on this project and any environmental documents prepared for the project.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the project proposal. Please forward any environmental documents and/or hearing notices regarding the project, to my attention at this office.

Sincerely,



Ryan Fowler  
Associate Planner  
Community Development Department

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**From:** Guerin, John <JGUERIN@rctlma.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 11:37 AM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Valley-Ivyglen Project Notice of Preparation

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) with a postcard advising of the issuance of a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the project referenced above. Please keep us on your mailing list. We would like to receive a CD copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion.

Further comments relating to the online document entitled Amended Project Modification Report prepared by Southern California Edison and relating to the use of helicopters in construction will be provided next week.

John Guerin, Principal Planner  
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**From:** Gibson, Joanna@Wildlife <Joanna.Gibson@wildlife.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:18 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Cc:** state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov  
**Subject:** CDFW comments on the Alberhill System Project, SCH#2010041031  
**Attachments:** NOP\_DEIR\_Alberhill System Project SCH 2010041031.pdf

Mr. Uchida,

Please find attached the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's comments on the above-mentioned project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

*Joanna Gibson*

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June 5, 2015

Mr. Jensen Uchida  
Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report  
Alberhill System Project  
State Clearinghouse No. 2010041031

Dear Mr. Uchida:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Alberhill System Project (project) [State Clearinghouse No. 2010041031]. Pursuant to The Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 *et seq.*; hereafter CEQA Guidelines), the Department has reviewed the NOP and offers comments and recommendations on those activities involved in the project that are within the Department's area of expertise and germane to its statutory responsibilities, and/or which are required to be approved by the Department (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15086, 15096 & 15204).

The Project is being proposed by Southern California Edison (SCE) to meet long-term forecasted electrical demand in the proposed project area and increase electrical system reliability. The Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar, as well as surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The Project would include the following:

- **One 1,120 megavolt ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation to be named the "Alberhill Substation", expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.**  
The substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34 acres of a 124-acre property located northwest of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County.
- **Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed Alberhill Substation to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line.**  
The transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line.

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- **One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill 500/115-kV Substation.**

The subtransmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the proposed Alberhill Substation to the Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately 9 miles). A portion of the proposed Alberhill Project 115-kV subtransmission line would be placed on structures built as part of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project (SCH#2008011082).

- **Telecommunication lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.**

Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed Project.

- **A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site.**

As installed, the microwave antenna tower would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site.

- **Microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site and Serrano Substation.**

Another new dish antenna would be installed at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site to direct signals to a new dish antenna at the Serrano Substation.

- **Other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.**

## **CEQA ROLE**

The Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources); and administers the Natural Community Conservation Planning Program (NCCP Program). The Department is a Trustee Agency with responsibility under CEQA for commenting on projects that could affect biological resources. As a Trustee Agency, the Department is responsible for providing, as available, biological expertise to review and comment upon environmental documents and impacts arising from project activities (CEQA Guidelines, § 15386; Fish & G. Code, § 1802).

The Department will also act as a Responsible Agency based on its discretionary authority regarding project activities that impact streams and lakes (Fish & G. Code, §§ 1600 – 1616), in this case Temescal Creek (at a minimum), or result in the “take” of any



species listed as candidate, threatened, or endangered pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA; Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.).

## **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Department offers the comments and recommendations presented below to assist the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC; the CEQA lead agency) in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the project's significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources. The comments and recommendations are also offered to enable the Department to adequately review and comment on the proposed project with respect to impacts on biological resources (i.e., the Department's area of statutory responsibility; CEQA Guidelines § 15082(b)), and the project's consistency with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The Department recommends that the following information be included in the DEIR:

1. A complete discussion of the purpose and need for the proposed project, with a detailed description of project elements including all access roads, permanent and temporary project components, and staging areas. The long-term operation and maintenance needs of the proposed facilities should be clearly identified and described. The project description should also include any and all reasonably foreseeable future phases of the proposed project. Note that the project description needs to contain sufficient information to evaluate and review the project's environmental impact (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15124 & 15378).
2. A description of the environmental setting that contains sufficient information to understand the project's, and its alternative's (if applicable), significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15125 & 15360). The analysis of feasible project alternatives should be fully considered and evaluated (CEQA Guidelines § 15126.6), and should include a range of alternatives that avoid or otherwise minimize impacts to sensitive biological resources.
3. The identification of environmental impacts of the proposed project (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15065, 15126, 15126.2, 15126.6 & 15358); and
4. A description of feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts, and/or mitigate significant impacts, of the proposed project on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4 & 15370).

## **Assessment of Biological Resources**

Section 15125(c) of the CEQA Guidelines states that knowledge of the regional setting of a project is critical to the assessment of environmental impacts and that special emphasis should be placed on environmental resources that are rare or unique to the region. To enable Department staff to adequately review and comment on the project, the DEIR should include a complete assessment of the flora and fauna within and adjacent to the project footprint, with particular emphasis on identifying rare, threatened,

endangered, and other sensitive species and their associated habitats. The Department recommends the DEIR specifically include:

1. An assessment of the various habitat types located within the project footprint, and a map that identifies the location of each habitat type. The Department recommends that floristic, alliance- and/or association based mapping and assessment be completed following *The Manual of California Vegetation*, second edition (Sawyer et al. 2009). Adjoining habitat areas should also be included in this assessment where site activities could lead to direct or indirect impacts offsite. Habitat mapping at the alliance level will help establish baseline vegetation conditions;
2. A general biological inventory of the fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species that are present or have the potential to be present within each habitat type onsite and within adjacent areas that could be affected by the project. The Department's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) in Sacramento should be contacted at (916) 322-2493 or [bdb@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:bdb@dfg.ca.gov) to obtain current information on any previously reported sensitive species and habitat, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the Fish and Game Code, in the vicinity of the proposed project. The Department recommends that CNDDDB Field Survey Forms be completed and submitted to CNDDDB to document survey results. Online forms can be obtained and submitted at [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/submitting\\_data\\_to\\_cnddb.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/submitting_data_to_cnddb.asp)

Please note that the Department's CNDDDB is not exhaustive in terms of the data it houses, nor is it an absence database. The Department recommends that it be used as a starting point in gathering information about the *potential presence* of species within the general area of the project site.

3. A complete, *recent* inventory of rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species located within the project footprint and within offsite areas with the potential to be effected, including California Species of Special Concern (CSSC) and California Fully Protected Species (Fish and Game Code § 3511). Species to be addressed should include all those which meet the CEQA definition (CEQA Guidelines § 15380). The inventory should address seasonal variations in use of the project area and should not be limited to resident species. Focused species-specific/MSHCP surveys, completed by a qualified biologist and conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when the sensitive species are active or otherwise identifiable, are required. Acceptable species-specific survey procedures should be developed in consultation with the Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where necessary. Note that the Department generally considers biological field assessments for wildlife to be valid for a one-year period, and assessments for rare plants may be considered valid for a period of up to three years. Some aspects of the proposed project may warrant periodic updated surveys for certain sensitive taxa, particularly if the project is proposed to occur over a

protracted time frame, or in phases, or if surveys are completed during periods of drought.

4. A thorough, recent, floristic-based assessment of special status plants and natural communities, following the Department's *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities* (see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/plant/>);
5. Information on the regional setting that is critical to an assessment of environmental impacts, with special emphasis on resources that are rare or unique to the region (CEQA Guidelines § 15125[c]);

### **Analysis of Direct, Indirect, and Cumulative Impacts to Biological Resources**

The DEIR should provide a thorough discussion of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts expected to adversely affect biological resources as a result of the project. To ensure that project impacts to biological resources are fully analyzed, the following information should be included in the DEIR:

1. A discussion of potential impacts from lighting, noise, human activity, and wildlife-human interactions created by zoning of development projects or other project activities adjacent to natural areas, exotic and/or invasive species, and drainage. The latter subject should address project-related changes on drainage patterns and water quality within, upstream, and downstream of the project site, including: volume, velocity, and frequency of existing and post-project surface flows; polluted runoff; soil erosion and/or sedimentation in streams and water bodies; and post-project fate of runoff from the project site.
2. A discussion of potential indirect project impacts on biological resources, including resources in areas adjacent to the project footprint, such as nearby public lands (e.g. National Forests, State Parks, etc.), open space, adjacent natural habitats, riparian ecosystems, wildlife corridors, and any designated and/or proposed reserve or mitigation lands (e.g., preserved lands associated with a Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other conserved lands).

Please note that the project area supports significant biological resources and contains habitat connections, providing for wildlife movement across the broader landscape, sustaining both transitory and permanent wildlife populations. The Department encourages project design that avoids and preserves onsite features that contribute to habitat connectivity. The DEIR should include a discussion of both direct and indirect impacts to wildlife movement and connectivity, including maintenance of wildlife corridor/movement areas to adjacent undisturbed habitats.

3. An evaluation of impacts to conserved lands from both the construction of the project and long-term operational and maintenance needs. Based on review of aerial

photography, portions of the proposed project have the potential to impact conserved lands managed by the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA), and the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD). The Department encourages the CPUC to contact both the RCA and RCRCD to determine if any portion of the project will impact conserved lands, and to work collaboratively with these entities to avoid and minimize impacts.

4. A cumulative effects analysis developed as described under CEQA Guidelines § 15130. Please include all potential direct and indirect project related impacts to riparian areas, wetlands, vernal pools, alluvial fan habitats, wildlife corridors or wildlife movement areas, aquatic habitats, sensitive species and other sensitive habitats, open lands, open space, and adjacent natural habitats in the cumulative effects analysis. General and specific plans, as well as past, present, and anticipated future projects, should be analyzed relative to their impacts on similar plant communities and wildlife habitats.

### **Mitigation Measures for Project Impacts to Biological Resources**

The DEIR should include appropriate and adequate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures for all direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that are expected to occur as a result of the construction and long-term operation and maintenance of the project. When proposing measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts, the Department recommends consideration of the following:

1. *Fully Protected Species*: At least two Fully Protected Species (Fish and Game Code § 3511) have the potential to occur within or adjacent to the project area, including, but not limited to: American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) and White-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*). Fully protected species may not be taken or possessed at any time. Project activities described in the DEIR should be designed to completely avoid any fully protected species that have the potential to be present within or adjacent to the project area. The Department also recommends that the DEIR fully analyze potential adverse impacts to fully protected species due to habitat modification, loss of foraging habitat, and/or interruption of migratory and breeding behaviors. The Department recommends that the Lead Agency include in the analysis how appropriate avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures will reduce indirect impacts to fully protected species.
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The Department appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the Alberhill System Project (SCH No. 2010041031). If you should have any questions pertaining to the comments provided in this letter, please contact Joanna Gibson at (909) 987-7449 or at [Joanna.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Joanna.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Subject:

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State Clearinghouse No. 2008011082

Dear Mr. Uchida:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project (project) [State Clearinghouse No. 2008011082]. Pursuant to The Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 *et seq.*; hereafter CEQA Guidelines), the Department has reviewed the NOP and offers comments and recommendations on those activities involved in the project that are within the Department's area of expertise and germane to its statutory responsibilities, and/or which are required to be approved by the Department (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15086, 15096 & 15204).

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## **CEQA ROLE**

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## **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Department offers the comments and recommendations presented below to assist the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC; the CEQA lead agency) in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the project’s significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources. The comments and recommendations are also offered to enable the Department to adequately review and comment on the proposed project with respect to impacts on biological resources (i.e., the Department’s area of statutory responsibility; CEQA Guidelines § 15082(b)), and the project’s consistency with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The Department recommends that the following information be included in the DEIR:

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## **Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan**

Within the Inland Deserts Region, the Department issued Natural Community Conservation Plan Approval and Take Authorization for the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) per Section 2800, *et seq.*, of the California Fish and Game Code on June 22, 2004. The MSHCP establishes a multiple species conservation program to minimize and mitigate habitat loss and provides for the incidental take of covered species in association with activities covered under the permit.

Compliance with approved habitat plans, such as the MSHCP, is discussed in CEQA. Specifically, Section 15125(d) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that the CEQA document discuss any inconsistencies between a proposed Project and applicable general plans and regional plans, including habitat conservation plans and natural community conservation plans. An assessment of the impacts to the MSHCP as a result of this Project is necessary to address CEQA requirements. To obtain additional information regarding the MSHCP please go to: <http://rctlma.org/epd/WR-MSHCP>.

The proposed Project occurs within the MSHCP area and is subject to the provisions and policies of the MSHCP. In order to be considered a covered activity, Permittees must demonstrate that proposed actions are consistent with the MSHCP and its associated Implementing Agreement. The CPUC is the lead agency but is not signatory to the MSHCP, therefore, in order to participate in the MSHCP they would need to act as a Participating Special Entity (PSE). If the CPUC chooses to act as a PSE and obtain take through the MSHCP then the following MSHCP policies and procedures may apply to this project: Protection of Species Associated with Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools (MSHCP Section 6.1.2), Protection of the Narrow Endemic Plant Species

(MSHCP Section 6.1.3), Additional Survey Needs and procedures (MSHCP section 6.3.2), and Urban/Wildland Interface Guidelines (MSHCP section 6.1.4).

If the project is not processed through the MSHCP for covered species, then the project may be subject to the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and/or CESA for threatened, endangered, and/or candidate species.

Whether take of threatened and/or endangered species is obtained through the MSHCP or through a CESA ITP, the DEIR needs to address how the proposed project will affect the policies and procedures of the MSHCP. Therefore, all surveys required by the MSHCP policies and procedures listed above to determine consistency with the MSHCP should be conducted and results included in the DEIR so that the Department can adequately assess whether the project will impact the MSHCP.

### **Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan**

The project occurs within the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) Habitat Conservation Plan (SKR HCP) fee area boundary. The SKR HCP provides Take Authorization for Stephens' kangaroo rat within its boundaries, and the MSHCP provides Take Authorization for Stephens' kangaroo rat outside of the boundaries of the SKR HCP, but within the Plan Area boundaries. The DEIR should identify if any portion of the project will occur on SKR HCP lands, or on Stephens' kangaroo rat habitat lands outside of the SKR HCP, but within the MSHCP. Note that the SKR HCP allows for encroachment into the Stephens' kangaroo rat Core Reserve for public projects, however, there are no provisions for encroachment into the Core Reserve for privately owned projects. If impacts to Stephens' kangaroo rat habitat will occur from the proposed project, the DEIR must specifically identify the total number of permanent impacts to Stephens' kangaroo rat core habitat and the appropriate mitigation to compensate for those impacts.

### **Lake and Streambed Alteration Program**

For any activity that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of a river or stream or use material from a streambed, the project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to the Department pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, the Department then determines whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement is required. The Department's issuance of an LSA Agreement is a "project" subject to CEQA (see Pub. Resources Code 21065). To facilitate issuance of an LSA Agreement, if necessary, the DEIR should fully identify the potential impacts to the lake, stream, or riparian resources, and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, and monitoring and reporting commitments. Early consultation with the Department is recommended, since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources. To obtain a Lake or Streambed Alteration notification package, please go to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/forms.html>.

The following information will be required for the processing of a Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration and the Department recommends incorporating this information into the CEQA document to avoid subsequent documentation and project delays. Please note that failure to include this analysis in the project's environmental document could preclude the Department from relying on the Lead Agency's analysis to issue an LSA Agreement without the Department first conducting its own, separate Lead Agency subsequent or supplemental analysis for the project:

1. Delineation of lakes, streams, and associated habitat that will be temporarily and/or permanently impacted by the proposed project (include an estimate of impact to each habitat type);
2. Discussion of avoidance and minimization measures to reduce project impacts; and,
3. Discussion of potential mitigation measures required to reduce the project impacts to a level of insignificance. Please refer to section 15370 of the CEQA Guidelines for the definition of mitigation.

### **Further Coordination**

The Department appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project (SCH No. 2008011082). If you should have any questions pertaining to the comments provided in this letter, please contact Joanna Gibson at (909) 987-7449 or at [Joanna.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Joanna.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Heather A. Bent  
for

Leslie MacNair  
Acting Regional Manager

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Please see attached correspondence from Grant Yates.

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June 5, 2015

Via Fax (415) 398-5326

Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: *Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022) and Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)*

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Lake Elsinore ("City") has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report ("NOP") in connection with Southern California Edison's ("SCE") proposal to construct and operate the Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022) and the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031) (collectively, the "Project"). This Project includes a new 500/115-kV substation (Alberhill Substation), two 1.5 mile long 500-kV transmission lines to connect the Alberhill Substation, one new and four modified transmission lines totaling approximately 20.5 miles long, along with various new communications facilities.

A significant portion of the Project lies within the City's jurisdictional boundaries. Accordingly, the City is vitally concerned that the proposed Project not adversely impact the City of Lake Elsinore and its residents and businesses.

The California Public Utilities Commission's ("CPUC") obligations to meet the requirements imposed under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Res. Code, §§ 21000, *et seq.*) and the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA ("CEQA Guidelines") (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15000, *et seq.*) are considerable. Critical to that legal obligation, the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Project ("DEIR") must necessarily fully disclose and analyze the potential impacts of the Project, fully consider feasible alternatives (including alternate alignments and technologies), and fully comply with all other CEQA requirements.

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### **Environmental Setting**

The DEIR must accurately describe the Project's physical location, jurisdictional boundaries and localized impact, including direct and indirect impacts to the City of Lake Elsinore. The City should be listed as a responsible agency. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15124(d)(1)(A), an EIR shall include a "list of agencies that are expected to use the EIR in their decision-making.")

### **Environmental Justice**

Environmental justice refers to the concept that minority or low-income populations should not be disproportionately exposed to environmental hazards. California law defines environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." (Gov. Code, § 65040; see also Pub. Res. Code, § 71110.)

The DEIR should include a significant discussion of the Project's environmental justice impacts, particularly in light of the City's designation by the State of California as a "Disadvantaged Community" (i.e., a community with a median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide average).

The DEIR should include a comprehensive analysis of the distribution of EMF risk and electricity benefits. Additionally, the DEIR should analyze whether there is a disparity in median income between residents along the proposed transmission alignment and the income of residents where the majority of the power is used. Analysis of alternative routes and undergrounding scenarios that are specifically designed not to place a disproportionate burden on lower income residents are critical component of the DEIR.

### **Project Description**

"An accurate, stable and finite project description is the *sine qua non* of an informative and legally sufficient EIR. (*County of Inyo v. City of Los Angeles* (1977) 71 Cal.App.3d 185.) We are concerned that the DEIR identify the exact locations and designs of key project elements. The City has noted that the diagrams and maps available from SCE are lacking. A common problem has been that pole locations have been made without regard to future roadways (e.g., collector road to Track Map 35001), are in the middle of existing right-of-ways designated as future arterial highways (e.g., Lake Street), and existing and future streambed mitigation/drainage areas. Moreover, the Project Description and related diagrams should identify any existing poles along the proposed alignment that will remain, poles that will be removed, and existing poles that will be replaced with new poles.

Without these exact locations and design, the DEIR cannot accurately and adequately disclose and evaluate all potential impacts.

### **Aesthetics**

The DEIR should include a full analysis of the Project's visual impacts and accompanying direct and indirect socioeconomic impacts along Highway 74 and the Interstate 15 Freeway corridors, including the potential of visual and socioeconomic blight due to the construction of 20 miles of 115 kV transmissions lines. The DEIR should not simply focus on views of the natural environment but also analyze impacts to individual views (as measured by the number of viewers), observers' perceptions of human environments, and viewer's reaction to the proposed new view in developed areas.

### **Biological Resources**

We urge the CPUC, in preparing the DEIR, to avoid reliance on older (more than 2 years old) biological surveys in order to establish a "baseline" for biological surveys. The environmental conditions in the proposed alignment are rapidly changing and in some cases measurably improving in response to mitigation efforts by the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority ("RCA") as it implements the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan ("MSHCP").

Notably, a significant portion of the Project lies within conservation areas of the MSHCP. An impact assessment of the impacts to the MSHCP is necessary to address CEQA requirements. Again, we urge the CPUC to require that SCE participate in the MSHCP as a Participating Special Entity and obtain a certificate of inclusion to address impacts to State and federal listed species as well as other sensitive species.

Compliance by SCE with the MSHCP is critical to assuring that the Project's impacts on biological resources in our community are adequately mitigated.

### **Land Use and Planning**

The proposed alignment through the City of Lake Elsinore appears to have been made without regard to already-approved development projects and the City's General Plan. Several proposed pole locations shown on SCE's preliminary maps and diagrams appear to be located within private property boundaries, which would necessitate private property owners to grant easements to SCE. We understand that currently such easements have been neither sought nor granted. The proposed location of poles on or adjacent to undeveloped private properties may severely impact the development potential of the property, negatively impact access to



properties considered for development at the present time, and result in a severe negative economic impact to the City. The DEIR must evaluate and mitigate these potential impacts.

In addition, the alignment of the proposed Project and location of poles in the City's right-of-ways conflict with the City's Master Circulation Plan and street standards. As first noted above, several proposed pole locations are in the middle of the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan right-of-way for Lake Street, designated as an Urban Arterial Highway by the City in December 2011. This proposed alignment would result in severe negative economic impacts to the City and private land owners by requiring costly relocation of poles and redesign and relocation of already entitled future development. One such project pending in the City of Lake Elsinore is the Temescal Creek Bridge relocation and roadway construction project. Accordingly, the DEIR should show plans of existing and proposed power lines and pole location with an overlay of the General Plan Circulation roads to show the ultimate right-of-way and how the proposed alignment will impact those right-of-ways and how such impacts will be mitigated.

The core problem is that the proposed alignment does not take into consideration that a majority of the roadways are not currently improved to their General Plan circulation designation. Therefore, the placement of proposed utility poles will impede the City's ability to widen the roadways in the future as development occurs. The proposed placement of poles will also severely constrain the City and/or private developers in the basic task of locating a new roadway or widening existing roadways, because the poles will serve as an immovable limiting borderline to which road construction is necessarily subservient. We believe the better solution will be to make changes to the alignment. An alternative alignment that avoids these conflicts with the City's General Plan should be presented as an alternative as more fully discussed in the next section.

### **Alternatives**

CEQA requires a discussion of project alternatives to identify ways to reduce or avoid significant impacts on the environment. (*Laurel Heights Improvement Association v. Regents of University of California* (1988) 47 Cal.3d 376, 403.) An EIR should analyze alternatives that offer substantial environmental advantages of a proposed project, and there must be a reasonable range of alternatives presented for comparison. (*Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Board of Supervisors* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 553,566; CEQA Guidelines, § 15126.6(a).)

a. Feasibility

CEQA requires the adoption of all feasible alternatives and mitigation measures that substantially reduce the environmental impact of projects. The “fact that an alternative may be more expensive or less profitable is not sufficient to show that the alternative is financially infeasible.” (*Citizens for Goleta Valley v. Bd. Of Supervisors* (1988) 197 Cal.App.3d 1167, 1180.)

The Project does not include the undergrounding of any transmission lines. In meetings with City staff, SCE has informed the City that it believes that undergrounding is infeasible, primarily based on cost. However, the City has not been provided with any comparative cost analysis of the construction of the Project above and below ground (or even with only certain components below ground). As part of that analysis, the DEIR should consider the long-term cost savings of undergrounding by not having to relocate poles at critical locations where future road expansion and realignment is anticipated under the City’s General Plan. Additionally, the DEIR should consider undergrounding of transmission lines in areas with more severe impacts to aesthetics, socioeconomics and urban decay. Areas of particular risk for those impacts are developed areas that are currently served by undergrounded transmission lines but will now be impacted for the first time by above-ground transmission lines, most notably along Pasadena Street. Also of concern are areas served by existing above-ground power lines on one side of the street that will now be burdened by above-ground transmission lines on both sides of the street.

b. Reasonable Range

CEQA requires an EIR present a reasonable range of alternatives to the project or to the location of the project that reduce the environmental impacts of the project. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15126.6(a).) It is critical that the DEIR present a reasonable range of alternatives.

Without any meaningful consultation with the City, SCE has already proposed a preferred alignment. We urge the CPUC to independently develop project alternatives, either by way of different alignments or undergrounding (or a combination of both) that provide meaningful comparisons while also potentially alleviating the most adverse impacts. The City requests that the CPUC provide the City with an opportunity to confer with its staff and its EIR consultant with respect to the development of these alternatives as the DEIR is being prepared.

c. Project Objectives

“A project proponent may not limit its ability to implement the project in a way that precludes it from implementing reasonable alternatives to the Project.” (Stephen


Kostka and Michael Zischke, Practice Under the California Environmental Quality Act, § 15.8.) Accordingly, we urge the CPUC to not allow the Project objectives contained in the DEIR to be crafted in a narrow manner such that the Project only as proposed by SCE can meet the objectives.

**Conclusion**

The proposed Project will adversely affect the City and its residents. We are gravely concerned that the Project will create a significant hurdle to the fulfillment of the City's General Plan and negatively impact private property development and the City's economic growth. The resulting lower economic base for the City of Lake Elsinore and its residents and businesses raises environmental justice concerns in a city already designated as a disadvantaged community. For these reasons, it is absolutely critical that the CPUC hold true to its mission to protect to public by insisting, as we do, on a DEIR with a complete and detailed project description, adequate analysis of impacts and, most critically, a meaningful alternative analysis that leads to selection of an alignment and implementation of technologies that minimize adverse impacts of the Project

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. Should you have any questions or request consultation with our City's professional staff, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Grant Yates  
City Manager

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Brian Tisdale, Mayor Pro Tem  
Daryl Hickman, Councilmember  
Natasha Johnson, Councilmember  
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Grant Taylor, Community Development Director  
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**Cc:** Ebru Ozdil; Brenda L. Tomaras; Andrea Fernandez  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation - SCE Alberhill System Project  
**Attachments:** Alberhill System Project NOP.pdf

To Whom it May Concern;

These comments are written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (hereinafter, “the Tribe”), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government. The Tribe formally requests, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the entire CEQA environmental review process for the duration of the above referenced project (the “Project”). Please add the Tribe to your distribution list(s) for public notices and circulation of all documents, including environmental review documents, archeological reports, and all documents pertaining to this Project. The Tribe further requests to be directly notified of all public hearings and scheduled approvals concerning this Project. Please also incorporate these comments into the record of approval for this Project.

Although these comments are being submitted past the requested NOP deadline of June 5, 2015, we request that you please accept our comments and incorporate them in to the Project file and documents. The Pechanga Tribe has worked jointly with the CPUC and SCE on this Project since 2009. We are very concerned that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) does not address the potential significant impacts that the Project will have to tribal cultural resources. The Alberhill System line traverses through a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), may impact over 15 cultural sites and will visually impacts several more sites that are located within close vicinity. Further, this Project is located less than four miles from the Tribe’s Trust Lands located in Meadowbrook. These are formal, non-contiguous reservation lands, making the Pechanga Tribe the closest Indian Tribe to the Project.

In order to comply with CEQA and other applicable Federal and California law, it is imperative that the CPUC consult with the Tribe in order to guarantee an adequate knowledge base for an appropriate evaluation of the Project effects, as well as to generate adequate mitigation measures. Thus, the Tribe requests to be involved and participate with the CPUC in assuring that an adequate environmental assessment is completed, and in developing all monitoring and mitigation plans and measures for the duration of the Project. In addition, given the sensitivity of the Project area, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that professional Pechanga tribal monitors be required to be present during all archaeological surveys and studies, as well as to be present during all ground-disturbing activities conducted in connection with the Project, including any archeological excavations performed.

The Tribe reserves the right to fully participate in the environmental review process, as well as to provide further comment on the Project's impacts to cultural resources and potential mitigation for such impacts. Further, the Tribe reserves the right to participate in the regulatory process and provide comment on issues pertaining to the regulatory process and Project approval.

The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to working together with the CPUC in protecting the invaluable Pechanga cultural resources found in the Project area. Please contact me at 951-770-8104 or at [ahoover@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:ahoover@pechanga-nsn.gov) once you have had a chance to review these comments so that we might continue our consultation. Thank you.

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022) and**  
**Valley–**  
**Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alberhill System Project (Alberhill Project or ASP) and the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Valley–Ivyglen Project or VIG). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to open a 30-day public comment period on the scope of the EIR for the Alberhill Project and Valley–Ivyglen Project. Below is background information on each project and a summary of the status of each project's application. The comment period will extend from May 6, 2015, to June 5, 2015.

**A. Introduction**

*Alberhill System Project*

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on September 30, 2009, (Application A.09-09-022) with the CPUC to construct the Alberhill Project. The CPUC circulated an NOP on April 15, 2010, that opened a 30-day scoping comment period. SCE filed amended sections of the PEA on April 11, 2011, that modified the two proposed 500-kV transmission lines for the project. The CPUC circulated a second NOP on July 28, 2011, which opened another 30-day scoping comment period. The CPUC has not yet circulated an environmental document for the Alberhill Project.

*Valley–Ivyglen Project*

On April 2, 2013, SCE filed a Petition for Modification (PFM) for Decision 10-08-009, which granted SCE a Permit to Construct the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project. On March 26, 2014, SCE filed a Motion to Bifurcate the Fogarty Substation Project from the Valley–Ivyglen Project, which was approved by the CPUC on August 28, 2014, thereby separating the Valley–Ivyglen Project from the Fogarty Substation Project.[1] On May 23, 2014, SCE filed a revised PFM for Decision 10-08-009 for the Valley–Ivyglen Project.

*Environmental Review*

In August 2013, the CPUC determined that it would be in the public's best interest to consolidate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analyses for the proposed Alberhill Project Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and the Valley–Ivyglen Project PFM applications into a single CEQA document. As the lead agency, the CPUC has determined that an EIR should be prepared in accordance with the criteria, standards, and procedures of the CEQA (Public Resources Code sections 21000 et. seq. and California Code of Regulations Title 14, sections 15000 et seq.).

**B. Alberhill System Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Alberhill Project would include construction of the following:

- One 1,120-megavolt-ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill Substation.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Substation; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

The Alberhill Substation is proposed to be built on approximately 34 acres of a 124-acre property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road in unincorporated western Riverside County. The two 500-kV transmission lines would each extend approximately 1 mile northeast to connect to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line. The 115-kV subtransmission line modifications and construction would occur southeast from the Alberhill Substation to Skylark Substation (approximately 11.5 miles) and from Skylark Substation to Newcomb Substation (approximately 9 miles). See Figure 1 attached to this NOP. ***\*A GIS-based webviewer will be available on the project website (see address below) in a few days.*** A portion of the proposed Alberhill Project 115-kV subtransmission line would be placed on structures built as part of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project.

Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed Alberhill Project. In addition, a 120-foot microwave antenna tower would be installed at the proposed Alberhill Substation site that would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site in Cleveland National Forest. From there, another new dish antenna would direct signals to a new dish antenna installed at the Serrano Substation in the City of Orange in Orange County.

The Alberhill Project would serve the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Hot Springs, Temecula, and Wildomar, as well as the surrounding unincorporated areas of Riverside County. SCE designed the proposed Alberhill Project to meet long-term forecasted electrical demand in the Alberhill Project area and increase electrical system reliability. SCE estimates that construction would take approximately 28 months.

### **C. Valley–Ivyglen Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Valley–Ivyglen Project would involve the construction of a new, single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission line and a fiber optic line. The alignment of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen 115-kV line would generally follow the route approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009, with modifications to address erosion and landslide activity that occurred in the area. The modified

route would be approximately 27 miles long and constructed within approximately 23 miles of new right-of-way. The line would traverse unincorporated Riverside County and the cities of Menifee, Perris, and Lake Elsinore. The proposed route would cross Interstate 15, Interstate 215 and State Route 74. See Figure 2 attached to this NOP. ***\*A GIS-based webviewer will be available on the project website (see address below) in a few days.*** Fiber optic lines would be installed overhead on the proposed structures and underground in new and existing conduit.

In addition to route realignment, the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project would include the following modifications compared to the project approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009:

- Additional disturbance areas and access road changes;
- Alternate construction methods, including helicopter use, blasting, temporary transmission poles, and retaining walls;
- Additional underground installations;
- Additional transmission structures and types of transmission structures;
- Increased span lengths and depths of borings.
- Additional construction methods, including shoo-fly poles, blasting, guard structures, and helicopter use;
- Modifications to work areas, staging areas, and helicopter operation yards; and
- Modifications to the telecommunications system, including overhead and underground installation.

SCE anticipates that construction of the Valley–Ivyglen Project would take approximately 27 months.

#### **D. Scope of EIR and Discussion of Potential Impacts**

CEQA requires agencies to consider environmental impacts that may result from a project, inform the public of potential impacts and alternatives, and facilitate public involvement in the assessment process. The EIR for the proposed Alberhill Project and Valley–Ivyglen Project will discuss the purpose and need for the proposed projects, describe alternatives, describe the environmental setting, evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed projects and alternatives, and evaluate cumulative impacts.

Preliminary analysis suggests that significant impacts could result from the Alberhill and Valley–Ivyglen Projects. Tables 1 and 2 summarize the potentially significant effects of the proposed projects. More detailed analyses will be included in the EIR.

#### **E. Public Review**

This NOP has been sent to the State Clearinghouse, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties. Comments should identify the issues to be considered in the EIR with respect to proposed projects. The public comment period on the scope of the EIR will extend from May 6, 2015 to June 5, 2015.



The CPUC will host two meetings on the Alberhill Project and the Valley–Ivyglen Project as detailed below:

**Date:** May 18, 2015

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**Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cesar E. Chavez Library  
163 E. San Jacinto  
Perris, CA 92570

**Location:** Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center  
183 North Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Each meeting will begin with a brief presentation, followed by an open house format to answer specific questions about the proposed projects. You are invited to submit written comments, which must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than June 5, 2015. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence.

Please send comments to:

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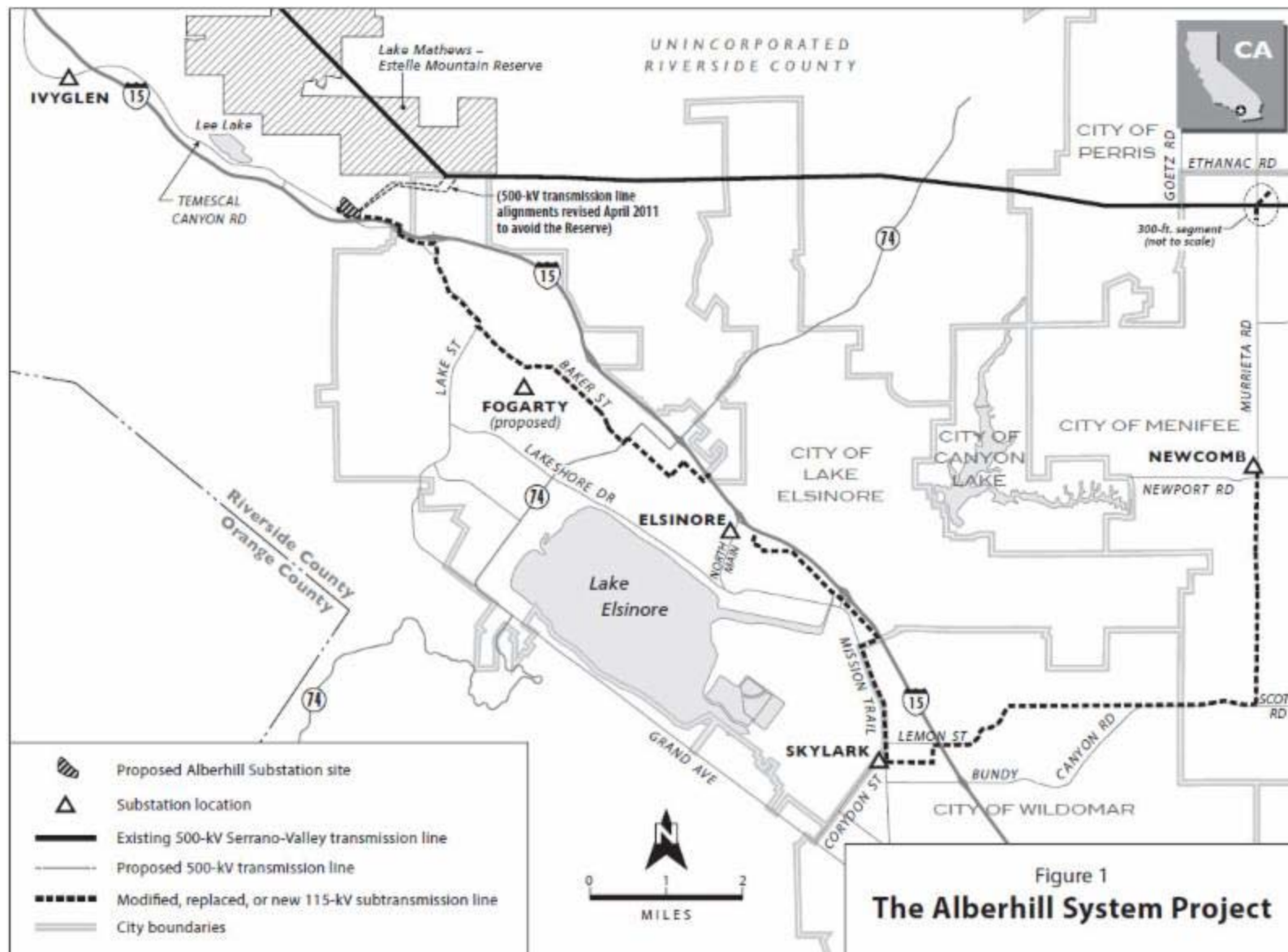
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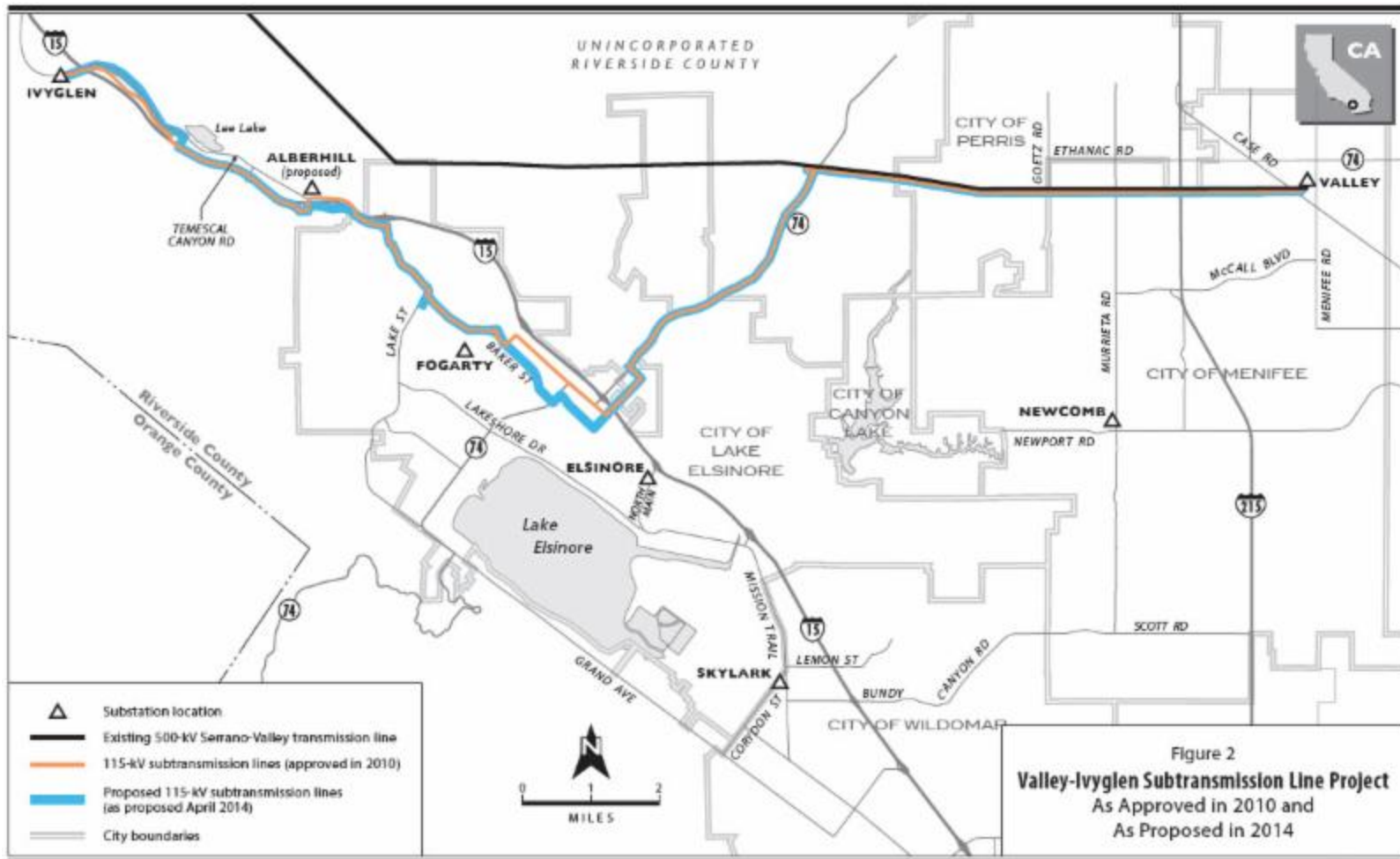
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary outdoor storage of materials, stockpiling of spoils from excavation.</li> </ul> <p>A permanent effect on aesthetics along I-15 and SR-74 could result from the replacement of existing wood distribution line poles (30 to 80 feet tall) with new steel poles (up to 115 feet tall) and the introduction of new steel poles. The new poles would result in permanent visual contrast, alterations to existing scenic integrity, blocked or partially blocked views, and the introduction of industrial-like facilities to a relatively undeveloped rural area. The new and upgraded 115-kV subtransmission structures along 115-kV Segments VIG1 through 115-kV VIG8 would be intermittently noticeable to area residents and motorists along I-15 and SR-74.</p>
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<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	Temporary effects from the use of hazardous materials and petroleum products could result in upset or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials and petroleum products during construction.
	Temporary and permanent effects from wildfire could result during construction and operation of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project along proposed 115-kV segments that would be located within or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	Temporary and long-term effects on water quality and existing drainage patterns could result from 1) foundation excavation for 115-kV structure installations; 2) vegetation removal and earthmoving activities at construction sites and for access roads; 3) culvert construction across aquatic features; and 4) blasting. Erosion or siltation on or off site could result from the grading and vegetation clearing along a number of the proposed 115-kV Segments including along 115-kV Segment 8 where trenching would be required to install the proposed 115-kV line underground near Temescal Wash, a jurisdictional waterway.
<b>Land Use</b>	Potential conflict with Riverside County and City of Lake Elsinore land use policies, zoning ordinances, and requirements within specific plan areas could result (e.g., Alberhill Ridge Specific Plan in Lake Elsinore) because of the installation of new structures within 50 feet of eligible State Scenic Highways (Riverside County General Plan Policy 13.4), installation of structures along visually significant ridgelines and hilltops (Riverside County General Plan Policy 11.1(d)), or within an adopted road realignment for Lake Street (City of Lake Elsinore Vesting Tentative Tract No. 35001).
<b>Noise</b>	Temporary effects on nearby sensitive receptors could result from construction equipment and activities, including helicopter use and blasting that would exceed local noise standards, substantially increase temporary ambient noise levels, and generate substantial ground-borne vibrations during construction.
<b>Traffic</b>	Temporary effects on air traffic patterns could result from the use of helicopters during construction that increase safety risks.
<b>Cumulative Effects</b>	Cumulatively considerable effects may occur on aesthetics, air quality, and biological resources, as described in Table 3.





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To Whom it May Concern;

These comments are written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (hereinafter, “the Tribe”), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government. The Tribe formally requests, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the entire CEQA environmental review process for the duration of the above referenced project (the “Project”). Please add the Tribe to your distribution list(s) for public notices and circulation of all documents, including environmental review documents, archeological reports, and all documents pertaining to this Project. The Tribe further requests to be directly notified of all public hearings and scheduled approvals concerning this Project. Please also incorporate these comments into the record of approval for this Project.

Although these comments are being submitted past the requested NOP deadline of June 5, 2015, we request that you please accept our comments and incorporate them in to the Project file and documents. The Pechanga Tribe has worked jointly with the CPUC and SCE on this Project since 2008. We are very concerned that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) does not address the potential significant impacts that the Project will have to tribal cultural resources. The Ivyglen Subtransmission line traverses through a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), may impact over 15 cultural sites and will visually impacts several more sites that are located within a close vicinity. Further, this Project is located less than 0.75 miles from the Tribe’s Trust Lands located in Meadowbrook. These are formal, non-contiguous reservation lands, making the Pechanga Tribe the closest Indian Tribe to the Project.

In order to comply with CEQA and other applicable Federal and California law, it is imperative that the CPUC consult with the Tribe in order to guarantee an adequate knowledge base for an appropriate evaluation of the Project effects, as well as to generate adequate mitigation measures. Thus, the Tribe requests to be involved and participate with the CPUC in assuring that an adequate environmental assessment is completed, and in developing all monitoring and mitigation plans and measures for the duration of the Project. In addition, given the sensitivity of the Project area, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that professional Pechanga tribal monitors be required to be present during all archaeological surveys and studies, as well as to be present during all ground-disturbing activities conducted in connection with the Project, including any archeological excavations performed.

The Tribe reserves the right to fully participate in the environmental review process, as well as to provide further comment on the Project's impacts to cultural resources and potential mitigation for such impacts. Further, the Tribe reserves the right to participate in the regulatory process and provide comment on issues pertaining to the regulatory process and Project approval.

The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to working together with the CPUC in protecting the invaluable Pechanga cultural resources found in the Project area. Please contact me at 951-770-8104 or at [ahoover@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:ahoover@pechanga-nsn.gov) once you have had a chance to review these comments so that we might continue our consultation. Thank you.

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
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**Valley–**  
**Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alberhill System Project (Alberhill Project or ASP) and the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Valley–Ivyglen Project or VIG). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to open a 30-day public comment period on the scope of the EIR for the Alberhill Project and Valley–Ivyglen Project. Below is background information on each project and a summary of the status of each project's application. The comment period will extend from May 6, 2015, to June 5, 2015.

**A. Introduction**

*Alberhill System Project*

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on September 30, 2009, (Application A.09-09-022) with the CPUC to construct the Alberhill Project. The CPUC circulated an NOP on April 15, 2010, that opened a 30-day scoping comment period. SCE filed amended sections of the PEA on April 11, 2011, that modified the two proposed 500-kV transmission lines for the project. The CPUC circulated a second NOP on July 28, 2011, which opened another 30-day scoping comment period. The CPUC has not yet circulated an environmental document for the Alberhill Project.

*Valley–Ivyglen Project*

On April 2, 2013, SCE filed a Petition for Modification (PFM) for Decision 10-08-009, which granted SCE a Permit to Construct the Valley–Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project. On March 26, 2014, SCE filed a Motion to Bifurcate the Fogarty Substation Project from the Valley–Ivyglen Project, which was approved by the CPUC on August 28, 2014, thereby separating the Valley–Ivyglen Project from the Fogarty Substation Project.[1] On May 23, 2014, SCE filed a revised PFM for Decision 10-08-009 for the Valley–Ivyglen Project.

*Environmental Review*

In August 2013, the CPUC determined that it would be in the public's best interest to consolidate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analyses for the proposed Alberhill Project Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and the Valley–Ivyglen Project PFM applications into a single CEQA document. As the lead agency, the CPUC has determined that an EIR should be prepared in accordance with the criteria, standards, and procedures of the CEQA (Public Resources Code sections 21000 et. seq. and California Code of Regulations Title 14, sections 15000 et seq.).

**B. Alberhill System Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Alberhill Project would include construction of the following:

- One 1,120-megavolt-ampere (MVA) 500/115-kilovolt (kV) substation (Alberhill Substation), expandable to a maximum of 1,680 MVA.
- Two 500-kV transmission lines to connect the proposed substation to the existing Serrano–Valley 500-kV transmission line.
- One new and four modified 115-kV subtransmission lines to transfer five substations that are currently served by the Valley South 500/115-kV Substation to the new Alberhill Substation.
- Telecommunications lines on the new and replaced transmission and subtransmission lines.
- A 120-foot microwave antenna tower at the proposed Alberhill Substation site; microwave telecommunications antennas at the existing Santiago Peak communications site and Serrano Substation; and other telecommunications equipment installations at existing and proposed substations.

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Telecommunications lines would be installed primarily on the overhead structures modified or constructed as part of the proposed Alberhill Project. In addition, a 120-foot microwave antenna tower would be installed at the proposed Alberhill Substation site that would direct signals to a new dish antenna located approximately 7 miles to the southwest at the existing Santiago Peak Communications site in Cleveland National Forest. From there, another new dish antenna would direct signals to a new dish antenna installed at the Serrano Substation in the City of Orange in Orange County.

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### **C. Valley–Ivyglen Project Location, Description, and Purpose**

The Valley–Ivyglen Project would involve the construction of a new, single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission line and a fiber optic line. The alignment of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen 115-kV line would generally follow the route approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009, with modifications to address erosion and landslide activity that occurred in the area. The modified

route would be approximately 27 miles long and constructed within approximately 23 miles of new right-of-way. The line would traverse unincorporated Riverside County and the cities of Menifee, Perris, and Lake Elsinore. The proposed route would cross Interstate 15, Interstate 215 and State Route 74. See Figure 2 attached to this NOP. ***\*A GIS-based webviewer will be available on the project website (see address below) in a few days.*** Fiber optic lines would be installed overhead on the proposed structures and underground in new and existing conduit.

In addition to route realignment, the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project would include the following modifications compared to the project approved in 2010 by CPUC Decision 10-08-009:

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- Increased span lengths and depths of borings.
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- Modifications to work areas, staging areas, and helicopter operation yards; and
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SCE anticipates that construction of the Valley–Ivyglen Project would take approximately 27 months.

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**Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	<p>Each of the 560-MVA 500/115-kV transformers would contain approximately 33,550 gallons of transformer oil. In California, all used oil is managed as hazardous waste until tested to show it is not hazardous (Section 25250.4 of the California Health and Safety Code). Direct and indirect effects from the accidental release of hazardous materials could result during construction and operation of the proposed Alberhill Substation.</p>
	<p>Temporary and permanent effects from fire could result from construction and operation of the proposed Alberhill Project along the proposed 500-kV and 115-kV lines and at the proposed Alberhill Substation site, which would be located within or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.</p>
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	<p>Temporary, direct, and indirect effects on water quality and existing drainage patterns could result from construction of the proposed Alberhill Substation, access road to 500-kV Tower SA-5, and along sections of the proposed 115-kV segments due to project-related activities such as the placement of fill, earth moving activities, and the potential for spill of hazardous materials near jurisdictional (e.g., Temescal Wash ) and potentially jurisdictional waterways/drainages.</p>
<b>Cumulative Effects</b>	<p><i>Aesthetics.</i> A permanent effect on aesthetics along an eligible State Scenic Highway (I-15) could result from operation of the proposed Alberhill Project in addition to the proposed Talega–Escondido/Valley–Serrano (TE/VS) Project, and proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project. The proposed Alberhill Substation, 500-kV transmission lines, and 115-kV Segments</p>

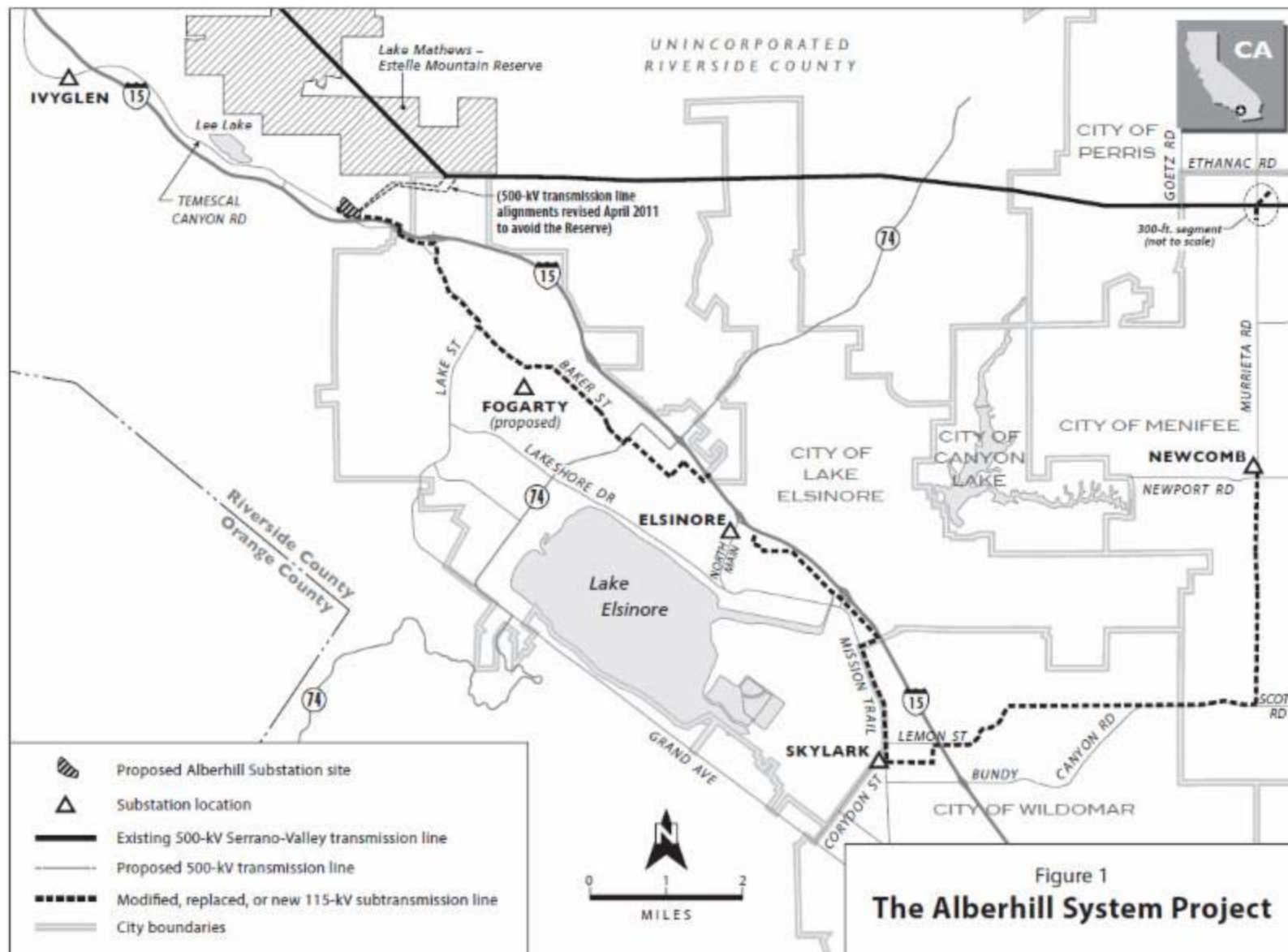
	ASP1 through ASP5, as well as the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project 115-kV Segments VIG3 through VIG7 and proposed TE/VS switchyard and associated 500-kV transmission lines, would be visible from I-15.
	<i>Air Quality.</i> A temporary violation of maximum daily on-site emission levels of PM10 and PM2.5 (fugitive dust) would occur during the construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project. Construction activities that overlap (e.g., earth-moving activities) may result in cumulative effects on air quality.
	<i>Air Quality.</i> Construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project could result in a temporary, cumulatively considerable net increase of VOC, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter of PM10, and PM2.5 due to diesel- and gasoline-fueled engine exhaust from vehicles and equipment.
	<i>Biological Resources.</i> Construction of the proposed Alberhill System Project, proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project, and proposed TE/VS Project could result in cumulatively considerable effects on riparian areas and federally protected wetlands.

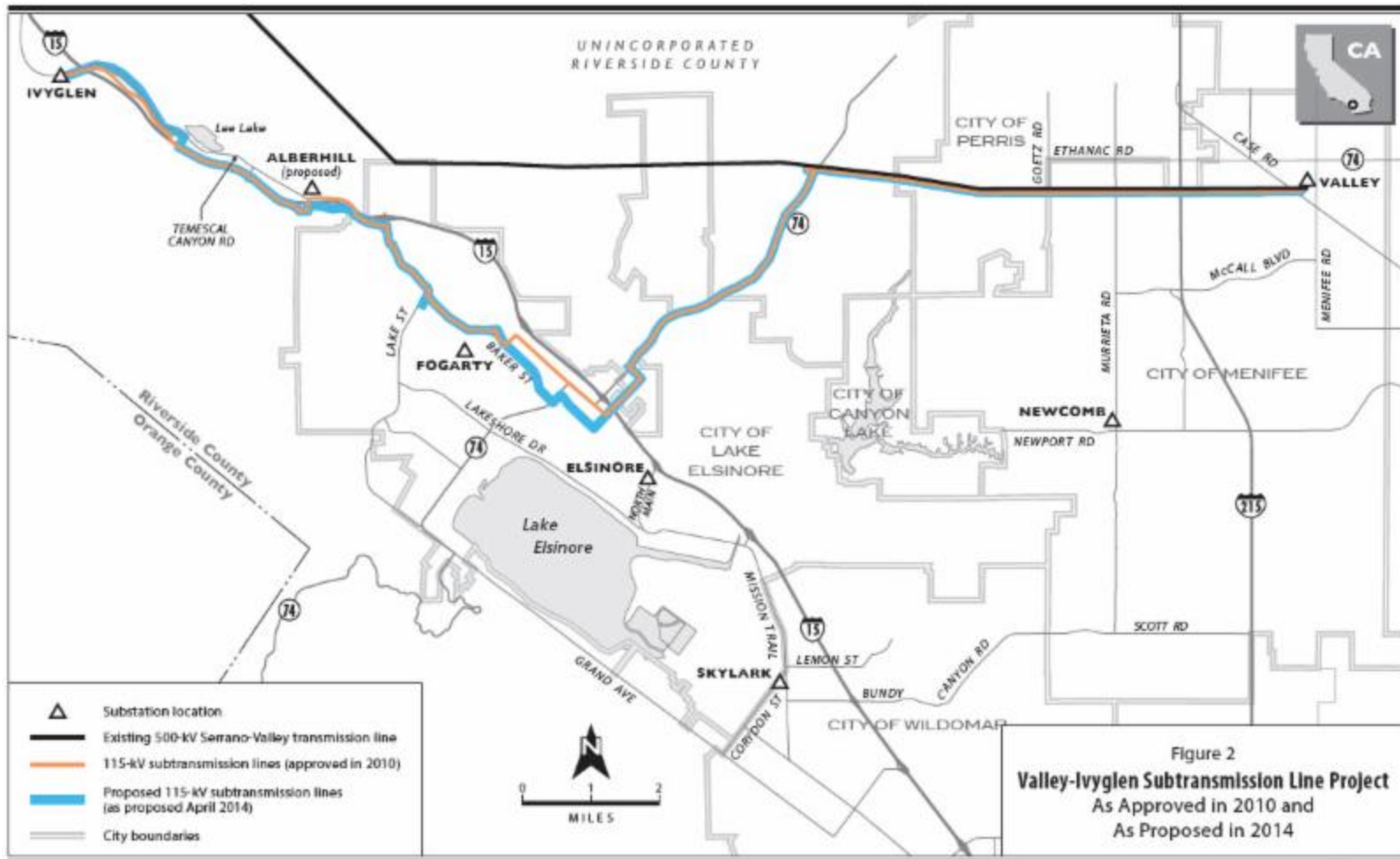
**Table 2 Summary of Potentially Significant Effects of the Valley–Ivyglen Project**

Resource Area	Potential Effects
<b>Aesthetics</b>	<p>Temporary and permanent effects on aesthetic resources along Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route 74 (SR-74), both eligible State Scenic Highways, could result from construction and operation of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project. Construction would occur over a 24-month period, and construction activities along 115-kV Segments VIG1 through 115-kV VIG8 would be noticeable to area residents and motorists along I-15 and SR-74. Construction activities that would temporarily affect scenic resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of vehicles and equipment for excavation and grading activities, transporting and lifting, watering to control dust, transporting workers, and other construction activities;</li> <li>• Soil and vegetation removal;</li> <li>• Removal of existing power poles;</li> <li>• Temporary construction site fencing and signage;</li> <li>• Spraying of embankment slopes with an erosion control mixture, which may be vivid in color; and</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary outdoor storage of materials, stockpiling of spoils from excavation.</li> </ul> <p>A permanent effect on aesthetics along I-15 and SR-74 could result from the replacement of existing wood distribution line poles (30 to 80 feet tall) with new steel poles (up to 115 feet tall) and the introduction of new steel poles. The new poles would result in permanent visual contrast, alterations to existing scenic integrity, blocked or partially blocked views, and the introduction of industrial-like facilities to a relatively undeveloped rural area. The new and upgraded 115-kV subtransmission structures along 115-kV Segments VIG1 through 115-kV VIG8 would be intermittently noticeable to area residents and motorists along I-15 and SR-74.</p>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<p>Temporary violations for maximum daily on-site emission levels of PM10 would occur during construction of the proposed 115-kV subtransmission lines from roadwork, site preparation, structure installation, and wire stringing.</p>
	<p>The temporary exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and fugitive dust (particulate matter of 10 micrometers or less and particulate matter of 2.5 micrometers or less) would occur during construction of the proposed 115-kV subtransmission lines.</p>
<b>Biological Resources</b>	<p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on Stephens' kangaroo rat would likely result from construction of several of the proposed 115-kV segments.</p>
	<p>Temporary, permanent, direct, and indirect effects on riparian areas and federally protected wetlands (e.g., Temescal Wash or its tributaries or the San Jacinto River) as defined by Clean Water Act Section 404 could result from construction and operation of a number of the proposed 115-kV segments. Among the areas likely to be affected are the proposed access roads and new structures along 115-kV Segment VIG6, trenched areas to install 115-kV Segment VIG8 underground, and the area where two tubular steel poles (4765121E and 4765120E) would be installed along 115-kV Segment VIG1 adjacent to the San Jacinto River.</p>
<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	<p>Temporary effects from the use of hazardous materials and petroleum products could result in upset or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials and petroleum products during construction.</p>
	<p>Temporary and permanent effects from wildfire could result during construction and operation of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project along proposed 115-kV segments that would be located within or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.</p>

<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	Temporary and long-term effects on water quality and existing drainage patterns could result from 1) foundation excavation for 115-kV structure installations; 2) vegetation removal and earthmoving activities at construction sites and for access roads; 3) culvert construction across aquatic features; and 4) blasting. Erosion or siltation on or off site could result from the grading and vegetation clearing along a number of the proposed 115-kV Segments including along 115-kV Segment 8 where trenching would be required to install the proposed 115-kV line underground near Temescal Wash, a jurisdictional waterway.
<b>Land Use</b>	Potential conflict with Riverside County and City of Lake Elsinore land use policies, zoning ordinances, and requirements within specific plan areas could result (e.g., Alberhill Ridge Specific Plan in Lake Elsinore) because of the installation of new structures within 50 feet of eligible State Scenic Highways (Riverside County General Plan Policy 13.4), installation of structures along visually significant ridgelines and hilltops (Riverside County General Plan Policy 11.1(d)), or within an adopted road realignment for Lake Street (City of Lake Elsinore Vesting Tentative Tract No. 35001).
<b>Noise</b>	Temporary effects on nearby sensitive receptors could result from construction equipment and activities, including helicopter use and blasting that would exceed local noise standards, substantially increase temporary ambient noise levels, and generate substantial ground-borne vibrations during construction.
<b>Traffic</b>	Temporary effects on air traffic patterns could result from the use of helicopters during construction that increase safety risks.
<b>Cumulative Effects</b>	Cumulatively considerable effects may occur on aesthetics, air quality, and biological resources, as described in Table 3.





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Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project  
Attn.: Mr. Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
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RE: Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Notice of Preparation

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) with a postcard advising of the issuance of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project referenced above, which would result in the construction of electrical transmission lines traversing land in the Perris Valley Airport Influence Area and the March Air Reserve Base/Inland Port Airport Influence Area. We support the decision that an EIR should be prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

We have reviewed the online Amended Project Modification Report prepared by the applicant utility (Southern California Edison). While most of the airport references are accurate, the discussion of Impact HAZ-5 on page 3.7-14 indicates that the original Final EIR is in error. Specifically, it states that the Final EIR had referred to Perris Valley Airport as a private airport and Skylark Airport in Lake Elsinore as a public use airport. In fact, Perris Valley Airport is a public use airport, whereas Skylark Airport is a private airport. This is correctly recognized in the second paragraph of the discussion of Impact HAZ-6 on page 3.7-15.

This Report also discloses that helicopters will be used during the construction of the transmission line in some areas. Helicopter pilots will need to be aware that both Perris Valley and Skylark Airports are predominantly used as bases for aircraft utilized for skydiving. We would recommend that Southern California Edison consult with the affected airport operators, as well as representatives of March Air Reserve Base and the March Inland Port Airport Authority, prior to commencement of helicopter operations.

We would like to receive a CD copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. Please continue to send notices and correspondence to John Guerin, Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission, 4080 Lemon Street, Fl. 14, Riverside CA 92501

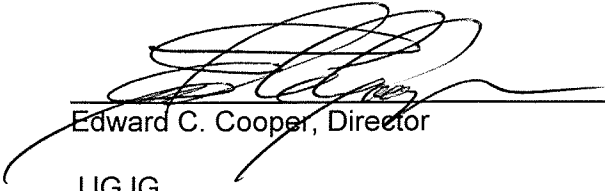
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact John Guerin of ALUC staff at (951) 955-0982.



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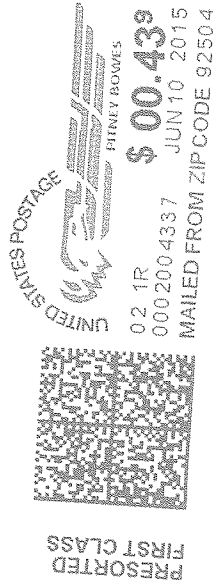
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Mr. Uchida,

Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project SCH# 2008011082 (RIV 74 PM 17.29)

We have received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the above referenced project, running along SR-74 crossing I-15 right-of-way, at the intersection of Central Ave/SR-74 and I-15. Total project development consists of the construction of a single-circuit 115-kV sub transmission line and fiber optic line.

Your project does not appear to have impacts to the State Highway system. California Department of Transportation has no comment at this time. However, the California Department of Transportation reserves the right to comment on any future revisions to this project. When development does occur a need for encroachment permits will be necessary for any work performed within the State right-of-way.

Encroachment Permit Requirements

Issuance of a Caltrans Encroachment Permit will be required prior to any construction within State R/W. In addition, all work undertaken within I-15 R/W shall be in compliance to all current design standards, applicable policies, and construction practices. Detailed information regarding permit application and submittal requirements is available at:

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Should this proposal be later modified please forward copies of revised plans as necessary so that we may reevaluate all proposed changes for potential impact to SR-74, I-15, and I-215.

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Mr. Uchida,

Alberhill System Project SCH# 2010041031 (RIV 15 PM 16.89)

We have received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the above referenced project, located West of Interstate 15 right-of-way, at the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Concordia Ranch Road. Total project development consists of the construction of two 500-kV transmission lines to connect to the existing Serrano-Valley 500-kV transmission line.

Your project does not appear to have impacts to the State Highway system. California Department of Transportation has no comment at this time. However, the California Department of Transportation reserves the right to comment on any future revisions to this project. When development does occur a need for encroachment permits will be necessary for any work performed within the State right-of-way.

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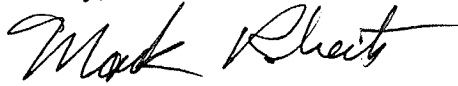
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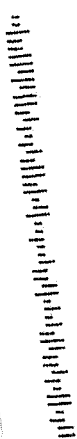
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**Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the  
Alberhill System Project and Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD staff's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft CEQA document. Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the CEQA document upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

**Air Quality Analysis**

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. More recent guidance developed since this Handbook was published is also available on SCAQMD's website here: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/ceqa-air-quality-handbook-\(1993\)](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/ceqa-air-quality-handbook-(1993)). SCAQMD staff also recommends that the lead agency use the CalEEMod land use emissions software. This software has recently been updated to incorporate up-to-date state and locally approved emission factors and methodologies for estimating pollutant emissions from typical land use development. CalEEMod is the only software model maintained by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and replaces the now outdated URBEMIS. This model is available free of charge at: [www.caleemod.com](http://www.caleemod.com).

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD staff requests that the lead agency quantify criteria pollutant emissions and compare the results to the recommended regional significance thresholds found here: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/handbook/scaqmd-air-quality-significance-thresholds.pdf?sfvrsn=2>. In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts, the SCAQMD staff recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is

recommended that the lead agency perform a localized analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/localized-significance-thresholds>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("*Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis*") can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mobile-source-toxics-analysis>. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses (such as placing homes near freeways) can be found in the California Air Resources Board's *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective*, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process.

### **Mitigation Measures**

In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate these impacts. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed. Several resources are available to assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, including:

- Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*
- SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>.
- CAPCOA's *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* available here: <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>.
- SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook for controlling construction-related emissions
- Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/planning/air-quality-guidance/complete-guidance-document.pdf?sfvrsn=4>.

### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's webpage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project emissions are accurately evaluated and mitigated where feasible. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [Jwong1@aqmd.gov](mailto:Jwong1@aqmd.gov) or call me at (909) 396-3176.

Sincerely,

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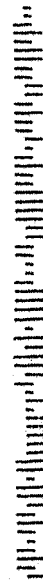
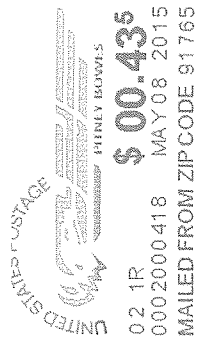
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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:41 AM  
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**Subject:** Alberhill Scoping meeting comments

As requested in the public scoping meeting 5/18/15 I am submitting my comments on the proposed Alberhill System project. This project has a 115KV transmission line proposed to run south along Murrieta Rd from the Newcomb substation to Bundy. This eyesore above our Calder Ranch housing track will have a negative impact on the aesthetics of our neighborhood and reduce property values. I left Orange County and purchased a new home in this Menifee development in Dec 2011 attracted by the lovely spacious homes and 1 acre ranch lot sizes. One of the aspects of the development that was especially appealing to me was the rural look including views of the surrounding mountains and foothills. The developer placed all the power distribution to this neighborhood underground to preserve these aspects. The proposed towers and power transmission lines should not be constructed. I suggest that these powerlines be placed underground.

Alternatively, the project should consider whether this connection to the Newcomb substation is really needed. Is the benefit gained really worth the cost? As I understand, the need for this subtransmission line is to improve system reliability and uptime. I would be willing to deal with occasional power outages if that is the consequence of not having the Newcomb station linked to the other substations. Our beautiful community does not want this eyesore.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2015 8:24 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** NOP Comments

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Southern California Edison's Alberhill System Project (Application A.09-09-022) and Valley-Ivyglan Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

Dear Sir or Madame,

After reviewing your purposed project, I would like to comment on the impact to the area aesthetics. As you may know, the property historically has been a picturesque horse ranch. The adjacent property is a wildflower strewn meadow and pasture. In order to mitigate the impacts your project will have, I would like to see the following :

- An equally visually pleasing multi purpose trail to be built in the area that can accommodate hikers, bikers and equestrians.
- The 7000 square foot building to be built to resemble a barn or other historically appropriate building.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amie Kinne  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2015 2:39 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** SCOPING COMMENTS FOR ALBERHILL PROJECT  
**Attachments:** Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project.docx

Please find the attached comments regarding the Alberhill Project.

Thank you-  
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Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project

May 21, 2015

c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.

505 Sansome Street, Suite 300

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to re-submit some of my comments which were previously submitted to you in August of 2011 after a similar scoping meeting for the Alberhill Project took place in Lake Elsinore, CA. prior to its integration with the Valley-Ivyglen Project.

My initial concerns have been prompted by the fact that significant portions of the proposed 'upgraded' subtransmission line extending from the Skylark Substation up Lemon Street run through residential areas. From the surrounding neighborhoods, in addition to the relative proximity of some residents directly adjacent to these power lines, school children and often their parents are quite near these power lines as they catch a bus for school, and also walk directly underneath these lines as part of their path in walking to Elsinore High School on a daily basis. Jean Hayman Elementary School is also located directly across the street from the power lines on Lemon Street (this school has been temporarily closed due to district budget constraints). When in session, children and parents of these young children often park across the street directly under these power lines as well, waiting for their students after school and also in many cases bringing them to school as well. Naturally, this poses an essentially 'daily exposure' scenario for these young and older students and their accompanying parents (who are also in some instances pregnant with 'future students' as well). Needless to say, there are naturally other portions of this Segment where other residential properties are in similar juxtaposition. This roadside 'path' on Lemon Street also has other foot traffic on a daily basis, there being no sidewalks on that side of the street in many portions of this Segment.

It is my understanding, from information shared at the scoping meeting of May 18, 2015, that CPUC does not regard the preponderance of research/information regarding EMFs to be in any way "conclusive". Nonetheless, I would like to once again voice my strong objection to that conclusion on their part and address and elaborate on some possible concerns and realities in constructing the new/modified 115-kV double-circuit line being proposed in this area. As Milissa Marona of SCE had mentioned during a previous scoping meeting, some of these concerns may indeed already have been addressed or planned in SCE's methodology/technology for construction and completion of this project:

- There is SUBSTANTIAL evidence that exposure to extra-low frequency magnetic fields of an average intensity greater than 2 milligauss doubles the risk of a child contracting leukemia. This relationship has been a matter of scientific inquiry since 1979. Sixteen out of nineteen studies conducted since 1995 are now viewed as identifying a statistically significant relationship between magnetic fields greater than 2 to 4 mG and a two to four-fold increase in a child's risk of contracting that disease. There is very good evidence that even momentary exposure to ELF

fields greater than 16 mG increase by a factor of 5 that a woman will have a spontaneous abortion within the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. There is very strong evidence finding a relationship between maximum ELF magnetic field exposure greater than 16 mG and a 6-fold increase in miscarriages. There is also strong evidence that these fields are associated with other diseases such as Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). There is substantial evidence linking ELF magnetic fields greater than 12 mG and breast cancer and strong evidence linking magnetic fields and the suppression of the therapeutic effects of the anti-cancer drug, tamoxifen.

- While there is little evidence that electric fields at the intensities associated with power lines directly impact human health, these fields have the potential for indirectly inducing harmful reactions. It is **UNDISPUTED** that fields above 1 mV/m can disrupt heart pacemakers and defibrillators. Electric fields of this intensity, while rare in general, are common immediately adjacent to transmission power lines. Also, one researcher claims that electric fields from power lines ionize particles in the air, and these particles are carcinogenic. This research has been validated by epidemiological evidence.
- When assessing danger, distance is all-important. The current research seems to suggest that living further than 400 feet from a transmission line will provide an adequate margin of safety from magnetic fields. However, the very latest research suggests that pregnant women should *never* venture anywhere near a transmission power line, for even momentary exposure, for the reasons mentioned above. They should avoid even driving under a transmission power line. Those utilizing pace makers or automatic defibrillators should similarly avoid even momentarily venturing near transmission lines. Those concerned about the less-documented risks associated with particles ionized by electric fields should avoid outdoor exposures within 2000 feet downwind from transmission lines.
- The risks associated with electric fields directly correspond to a line's voltage. Therefore, the risks associated with electric fields increase in tandem with the line's voltage. The better documented risks associated with a line's magnetic field are associated with the current going through a line rather than its voltage. To deliver a given amount of power, utilities must push more current through low voltage lines than high voltage lines. Therefore, in-field measurements show the magnetic field under a 115 kV line is often greater than the field immediately under a 345 kV line. Also, high voltage lines are customarily built on wider rights of way than low voltage lines. Therefore, people tend to live closer to low voltage lines than they do to high voltage lines. For these reasons, low voltage transmission power lines in general pose a greater risk to human health than do high voltage lines.
- There are those who suggest that non-ionizing radiation such as ELF-EMF contains too little energy to influence animal tissues. This formerly popular argument has largely fallen into disuse. Ionizing radiation (such as X-rays) contains sufficient energy to knock electrons out of their valiances, thereby creating chemically active ions. By-in-large, ELF-EMF does not contain sufficient energy to create ions. It was therefore argued that ELF-EMF must be biologically inactive. The argument has largely fallen into disuse (except by John Muller et al.) because all knowledgeable scientists agree that magnetic fields have biological impacts. They clearly promote bone growth at high intensities, suppress melatonin production, and induce cells to emit stress proteins. The argument revolves around whether these recognized biological impacts imply potential human harm. (The electric fields immediately adjacent to power lines are ionizing, which is the genesis of the argument that electric fields are associated with cancer). Those such as John Moulder and Peter Valberg, who vociferously decry the dangers of EMF, both earn substantial incomes from testifying for power companies that ELF-EMF is not dangerous. John Moulder has been the most active, having been under retainer from five



utilities simultaneously. Valberg is associated with Harvard University (although not a full-time faculty member). He has not done work in the field in some time. In September of 2000, there was an extraordinary event, the publication of the British Journal article. In that article, the prime authors of all the significant epidemiological research of the past five years came together and admitted that their original research had come to invalid conclusions. Whereas they had originally concluded that there was not a statistically significant relationship between ELF-EMF and cancer, they now conceded that their original research should have recognized the existence of such a significant relationship. These results were confirmed by two additional research groups. Moulder and Valberg, while aware of the new research, justify their assertions by pointing both to invalidated research and to “blue panels” that, relying upon the now-invalidated research, had found insufficient evidence for such a relationship. In addition, Moulder frequently distorts the findings of his references by pejoratively picking sentences out of context.

- Bodies such as the UK National Radiological Board and the comparable German authorities, while finding a link between ELF-EMF and cancer, have said it’s not worth worrying over. Europe employs on average higher voltages than does the U.S. Because of the physics, this means that European transmission power lines emit lower levels of magnetic fields than do U.S. lines. Furthermore, most European countries, including the UK and Germany, have prohibited the construction of transmission power lines near homes for many years. The U.S. has no comparable restriction. As a result, only a negligible number of European homes experience high levels of ELF-EMF. However, such high-level exposures are common in the U.S. Accordingly, European conclusions on the low level of exposures do not apply to the U.S.
- The IARC, a division of the World Health Organization, has found a link between cancer and ELF-EMF. Yet, it seems extraordinarily cautious in its pronouncement of this link. Similarly, the National Radiological Board and the National Institute of Health seem to be very cautious in pronouncing the existence of a link. Why is this? Electricity is essential to a modern society. Top level government bodies such as the IARC are concerned that issuing pronouncements will improve the welfare of the relatively small number exposed to high intensity fields, while endangering the prosperity of the majority of those who are not threatened by these fields. We should also not overlook the role of the utilities. As members of a regulated industry, the electric utilities have developed and deployed advanced lobbying tools. They have become very effective lobbyists who are able to influence policymakers on such matters. The debate about EMF seems likely to continue with some sectors of the world’s population still seeking the benefits of electrical energy while others try to identify the risks associated with the use of this energy source. Meanwhile, transmission and distribution utilities must essentially adopt a neutral position on this issue and continue with the policies that successfully satisfy the demand for electricity by an ever-increasing population.
- Research funding in this area is a problem. One logical source for such funding would be the utilities’ own research arm, the EPRI. However, there is evidence that the EPRI declines to fund follow-up research when the original research uncovers evidence of magnetic fields’ potential to cause disease. It fails to fund the follow-up research even when its own analysts suggest the additional research should be conducted.
- The federal government completed in mid-1999 its \$45 million EMFRapid study that recommended passive actions in general, but did recommend transmission power lines be sited so as to reduce magnetic field emissions. However, the EMFRapid study based many of its findings upon research that is now recognized to be invalid. Had it been based upon valid research, it is likely its recommendations would have been much stronger. Nevertheless, there has been little federal research since that date.

- The California EMF project has released its findings. In its evaluation, it concludes that magnetic fields **likely cause** childhood and adult leukemia, adult brain cancer, spontaneous abortions, and ALS. The evaluation further concludes that magnetic fields **possibly cause** childhood brain cancer, female and male breast cancer, Alzheimer's disease, suicide, and heart problems.

With these many factors in mind, I'd like to also cite some information regarding line designs which reduce EMF emissions, in the hope that some of this technology is currently recognized and/or utilized by SCE:

- Due to difficulties in obtaining routes for new overhead transmission lines, utilities obviously strive to maximize the capacity of their existing circuits by using bundled conductors, higher operating temperatures and voltage upgrades. These methods can prove expensive if tower modifications are necessary to maintain ground clearance requirements. American Electric Power Co. (AEP), Columbus, Ohio, reported, circa 1998, the successful development of 'upgrade loops' that increase the clearances to the tower and ground by adding an insulator extension. This technique can provide cost-effective voltage upgrades (138-kV to 230-kV), which when combined with conductor compaction, i.e. reduced conductor spacing, will reduce the resistive losses and EMF levels. EPRI has also reported on its examination of both conductor compaction and splitting of line phases as a means of EMF reductions over a wide range of transmission voltages.
- In Sweden, two power companies and the National Grid operator combined to develop power lines (70 kV-400 kV) with low magnetic field emissions. A 250-meter test span was erected and three 245-kV compacted line designs were studied. The comparable magnetic field profiles for the selected split phase design compared with existing line configurations show appreciable difference. Similar split phase conductor arrangements have also been used in Holland.
- The Finnish power utility, Imatran Voima Oy (IVO), and NK Cables have developed covered conductors for HV transmission lines that have a significant number of design and technical advantages: The revised conductor configuration enables phase conductor spacings to be reduced and the voltage to be upgraded without change of spacing, for example 66 kV to 154 kV. Shorter and less bulky towers are required to support the circuit conductors. Conductor clashing in adverse weather conditions does not disturb power delivery. The compact conductor configuration can reduce the electromagnetic field to one third of the levels associated with existing horizontal conductor arrangements. Comparisons between bare and covered (SAX) conductors for various conductor configurations are notable.
- Electro Slovenia (ELES) is responsible for planning the route corridor for the new International double-circuit 400-kV Cirkovce (Slovenia)-Heviz (Hungary) transmission line. This line has to comply with Slovene legislation governing "Electromagnetic Radiation in the Natural and Living Environment" and satisfy the Ministry of Spatial and Environmental Planning requirements before a construction permit is issued. Theoretical models that evaluate in numerical terms the engineering and economic feasibility of the transmission line with the environmental assessment have been applied to the various transmission line alignments on the selected north and south routes. By employing modern materials and advanced high performance construction technologies, this new line will optimize the use of multiple voltage towers and compacted line design with various phase conductor alignments. These techniques will ensure compliance with the Slovene government legislation, which is more rigorous than many foreign standards with respect to the intensity of electric and magnet fields for 50 Hz frequency networks.
- The New York Power Authority and EPRI finished the design, construction and testing of a passive two-loop shielding system for reducing magnetic fields along a short section of 345-kV

transmission line in upstate New York. This project culminated several years of work and testing at EPRI's Power Deliver Center in Lenox, Massachusetts. The route contained two transmission lines. A two-loop design was developed to reduce the magnetic fields on both sides of the right-of-way (a single passive loop normally reduces the field asymmetrically, more on one side of the lines than on the other). After careful study, engineers chose a two-loop design that would reduce the field approximately an equal amount on both sides of the right-of-way. The design using EPRI research experience demonstrated the effectiveness of passive loop shields in providing an economical means of magnetic field reduction.

It would be my sincere hope that all concerned parties would seriously consider the above information in any/all processes involved in the approval and finalization efforts for the Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project, in addition to other environmental, aesthetic and related concerns. I feel this is an important and necessary Project for our growing communities. I am a native Californian and retired teacher, and in my 60+ years in California have been a resident of the Wildomar area for 36 years. I have always seen California as a 'leader' of the nation on many fronts, and would hope that it continues to witness technologies and applications which are increasingly 'user/environmentally friendly' in a more comprehensive and proactive sense.

Thank you for your collective attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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**From:** APRIL BOOZE <raynapril@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 23, 2015 12:35 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** The Alberhill Project

I am e-mailing you concerning the proposed Alberhill project in our area. After reviewing the details of this project, I have issues that I would like to address to you.

I fully understand the need for reliable energy grids in our valley because of the expected growth in our city and surrounding areas, now and in the future. This growth can be planned for in an intelligent way that is cohesive with the land and people who live here or it can be a blight that will be a detriment to property values and especially, our quality of life.

We presently live in a quiet and pretty valley. The idea of seeing transmission poles and steel towers that would vary between 95' and 190' tall, coursing through our valley, would ruin our views and bring down our property values. As a suggestion, since the Fogerty station is not being impacted, why couldn't these transmission lines, towers and poles, instead of following Baker St., be more closely directed along the 15 freeway? Though designated an 'eligible scenic highway', motorists are used to seeing power lines and poles, etc. on the freeway system. Could most or some of this machinery be placed underground? The initial cost would be higher, but it's my understanding that the maintenance would be much easier and cost effective over time.

In closing, it seems to me that you have an opportunity here to build this power grid wisely, with a real concern about the quality of life for those of us living here and still have the necessary power infrastructure that this area will need for the future.

Thank you for your time,  
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**From:** gena osborne <[higena@att.net](mailto:higena@att.net)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 23, 2015 1:57 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Cc:** Kristen; Gena Osborne  
**Subject:** Alberhill SCE

An eight foot wall around the property will not conceal much but will look like a compound. We do have a Temescal Valley Guideline and I thought the RCIP did not want this type of structure in the valley. This area of the valley is very nice and the Alberhill/Ivy project will totally RUIN it!

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015 2:31 AM, gena osborne <[higena@att.net](mailto:higena@att.net)> wrote:

Is there a 3d pic to show the true impact of what it will look like? I did email them to ask.

Is this not near an earthquake fault?

Why 34 acres?

Who owns all of this property?

Is there not a migration trail around there? I know Sam's property dealt with that.

Property values will plummet. Any new homes built will kill their sales.

Has Orange County agreed to the 120 foot tower?

Not the vision the Valley has.

How much water?

These are few off the top of my head.

I have a hard time buying that so much is needed for future use. So many companies and residents are going solar, more to come.

SCE should also be in the solar business if they are all that concerned.

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**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** gena; Kristen  
**Subject:** Alberhill SCE

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**From:** Robert Hafner <bob.hafner@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2015 12:08 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Jannlee watson; Robert Hafner  
**Subject:** Robert Hafner Comment on IvyGlen

I have been following this project since 2004. Never was there a 34 acre transfer station with 190 ft towers coming down in the program. I love how this suddenly appeared after 11 years of proposal. I too agree with the other folks why cross I-15 twice when it would make sense to keep on the same side for lite industrial. If you do come on De Palma side go under ground like you were for the folks at the shopping center and Sycamore Creek. Also, I know Diamond Bar had you put everything under ground and you were able to do it there. I am not sure why you are not doing it here other than cost. As your study shows this will impact our scenic highway possible status. This will give opportunity if there is a major earthquake for power lines to come down on our limited north south access out of the valley on both I-15 and Temescal Canyon Road. This particular sub station at this location seems bad idea. Why don't you put it up by the poles high on the hill. Then all you would have to do is drive up to it and it is out of sight and near established pole already? There are noise levels with these transfer stations and added truck traffic on an already congested road. There are also coming two housing developments just north of this proposed site. What do you think this will do to those projects? There are way too many things that are bad at this location for proposed sub station.

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**From:** Steven V Johnson <stevenvjohanson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Transmission lines in Temescal Valley

Transmission lines should NOT be running over Horsethief Canyon Road and following DePalma Road. They should be on the other side of the freeway, where it is zoned for light commercial use. Horsethief Canyon Ranch is a residential family neighborhood. The other side of the freeway is NOT. Put the lines over on the east side of the 15 freeway.

Thank you,  
Steven V Johnson  
ph: 951-314-0819

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**From:** Adam Fain <adamfain11@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:43 PM  
**To:** alberhill; iveyglen@ene.com  
**Subject:** Power lines.

It has been brought to our attention that 100 ft plus power lines are being proposed to support your developments. Those of us who have lived here for the reason of unobstructed views of the mountains and valley are not going to support this effort. Lines have been reroute to accommodate the Kangaroo rats, the same should be done for your neighbors. The lines can run down 74 and along the 15 freeway. This email is to let you know that we are organizing and preparing the fight this effort. I understand environmental surveys are underway, please survey the negative sales impact of your homes if protesting neighbors organized in front of alberhill developments and sales offices. Feel free to contact me anytime

regards, Adam Fain  
760-604-2326

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**From:** Jasonlemmon <jglllemmon@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:38 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Environmental impact

I live on the corner of Allan and Conrad (29139 Allan st). I've lived here for 15 yrs and a lot has changed for the better. I have a 3 sons 9, 5, and a 4 month old. We like doing out door sports and riding bikes in the front yard and swimming in the back yard in the summer. And having the neighborhood kids over to go swimming also. I believe that putting these big power poles next to my house will greatly impact my children in more ways than one. Proven over years of studies. There is plenty of areas that they could run them down other than our neighborhood, or underground. Our neighborhood has all owls that live in the trees that surround my house and I think the big poles will disrupt there environment. Thankyou for your time  
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Dave Utter

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Re: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

Dear CPUC Project Manager,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project. Members of the Board of Directors of the Glen Eden Corporation have reviewed the Notice of Preparation and Project Modification Report - Amended Petition for Modification of Decision 10-08-009 before the California Public Utilities Commission. We have significant concerns about the adverse impacts the project would impose upon Glen Eden Nudist Resort, particularly along the boundary of our property on De Palma Road between Indian Truck Trail and Horsethief Canyon Road.

The project calls for reducing the span of the power poles currently along De Palma from an average of 200 feet to 80 feet and increasing the maximum pole height by as much as 80 feet. As shown on Page 226 of the Project Modification Report, the anticipated impact would create significant visual intrusion and blight conditions along De Palma Road. One of our Board members referred to the project as a "monstrosity." The term fits.

According to the Project Modification Report, imposing the significantly taller and more tightly spaced power poles along De Palma would result in "incremental visual change in the existing landscape character." As a residential neighborhood that has been in business for 50 years and whose residents are intimately familiar with the area, we strongly disagree. The visual change would be substantial, invasive and alarming.

Additionally, the report states, "The proposed modifications would not substantially affect the area's aesthetic character" because of existing poles, intermittent signs and a cell tower (which is on our property). It's worth noting that these statements were made from the viewpoint of brief exposure from a car driving down Interstate 15, not from the viewpoint of residents driving multiple times daily along De Palma Road, either from Glen Eden or the nearby Horsethief neighborhood. The existing power poles directly in front of Glen Eden stand well underneath the tree line, where they are visually obscured by foliage. The proposed power poles would tower above the tree line; our single cell tower would be subsumed by a cascade of monster poles.



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Therefore, we are formally requesting that the Environmental Impact Report examine the feasibility of the following:

- Undergrounding the portion of the project (added Segment 7) from Horsethief Canyon Road along the length of De Palma Road. Added Segment 8 as proposed calls for the transmission and fiber optic lines to be buried underground. However, Segment 8 has no current homes that would be impacted. Segment 7, which does have homes and a longtime residential neighborhood, was not given the same aesthetic consideration. That oversight should be remedied by studying undergrounding for Segment 7 in the EIR.
- Relocating the proposed power poles, transmission lines, fiber-optic lines and associated guy-wire structures envisioned along De Palma Road to the other side of Interstate 15 along Temescal Canyon Road, which currently has no residences and only sparsely spaced small commercial/industrial uses. The project as envisioned already runs the transmission lines under the freeway to Temescal Canyon Road.
- Relocating the proposed guard structure from the corner of De Palma Road and Glen Eden Road, as currently proposed, which is the site of an existing bus bench and waiting area. The guard station and associated portable toilets should be relocated elsewhere to an unpopulated location along De Palma or to the other side of Interstate 15 along Temescal Canyon Road, not in front of a residential neighborhood.
- Relocating helicopter use during construction to avoid the area of Glen Eden Nudist Resort. As a private family friendly nudist club for 50 years, Glen Eden is familiar with occasional overflights by prying helicopter pilots. However, construction activities without the use of helicopters in Segment 7 should be studied to avoid the unique loss of privacy that the flights would cause.

We look forward to monitoring the completion of the Notice of Preparation and the Environmental Impact Report and intend to comment additionally during other stages of the process. Please assure that Glen Eden Nudist Resort is added to all communications regarding the EIR and associated reports for this project.

Respectfully,



Dave Utter  
General Manager  
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Cc: Glen Eden Corporation Board of Directors

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**From:** Matt Doll @ AmericanFireGlass.com <matt@americanfireglass.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:34 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Cc:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Alberhill System project  
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Please see attached document asking you to NOT install aboveground Power lines in my neighborhood.

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## California Public Utilities Commission

Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Alberhill System Project  
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May 18, 2015

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Name (please print): Matt and Kelly Doll

Affiliation (if applicable): Homeowners

Phone: 951-757-4587

Email: Kellydoll44@gmail.com

Address: 25534 Beth Dr.

City, State, Zip: Menifee, CA 92584

### COMMENTS

One of the reasons we just moved to this community was because it doesn't have any lines around. Our old house had them all around with a horrible buzzing sound constantly filling the air. Car accidents would often happen near them and we were always afraid that they would come down. The dangers of having them up far outweigh the cost of putting them underground. We do not want the lines up in or around our neighborhood.

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**From:** Goldner, Lisa (Contractor) <Lisa.Goldner.Contractor@crowncastle.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:21 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Comments Regarding Scope of the EIR

Global Signal Acquisitions IV / Crown Castle would like the report to address possible power outages during the construction of California Edison's proposed Alberhill System Project and Valley– Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project. Thank you!

**Lisa Goldner**  
Temporary Real Estate Specialist (Contractor)  
T: (949) 930-7450  
Email: [lisa.goldner.contractor@crowncastle.com](mailto:lisa.goldner.contractor@crowncastle.com)

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Name (please print): Billie Juliana  
Affiliation (if applicable): Home Owner Next to Marrieta Rd.  
Phone: 951-301-8156 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 25956 Beth Dr.  
City, State, Zip: Menifee CA. 92584

### COMMENTS

Due to Health Reasons I do not want the electric lines  
across the street from me. My husband was a Fire Man  
for Edison during the 60's and he died of  
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**From:** Jeff Kinworthy <jkinworthy@trainmetoday.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 11:18 AM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Subject:** SCE Poles on Murrieta

To Whom It May Concern,

It has just been brought to my attention that SCE is proposing to run-high voltage lines on large poles up to 100 feet or slightly higher on the Calder Ranch side of Murrieta from Bundy Canyon/Scott Road to Newport Road.

This is to advise you of my concern regarding this activity. When we purchased our property at 31563 Tramore Circle, Menifee, CA 92584 we paid for underground utilities in our purchase price. It was our understanding that the City of Menifee designated this area to have all utilities underground.

We also understand that SCE has received money from the State of California to put these lines underground for earthquake safety and quality of life issues.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Jeffrey A. Kinworthy  
HR Coach LLC  
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Name (please print): BERTINE + NICOLA PINEKNEY  
Affiliation (if applicable): RESIDENT NEXT TO MURRIETA RD.  
Phone: (951) 304 9903 Email: BURKE @ BURKE-INDUSTRIES.COM  
Address: 25924 BETH DR. MENIFEE, CA 92584  
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### COMMENTS

(EMF) ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS OR RADIATION IS VERY  
HARMFUL TO BE EXPOSED TO AND HAVE WAY TO MANY  
NEGATIVES TO HUMANS + ANIMALS. AFTER HAVING A  
FRIEND EXPOSED TO THIS KIND OF EMF'S, WITH HIS  
FATHER PASSING AT 48, HE IS TIED UP WITH A LAWSUIT  
TO THIS DAY IN COSTA MESA, CA. THESE LINES NEED TO  
BE BURIED UNDERGROUND W/ LIMITED EXPOSURE! SOME OF  
THE NEGATIVES ARE CANCER RISK, CALCIUM FLOW, STUNTED  
GROWTH, AND MANY OTHER HEALTH ISSUES. A LINE OWN  
MURRIETA WOULD FORCE US TO LEAVE MENIFEE OR ATLEAST  
THIS LOCATION (CALDER RANCH)

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**From:** Jacquelyn Thorp <jthorp@trainmetoday.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Alberhill Project - High Voltage Lines Neal Calder Ranch

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Jacquelyn Thorp, MSHR, SPHR-CA, SHRM-SCP  
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**From:** mcunningham10@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** No Above-ground power poles in Menifee  
**Attachments:** Power Poles.docx

For your consideration.

Thank you,  
Melissa Cunningham

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Bryan and Melissa Cunningham  
31688 Tramore Circle  
Menifee, CA, 92584  
mcunningham10@verizon.net

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Calder Ranch neighborhood resident in the city of Menifee. I live in the community with my husband and two small children. I was alerted to Southern California Edison's (SCE) "Alberhill Project" and "Valley-Ivyglen Project" by another concerned neighbor. After reviewing the projects planned by SCE, I would like to express my opposition to the erection of above ground power poles near our neighborhood. We (community homeowners) paid an added expense to have underground power lines in our area, and I would like to see that expense is honored.

Continuing, given the frequency of high winds and the likelihood of traffic collisions, above-ground power poles and lines are just not safe- especially so close to a neighborhood full of families and young people who attend middle school down the street.

Please consider my husband's and my opposition to above-ground power-poles next to our community. I will make myself available to discuss and voice my opposition if needed.

Thank you,

Melissa Cunningham

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**From:** John Thorpe <jthorpe@waltersmanagement.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Ivyglen Response  
**Attachments:** Ivyglen HTCR.PDF

Good morning,

Attached is a response to the proposed substantiation.

**JOHN THORPE**, PCAM, CCAM,  
REGIONAL MANAGER

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# Horsethief Canyon Ranch Maintenance Corporation

May 30, 2015

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c/o Ecology and Environment Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Fax: (415) 398-5326  
ivyglen@ene.com

Re: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
(Application A.07-01-031)

Dear CPUC Project Manager,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project. Members of the Board of Directors of the Horsethief Canyon Ranch Maintenance Corporation, which represents 1,962 homes have reviewed the Notice of Preparation and Project Modification Report - Amended Petition for Modification of Decision 10-08-009 before the California Public Utilities Commission. We have significant concerns about the adverse impacts the project would impose upon Horsethief Canyon Ranch residents, particularly along the boundary of our property on De Palma Road between Indian Truck Trail and Horsethief Canyon Road. We also have a concern with it crossing over Horsethief Canyon Ranch Road and running parallel with the I-15 freeway until it nears Hostetler Road. At this point, as well as near Lake Street, it crosses over to the proposed transfer station. The other item of concern is the 35 acre Substation that in 11 years was never discussed. The poses added traffic, noise, wear and tear on the roads and plain impact of view of the hills on that side. This is a huge area.

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# Horsethief Canyon Ranch

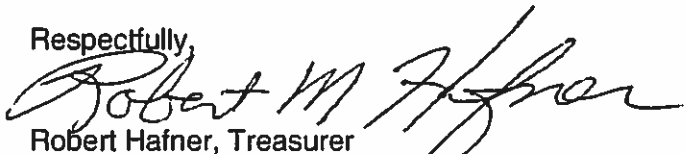
## Maintenance Corporation

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Respectfully,



Robert Hafner, Treasurer  
Horsethief Canyon Ranch Maintenance Corporation  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883  
(951) 245-0268

Cc: Horsethief Canyon Ranch Board of Directors

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**From:** Janet Hensley <jlhensley@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:16 AM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Carol Wells  
**Subject:** Fw: Notice of Preparation Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

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Thank you,

Eldon S Hensley

Janet L Hensley

13392 Placid Hill Drive

Corona, CA 92883

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From: hcrclub@aol.com  
Sent: Jun 3, 2015 8:53 AM  
To: jlhensley@earthlink.net  
Subject: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 9:20 AM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** FW: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

I agree with the position of our Board of Directors and urge you to consider their recommendations in the below letter that was sent to you on behalf of this project.

**Melanie Johnson, FMP**

Rubio's Restaurants

Sr. Manager – Training and Program Development

(619) 922-5025 – cell



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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 11:32 AM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Carol Wells  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Preparation Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

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Thank you,

Gary Wall

Carol Wells

13380 Placid Hill Drive

Corona, CA 92883

Re: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)

Dear CPUC Project Manager,

The Board of Directors wants to bring a proposed project to your attention. Following is a summary of the letter sent to the Alberhill Project by the Board of Directors. At the end of the correspondence is contact information that you can inform them of your opposition. The Board of Directors encourages you to act before June 5, 2015.

In reviewing the Notice of Preparation and Project Modification Report - Amended Petition for Modification of Decision 10-08-009 before the California Public Utilities Commission we have significant concerns about the adverse impacts the project would impose upon Horsethief Canyon Ranch residents, particularly along the boundary of our property on De Palma Road between Indian Truck Trail and Horsethief Canyon Road. We also have a concern with it crossing over Horsethief Canyon Ranch Road and running parallel with the I-15 freeway until it nears Hostetler Road. At this point, as well as near Lake Street, it crosses over to the proposed transfer station. The other item of concern is the 35 acre Substation that in 11 years was never discussed. The poses added traffic, noise, wear and tear on the roads and plain impact of view of the hills on that side. This is a huge area.

The project calls for reducing the span of the power poles currently along De Palma from an average of 200 feet to 80 feet and increasing the maximum pole height by as much as 80 feet. As shown on Page 226 of the Project Modification Report, the anticipated impact would create significant visual intrusion and blight conditions along De Palma Road. Yes, there are existing poles, but your modification has almost doubled the height and the total number. How can this not be seen as visually impactful?

According to the Project Modification Report, imposing the significantly taller and more tightly spaced power poles along De Palma would result in "incremental visual change in the existing landscape character." As a residential neighborhood that has been in business for 25 years and whose residents are intimately familiar with the area, we strongly disagree. The visual change would be substantial, invasive and alarming. Also, on the area in front of Horsethief you have again doubled the height and the number of poles, which will be a greater visible distraction on the I-15 freeway.

Additionally the report states, "The proposed modifications would not substantially affect the area's aesthetic character" because of existing poles, intermittent signs and a cell tower. It's worth noting that these statements were made from the viewpoint of brief exposure from a car driving down Interstate 15, not from the viewpoint of residents driving multiple times daily along De Palma Road; either from Glen Eden or the nearby Horsethief Canyon Ranch neighborhood. The existing power poles directly in front of Glen Eden stand well underneath the tree line, where they are visually obscured by foliage. The remaining poles are up on hill, but short enough so they visually blend in with the hillside. The proposed power poles would tower

above the tree line and the single cell tower would be subsumed by a cascade of monster poles.

Therefore, we are formally requesting that the Environmental Impact Report examine the feasibility of the following:

- Undergrounding the portion of the project (added Segment 7 and part of Segment 6 near the residence views) from Horsethief Canyon Road along the length of De Palma Road. Added Segment 8 as proposed calls for the transmission and fiber optic lines to be buried underground. However, Segment 8 has no current homes that would be impacted. Segment 7, which does have homes and a longtime residential neighborhood, was not given the same aesthetic consideration. That oversight should be remedied by studying undergrounding for Segment 7 in the EIR.
- Relocating the proposed power poles, transmission lines, fiber-optic lines and associated guy-wire structures envisioned along De Palma Road to the other side of Interstate 15 along Temescal Canyon Road, which currently has no residences and only sparsely spaced small commercial/industrial uses. The project as envisioned already runs the transmission lines under the freeway to Temescal Canyon Road. This would also remove two of the three crossovers of the I-15.
- Relocating the proposed guard structure from the corner of De Palma Road and Glen Eden Road, as currently proposed, which is the site of an existing bus bench and waiting area. The guard station and associated portable toilets should be relocated elsewhere to an unpopulated location along De Palma or to the other side of Interstate 15 along Temescal Canyon Road, not in front of a residential neighborhood. This could be placed in the secured area that you already assigned as staging of Horsethief Canyon Road.
- Ensure all damage due to all the increase truck traffic for the staging area is taken care of before the project comes to a close. This is the main entrance into the Horsethief Canyon Ranch Subdivision. There is no mention of that consideration.
- Consider road study of traffic that would done now with all the added SCE trucks using this yard.

- Consider a noise study when implementation of any booster generators for the site to make sure there is no impact to the existing communities and to the two proposed ones on the side of the Albert Hill Substation.

We look forward to monitoring the completion of the Notice of Preparation and the Environmental Impact Report and intend to comment additionally during other stages of the processes. Please assure that Horsethief Canyon Ranch is added to all communications regarding the EIR and associated reports for this project.

**Please forward your comments to:**

Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project

c/o Ecology and Environment Inc.

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**Black, Kristi**

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**From:** Jim Appleby Sr. <applebyfamily@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 4:53 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project

I've lived in Horsethief Canyon Ranch for 15 years, my son's family for 25. I heard about the sub-station about 5 years ago, but I thought that was a dead issue now through my contacts with TMAC. About 10 years ago, SCE wanted to put lines and towers to the SW of Horsethief Canyon Ranch in conjunction with the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Station (LEAPS). The residents of Horsethief fought it bitterly, even trying to replace a director of the EVMWD Board. SCE finally gave in and said they would put NO lines or towers up within one and one-half miles of any boundary of Horsethief Canyon Ranch, and put them underground instead. I know everyone likes to have the lights go on when you throw a switch, but if our 7,000 residents have to endure more than 27 months of the unhealthy effects of prolonged construction and possible environmental accidents, at least SCE should STRONGLY reconsider to putting towers and lines UNDERGROUND instead. I don't want our property values to go down because of unsightly and potentially dangerous lines and towers in a critical fire zone. SCE has set precedents for putting lines underground for a long time and in all areas, and that is my preference. I heard and read all about this project just this week... for the very first time! You should not have kept this so secret from the public for so long. Disseminating information to the least used medium may technically be called "making it public", but with so many negative elements in this project, I can understand why you wanted to keep it as quiet as possible.

James Appleby, Sr.

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**From:** Dennis Hart <hartcreativdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 5:58 PM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Subject:** ValletIvyGlen Substation Project

To Whom it may concern,

As a 14-year resident of the Temescal Valley, my family has witnessed extraordinary growth within the Valley, in residential and in retail development.

Among the many benefits of living in this canyon area is the grandeur of the rolling hills during the Spring, and the myriad of wildlife that we witness here - sights which were virtually nonexistent living in the Orange or Los Angeles Counties.

What has kept us here in the Valley is the sense of proximity to the Cleveland National Forest Wilderness - the sense that, although we're a few miles from retail centers, we enjoy the beauty of the canyon hills and the forest mountains.

As the population continues to increase and as new housing continues to encroach upon the once-open spaces, more and more of the beauty of this canyon is destroyed for the sake of revenue-base structures and services.

As an artist, much of my work is based upon the environment of this place and others like it. As a business owner, I am also dependent upon the Valley as a destination for my students to come to and enjoy the ambiance of the canyon while discovering the arts. To consider that our rolling hills and canyon beauty would be permanently scarred with unsightly power lines is a detestable thought.

In fact, so much so that I am willing to undertake the same amount of energy and activism that the people of Chino Hills did to rid their rolling hills of the unsightly metal towers that destroyed the natural beauty of the hills. They succeeded, and with that victory comes the knowledge and resources to defeat the ValleyIvyGlen power project - an "improvement" that ensures that the Temescal Valley, its scenic glory, its wildlife and its value will be forever ruined by power services that undermine the ingenuity of the underground services which have completely eliminated power poles and unsightly power lines from our California Meadows development.

What confounds me is that the power companies, in all these many years, still think in the 1950's in terms of providing power to communities, insisting that the land must be ruined by unsightly towers. Well, it seems that the problem was figured out in Chino Hills. It was also figured out in Oak Glen.

I can guarantee that you will be confronted with the reality that you'll have to figure it out in the Temescal Valley, as well.

This letter represent a large "NO" to the ValleyIvyGlen project.

Den Hart  
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## Black, Kristi

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**From:** gena Osborne <genasfelines@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 2:10 AM  
**To:** Black, Kristi  
**Subject:** Re: Alberhill System Project Comment

Kristi,

Yes I would like to see the drawings. Looking at map showing the location means nothing. This area we call Temescal Valley is striving to have a uniqueness about it and to see such an ugly project smack us in the face is not what we had in mind.

gena

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015 9:26 AM, "Black, Kristi" <[KBlack@ene.com](mailto:KBlack@ene.com)> wrote:

Gena,

Thank you for your question. Please do keep in mind that SCE is proposing the project; the CPUC is conducting environmental review of the project. The Alberhill Project has several components (e.g., substation, subtransmission line), so I am not sure if you have a specific element you are interested in. The information we have available now is on the website and is the information SCE has submitted to the CPUC. I can point you to PEA Volume I from September 2009, which has drawings of the proposed poles as well as several photo simulations from various locations (look in the aesthetics section). I hope that is helpful.

Best regards,  
Kristi

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**From:** Gena [<mailto:genasfelines@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 4:03 AM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Alberhill System Project Comment

Reading the materials there are too many links. Is there a 3d drawing to get a better idea of what you are proposing?

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**Black, Kristi**

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**From:** bob paul <bobnbarb01@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 4:08 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Bob Paul  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project (Application A.07-01-031)  
**Attachments:** Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project 060415.pdf

Attached is our "comment letter" on the above project. Thank you.

Barbara & Robert Paul  
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June 4, 2015

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According to the Project Modification Report, imposing the significantly taller and more tightly spaced power poles along De Palma would result in "incremental visual change in the existing landscape character." As a residential neighborhood that has been in business for 50 years and whose residents are intimately familiar with the area, we strongly disagree. The visual change would be substantial, invasive and alarming.


Additionally, the report states, "The proposed modifications would not substantially affect the area's aesthetic character" because of existing poles, intermittent signs and a cell tower (which is on Glen Eden's property). It's worth noting that these statements were made from the viewpoint of brief exposure from a car driving down Interstate 15, not from the viewpoint of residents driving multiple times daily along De Palma Road, either from Glen Eden or the nearby Horsethief neighborhood. The existing power poles directly in front of Glen Eden stand well underneath the tree line, where they are visually obscured by foliage. The proposed power poles would tower above the tree line; Glen Eden's single cell tower would be subsumed by a cascade of monster poles.

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- Relocating helicopter use during construction to avoid the area of Glen Eden Nudist Resort. As a private family friendly nudist club for 50 years, Glen Eden is familiar with occasional overflights by prying helicopter pilots. However, construction activities without the use of helicopters in Segment 7 should be studied to avoid the unique loss of privacy that the flights would cause.

We look forward to monitoring the completion of the Notice of Preparation and the Environmental Impact Report and intend to comment additionally during other stages of the process. Please assure that the Paul Family, and the Glen Eden Nudist Resort are added to all communications regarding the EIR and associated reports for this project.

Respectfully,



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## Black, Kristi

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**From:** Peter Pitassi <PPitassi@diversifiedpacific.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 7:02 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** NOP SCE Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
**Attachments:** NOP Comment Letter Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project.pdf

To whom it may concern;

Please find attached our comment letter regarding the NOP for this project.

**Peter J. Pitassi, AIA, LEED AP**  
**Senior Vice President**  
**Community Design and Forward Planning**  
**Diversified Pacific**  
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Subject: Notice of Preparation – Southern California Edison Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
(Application A.07-01-031)

Dear CPUC Project Manager,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project. We have reviewed the Notice of Preparation and Project Modification Report - Amended Petition for Modification of Decision 10-08-009 before the California Public Utilities Commission.

We own approx. 148 acres (APN 391-080-014 and 015) on the south side of DePalma west of Horsethief Canyon Road. We have an approved TTM No 30760 entitling our project which consists of 261 single family homes and a new public park. In addition we have County approved improvement plans for DePalma which do not reflect power poles either within the street right of way or on our property. No easement exists which would allow Edison to install poles adjacent to the DePalma RoW. The proposed SCE project calls for installing above ground transmission lines, supported by poles of significant height and at a close spacing, along the entire street frontage. It appears from the documents that Segment 7, along the south side of DePalma, will include 11 or 12 poles directly in front of or on our site.

According to the Project Modification Report, imposing the taller and more tightly spaced power poles along De Palma would result in "incremental visual change in the existing landscape character." The visual impact of these poles and the wires they support will create a lasting and significant negative impact on our property.

Furthermore, the issue of electromagnetic waves from high voltage lines, regardless of the scientific basis of this theory, is perceived as a health hazard and, therefore, creates an impact to residential home values. We are a residential developer with a significant investment in our project and this proposal will cause irreparable financial harm to the value of our property.

Therefore, we are formally requesting that the Environmental Impact Report examine the feasibility of the following:

- Undergrounding the portion of the project (Segment 7) from Horsethief Canyon Road along the length of De Palma Road. It should be noted that Segment 8, as proposed, calls for the transmission and fiber optic lines to be installed underground.

We look forward to reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report and intend to offer additional comment. Please verify that Diversified Pacific is included in all communication regarding the EIR and associated reports for this project.

Respectfully,  
Diversified Pacific  
Managing Member, Temescal Valley Land, LLC



Peter J. Pittasi, AIA LEED AP  
Sr. Vice President  
Community Design and Forward Planning

**Black, Kristi**

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**From:** Gary Wall <gary92883@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 6:26 AM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project

This proposed project, as it is presented, reminds me of the quick land grabbing method used when Sunnymead (now Moreno Valley) exploded in the 1980s. There was a lot of rapid construction in county areas where projects were run through for quick approval with out the relatively rural public fully understanding the impact, which ended up a disaster for the community.

Horsethief Canyon Ranch is an HOA not unlike Sycamore Creek. There is NO WAY this proposal could slip past them. We must look forward to the full developement of the area along Depalma. The space between our two communities is getting smaller and smaller. All of these utilities will eventually be underground. Do subteranian now. Maintainance is much less costly.

Putting out houses in front of a populated area is just plain rude.

Gary Wall

Horsethief Canyon Ranch Resident

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**From:** Jannlee Watson <wearetv.org@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 4:55 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Robert Hafner; Jerry Sincich; Tracy Davis  
**Subject:** Valley-IvyGlen transmission lines ...

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the We Are Temescal Valley Beautification, Identity and Development committees, I am writing to offer comments on the proposed Valley-IvyGlen project to be located in Temescal Valley, an unincorporated Riverside County community.

We find the potentially significant effects especially impactful on Temescal Valley's Horsethief Canyon Ranch and Glen Eden neighborhoods, and Temescal Valley in its entirety, for fear of losing our eligibility as a California Scenic Highway.

Furthermore, while Southern California Edison did a sufficient job keeping us apprised of the Valley-IvyGlen project, we were told nothing about the 34-acre substation to be located here, clearly visible from the I-15 freeway and Horsethief Canyon Ranch homes.

As stated above, Temescal Valley is an unincorporated Riverside County community, comprising about 19 square miles and almost 24,000 residents, and is located along the I-15 corridor between the cities of Corona and Lake Elsinore. Sizable SCE transmission lines currently cross the valley at our northern border. The IvyGlen substation is located in the center of the valley.

We ask that consideration be given to placing the entire Valley-IvyGlen project lines underground, and reducing the size of the Alberhill substation or shielding it from public view.

Sincerely ...

Jannlee Watson  
23043 Sunrose St.  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883

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*Jannlee Watson*  
*Communications chairwoman*  
*We Are Temescal Valley*  
*WeAreTV.org*

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**From:** APRIL BOOZE <raynapril@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 6:17 PM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Subject:** new power lines

My name is Ray Booze, I live at 16650 Marshall Ave., Lake Elsinore, which is on a hill just south of the proposed projects.

These new poles and transmission lines will go across the valley to the north of us, and be a huge visual eyesore, spoiling mountain views. The area in question is basically from Nichols Rd east to Baker St., then east to Hwy 74. There is a new housing development called Terra Cina that the city is in the final stages of determining whether to allow the already approved 368 homes, or add an additional 100 homes. The north border of this housing project will butt up against the Fogarty substation, with the highest density of homes along that border. The proposed lines will be in view of all these new residents.

I suggest that the lines be routed from the new Alberhill substation, already on the 15 freeway, to stay along the freeway, and not come up Lake St. to Nichols, and Baker. Last Sunday's newspaper just did a story regarding two different endangered plants that are located on the proposed route. One location was near the 15 and Lake St junction, the other at the intersection of Terra Cota, and Nichols. You have already changed your route because of a kangaroo rat issue. You need to change this route because of a human issue. Our quality of life, and property values will be negatively impacted.

If the proposed route must go through where you have it, then it MUST go underground. Once you have ruined the area, there is no going back.

Sincerely,  
Ray Booze

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**From:** Kevin Kohan <kevin@tpaoc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 11:55 AM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Cc:** 'Hardyesq@aol.com'; Tim Fleming (taf4640@msn.com)  
**Subject:** TPA Comments to NOP for proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project  
**Attachments:** Dr. Chen NOP.pdf; Weldon Page NOP.pdf

Hi Mr. Uchida,

My name is Kevin Kohan and I am an urban planner with The Planning Associates. I represent Dr. K.S Chen and Mr. Weldon Page who own numerous acres of property in Lake Elsinore. Both property owners will be impacted by the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project in the Alberhill Business District area, specifically along Collier Avenue. Please find attached my written comments to the Notice of Preparation for the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank you,

**Kevin Kohan**

*Urban Planner*

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**June 4, 2015**

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### **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**

Alberhill and Valley-Glen Projects

c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.

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San Francisco, CA 94111

### **Re: Dr. K.S Chen CEQA Notice of Preparation**

#### **To whom it may concern:**

My name is Kevin Kohan and I am an urban planner with The Planning Associates. I represent property owner Dr. K.S Chen who currently owns and is master planning over 70 acres of property in Lake Elsinore that will be impacted by the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project in the Alberhill Business District area, specifically along Collier Avenue. The Planning Associates are working with Dr. K.S Chen to prepare a specific plan and general plan amendment for a large master planned commercial and industrial project off of Collier Avenue and Baker Street in Lake Elsinore. Dr. K.S Chen requests that the following comments be thoroughly considered during the CEQA process and during public decision making.

Southern California Edison (SCE) must underground the 115 kv power lines on Collier Avenue in order to remove the web of electrical lines on Collier's main thoroughfare, which can be seen from the I-15 Freeway. Collier Avenue will be a premier future retail and industrial site for the City of Lake Elsinore as the City begins to grow and develop. SCE must plan for the future and properly underground the utilities in place in order to beautify the area for future development.

Dr. K.S Chen and surrounding private property owners' request that the CPUC include within the scope of the EIR discussion and technical evaluation specific reference to:

- 1) Consistency with the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Elements, Municipal Code and all other land use policies.



- 2) Consistency with existing adopted tract maps, submitted land use applications to the City, and submitted resource agency permits and agreements along Temescal Canyon Road, Lake Street and Nichols Road.
- 3) Any potential negative impacts on traffic from having to relocate the poles which are in conflict with currently General planned Urban Arterial Roads and Collector Roads.

We recommend several Notice of Preparation scoping meetings to be located in the local Lake Elsinore area to take public comments and suggestions on the scope of the DEIR. Dr. K.S Chen and surrounding property owners will have additional comments to make as the CPUC SCE public process moves forward as we continue to work with SCE and the City and Resource agencies on the location of the SCE corridors and specific pole installation locations.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Kohan*

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## Black, Kristi

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**From:** Tracy Davis <tracycyto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:28 PM  
**Cc:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Alberhill substation ...

I concur with these statements from Jannlee Watson. I am opposed to the large sub station in view of our beautiful valley. You could try harder to make a facade to disguise the sub station, in order to maintain our scenic highway application status.

Thank you,  
Tracy Davis  
8826 Flintridge Lane,  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883  
We Are Temescal Valley Identity Chairwoman and resident.  
Sent from my NOOK

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the We Are Temescal Valley Beautification, Identity and Development committees, I am writing to offer comments on the proposed Alberhill substation, to be located in Temescal Valley, an unincorporated Riverside County community.

We find the potentially significant effects especially impactful on Temescal Valley's Horsethief Canyon Ranch and Glen Eden neighborhoods, and Temescal Valley in its entirety, for fear of losing our eligibility as a California Scenic Highway.

Furthermore, while Southern California Edison did a sufficient job keeping us apprised of the Valley-IvyGlen project, we were told nothing about the 34-acre substation to be located here, clearly visible from the I-15 freeway and Horsethief Canyon Ranch homes.

As stated above, Temescal Valley is an unincorporated Riverside County community, comprising about 19 square miles and almost 24,000 residents, and is located along the I-15 corridor between the cities of Corona and Lake Elsinore. Sizable SCE transmission lines currently cross the valley at our northern border. The IvyGlen substation is located in center of the valley.

We ask that consideration be given to placing the entire Valley-IvyGlen project lines underground, and reducing the size of the Alberhill substation or shielding it from public view.

Sincerely ...

Jannlee Watson  
23043 Sunrose St.  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883

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*Jannlee Watson*  
*Communications chairwoman*

*We Are Temescal Valley*  
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**From:** Tracy Davis <tracycto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:52 PM  
**Cc:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Re: Valley-IvyGlen transmission lines ...

I concur with Jannlee Watson, there is a reason she is communications chairwoman. As a resident of Temescal Valley, I would like to keep the valley looking beautiful. Overhead lines and a huge sub station do not fit the scenic views of our valley. There are other options that you can pursue to hide from view, including burying the lines and putting a facade around the sub station.

Thank you,  
Tracy Davis  
8826 Flintridge Lane  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883  
We Are Temescal Valley Identity Chairwoman and resident.  
Sent from my NOOK

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**From:** Tim Fleming <taf4640@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:27 PM  
**To:** alberhill

COMMENTS

Proposed Alberhill System Project and Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project

Tim Fleming  
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To everyone it may concern.

First of all, I would like to state that I realize the importance of additional transmission lines and continuity of the "grid system" and I support it. However, within the boundaries of these two projects, I might add, NOTE: THE ALREADY EXISTING OVERHEAD LINES, WITH THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION LINES, IN A VERY NARROW CORRIDOR, WILL BE NOTHING SHORT OF "SCENIC BLIGHT".

With more development coming to the area, NOW is the time to find alternate means to combine or underground these lines. It won't happen in the future. The residents are paying for other City's beautification . . . we want the same.

Tim Fleming

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**From:** Debbie Perret of The Giardinelli Law Group, APC <debbie@glawgroupapc.com> on behalf of John V. Giardinelli of The Giardinelli Law Group, APC <jvg@glawgroupapc.com>  
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**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Cc:** Nicholas.sher@cpuc.ca.gov; Tammy.Jones@sce.com  
**Subject:** Castle & Cooke - Comments re SCE / CPUC DEIR  
**Attachments:** c to CPUC re Comments 060515 (00044552xDAECC).pdf; KWC Dec and Exhibits (00044080xDAECC).pdf

Gentlemen:

Please find attached Castle & Cooke's CEQA Notice of Preparation Comments along with the Declaration of Kenneth Crawford Jr. with exhibits.

Thank you.

John V. Giardinelli, Attorney at Law  
through Debbie L. Perrét

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Alberhill and Valley-Glen Projects  
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505 Sansome Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Re: Castle & Cooke CEQA Notice of Preparation Comments**

Gentlemen:

CASTLE & COOKE ALBERHILL RANCH, LLC; CASTLE & COOKE CALIFORNIA, INC.; AND CASTLE & COOKE LAKE ELSINORE WEST, INC. (hereinafter C&C) owns a substantial amount of property consisting of approximately 2300 acres that will be impacted by the proposed Valley -Ivyglen Project. The Property is in the City of Lake Elsinore (City) area, specifically along Temescal Canyon Road, Lake Street and Nichols Road. C&C makes the following comments and requests these comments to be thoroughly considered during the CEQA process and during public decision making.

C&C has been working with SCE for over 6 years on the private land owner/PUC/SCE coordination alignment, engineering, and regulatory compliance matter for the Ivy Glen section of this proposed CEQA document. Much has gone wrong and changed direction and timing over the past 6 years in the SCE coordination with the City and private land owners. This includes SCE personnel or SCE consultants working on incorrect Ivyglen alternate alignment locations. SCE personnel have used incorrect and outdated biology procedures and protocols. Repeated personnel changes have caused a lack of consistent information exchange and project direction and timing. Some areas that must be evaluated in the DEIR are as follows:

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1. The SCE alignments must consider and respect the City's General Plan Circulation and Land Use Elements. Thus far, SCE has not fully included these local land use and public infrastructure master plans adopted through the CEQA process. Some of the current SCE plans have placed power poles in center medians and in the middle of roads.
2. SCE has failed to adequately coordinate with the private land owners and the City on currently adopted master plans and adopted subdivisions along and within the adopted alignments and land use plans.
3. SCE has failed to coordinate "together as a consistent team" with the City, land owners and the regulatory agencies (CDFW, Army Corps, USFWS, and RWQCB) on the required coordination on the SCE alignment. Public safety concerns have not been fully included into this second alignment. Much of the alignment is within the MSHCP and the property owners and City have important ESA 10(a) permit "take" authority over 146 species of plant and wildlife. Public safety should be a principal paradigm for the CPUC and SCE programs. SCE and CPUC delays potentially cause public safety concerns if a major "event" takes place to disable the current infrastructure power system. Additionally, SCE has failed to adequately address grading impacts and the impacts on relocations of pole alignments.
4. The importance or lack of importance of certain alignments and biology habitat within the "Habitat Areas" has not been correctly evaluated or discussed within the previous CEQA documents.
5. Biology studies are outdated and based on sometimes poor biology protocols, poor SCE oversight and poor contextual conclusions from a science standpoint.
6. The cumulative impact section should identify the numerous of existing SCE systems within the City of Lake Elsinore to place this above ground "spaghetti" system of electrical power lines in context. This design fails to address numerous issues regarding relocation of or removal of existing power lines including underground lines.
7. The DEIR must clearly discuss the MSHCP process and the Tri-Valley MSHCP Agreement covering some of the SCE corridor areas.

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C&C believes the following are errors and mistakes made by the SCE in their current program. These specific matters must be evaluated in the upcoming CPUC DEIR and thoroughly reviewed for public and agency decision making.

The following Pole location is identified in the attached exhibit which has been previously submitted to the CPUC and SCE in June, 2014:

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|------------------|---|
| Pole<br>001      | Pole location may impact pending Nichols Road construction (See Attachment A page 2). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on the future traffic in the event that the pole would need to be relocated. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.   |
| Pole 543E → 456E | All of these pole locations are in the middle of the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Right-of-Way for Lake Street an Urban Arterial Highway adopted by the City in December 2011 (See Attachment A page 3). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on the future traffic since the pole must be relocated to accommodate the construction of Lake Street. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies. The poles may need to be relocated into an area that may have an impact upon biological resources. (Numerous meetings between C&C and SCE personnel attempted to resolve these concerns but the SCE draft fails to take these concerns into consideration. |
| Pole 455E        | Pole location as shown in Lake Street roadway is also aligned in the roadway for the future extension of a Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012 (See Attachment A page 3). ). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on future traffic since the pole must be relocated to accommodate the construction an already approved Collector Road. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.   |

**Pole 467E**

Pole location as shown is aligned in the future extension of Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012 (See Attachment A page 4). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on the future traffic since the pole must be relocated to accommodate the construction in an already approved Collector Road. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

**Pole 008**

Pole location as shown in Lake Street roadway as well as aligned near the future extension of Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012 (See Attachment A page 5). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on the future traffic since the pole must be relocated to accommodate the construction an already approved Collector Road. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

**Pole 010 → 014**

All of these pole locations are shown in a potential streambed area within County of Riverside property (See Attachment A page 6). The poles are in an area that may have an impact upon biological resources. Construction activities in this area may have a negative impact on drainage patterns and water quality. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

**Pole 015**

Pole location may conflict with future streambed mitigation and existing drainage inlet structure in Temescal Creek Flood Control Facility (See Attachment A page 6). The poles are in an area that may have an impact upon biological resources. Construction activities in this area may have a negative impact on drainage patterns and water quality. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

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Pole 489E → 491E  
and  
018 → 020

Pole locations shown within Castle & Cooke, property. No easements from Castle & Cooke have been provided. Grading of flood control berms are required to keep poles out of Temescal Creek floodway (See Attachment A page 7). The poles are in an area that may have an impact upon biological resources. Construction activities in this area may have a negative impact on drainage patterns and water quality. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

Poles 499E → 503E

All of these poles are located in the middle of City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Urban Arterial Roadbed as adopted in December, 2011 and impacts City of Lake Elsinore pending Temescal Creek bridge relocation and roadway construction project (See Attachment A page 8). C&C has concerns that this pole location may have negative impacts on the future traffic since the poles must be relocated to accommodate the construction an already approved Urban Arterial Road. The pole location may also conflict with local land use policies.

Attached please find the Declaration of Kenneth W Crawford Jr., P.E., detailing the above-referenced issues, and attaching numerous additional exhibits depicting the alignment and pole location conditions of concern. Also attached, please find the June 23, 2014 letter from the City of Lake Elsinore to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) identifying similar concerns that the City had with regard to the pole locations.

Subsequent to joint CPUC/SCE and C&C meetings in December, 2014, a series of meetings between SCE and C&C personnel were conducted. It was believed by C&C that issues were being resolved. At the most recent meetings, and for the first time, C&C was advised that it needed to complete grading by August, 2015. This had never been discussed before and was not feasible. As a result, these items believed to have been resolved have been left unresolved.

C&C believes, and requests that the CPUC include within the scope of the EIR discussion and technical evaluation specific reference to:

- 1) Consistency with the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Elements, Municipal Code and all other land use policies.
- 2) Consistency with existing adopted tract maps, submitted land use applications to the City, and submitted resource agency permits and agreements along Temescal Canyon Road, Lake Street and Nichols Road.

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- 3) Any potential negative impacts on traffic due to relocation of poles which are in conflict with currently General planned Urban Arterial Roads and Collector Roads.
- 4) Any and all negative impacts on biological resources and hydrology and water quality as a result of those pole locations that conflict with the existing streambed and the proposed enhanced streambed flowing along Lake Street, including resource agency permits and agreements in process by SCE, C&C and the City.

We recommend several Notice of Preparation scoping meetings to be located in the local Lake Elsinore area to take public comments and suggestions on the scope of the DEIR.

C&C will likely have additional comments to make as the CPUC SCE public process moves forward as we continue to work with SCE and the City and Resource agencies on the location of the SCE corridors and specific pole installation locations.

Very truly yours,

**THE GIARDINELLI LAW GROUP, APC**



John V. Giardinelli  
Attorney at Law

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Enclosures

cc: Castle & Cooke (via email)  
Nicholas Sher (via email)  
Tammy Jones (via email)

## **DECLARATION OF KENNETH W. CRAWFORD, JR.**

I, Kenneth W. Crawford, Jr., declare as follows:

1. I, Kenneth W. Crawford Jr., R.C.E., am the founder and president of KWC Engineers. I graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in March, 1974. I am a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California since July, 1976. I am also currently licensed in State of Arizona and my State of Nevada license is on inactive status.

2. I have been personally involved as the Project Engineer on behalf of Castle & Cooke working on the Projects impacted by these proposed pole adjustments since September, 2003.

3. I have personally worked with SCE, and/or employees of KWC Engineers have worked with SCE, on an as needed basis, for at least the last 5+ years on the Valley-Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project. We have provided engineering and surveying data directly to SCE staff; including but not limited to survey coordinate control systems; aerial topographic and orthophoto mapping formatted in AutoCAD; detailed engineering drawings depicting the Master Planned Roadway Alignments of Lake Street, Temescal Canyon Road, and Nichols Road; portions of project specific grading plans depicting location of development plans for VTTM 28214,30836 and 35773 – Alberhill Ranch and VTTM 35001 – Alberhill Ridge and the specific plan for Alberhill Villages; detailed elevations data of existing and proposed finished grade elevations at each of the proposed SCE 115 kV pole locations; and other project specific engineering data.

4. In addition to providing the detailed engineering data to SCE, as noted above, I attended



numerous meetings, along with Castle & Cooke, with SCE on a periodic basis, to coordinate the Castle & Cooke Development projects with the City Master planned urban arterial roadway alignments and the SCE 115kV poleline alignments. Through this process, up until early 2014, we believed that we had come to a mutually agreed upon alignment of the 115kv poleline in and through the Castle & Cooke projects.

5. As recently represented by SCE, essentially the 115kV alignment design simply ignores the proposed Castle & Cooke Development and City Roadway projects and places a majority of the 115kV poleline for Segment 5 within existing street rights-of-way.

6. SCE has not provided Respondent with any detailed engineered drawings related to their proposed pole re-alignments. As a result, I have researched and obtained as much information as possible from the SCE website, and other sources to plot the proposed pole locations on the attached Exhibit 1. I believe the pole locations as represented on Exhibit 1 are as accurate as can be determined without having access to the full set of detailed engineered drawings.

7. In order for me to make a complete determination, I will need the horizontal and vertical detailed engineered drawings of the 115kV alignment in AutoCAD format based on the KWC supplied to SCE survey coordinate control system.

8. I have personally reviewed the Valley- Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project Segment 5 proposed in and adjacent to the Castle & Cooke projects. I have identified potential conflicts and issues that may arise out of the adoption of this alignment by the CPUC. My initial list of the areas of concern are as follows:

- Pole 408E and 409E      Pole locations are shown within the Castle & Cooke Alberhill Ranch LLC property and an easement has not been requested or provided to SCE (See Attachment A page 1).
- Pole 001                Pole location may impact pending Nichols Road construction (See Attachment A page 2).

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9. KWC Engineers, in conjunction with Castle & Cooke, desires to work with SCE on a mutually agreeable placement of the 115kV poleline alignment that will eliminate any future relocation of the proposed 115kV power poles, either by Castle & Cooke or the City of Lake Elsinore. The desire is to ensure that the horizontal and vertical placement of the 115kV poleline alignments will take into consideration the City of Lake Elsinore City Council approved VTTM

35001 roadway alignments and the City approved General Plan Master Planned Roadway alignments for Lake Street, Temescal Canyon Road and Nichols Road. KWC engineers and Castle & Cooke desires to meet with representatives of SCE to resolve the 115kV polcline design alignments as soon as possible.

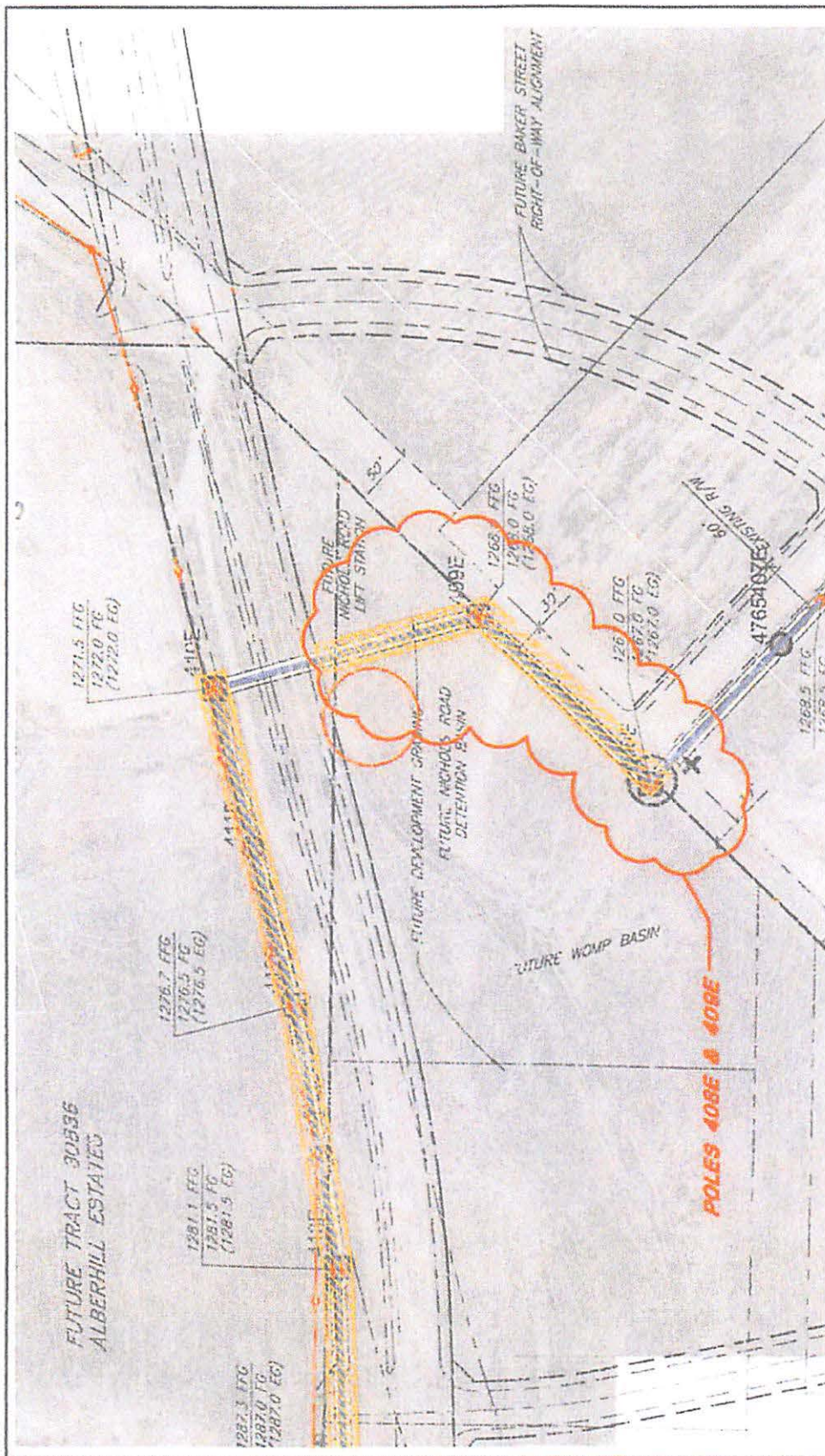
10. On June 20, 2014 I caused to have delivered via email and certified mail to SCE to the Attn. of Sergio R. Tarango the attached letter as "Attachment B" depicting the locations of areas of conflict with the proposed development projects and the City's Master Planned Roadway alignments.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed June 23, 2014, at Corona, California.

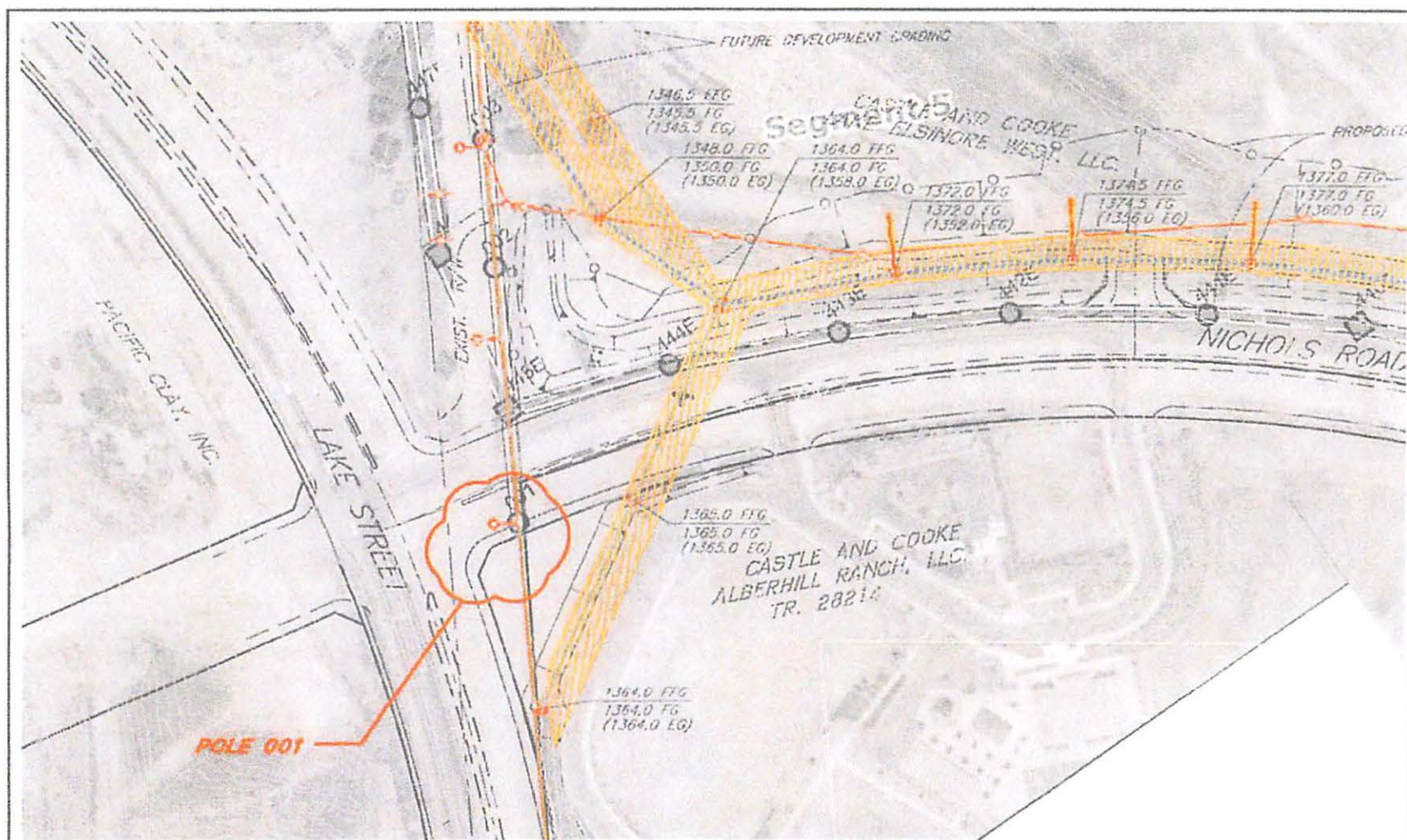
  
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## **ATTACHMENT A**



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<p>0' 150' SCALE IN FEET</p>		<p><b>RWC ENGINEERS</b></p>	
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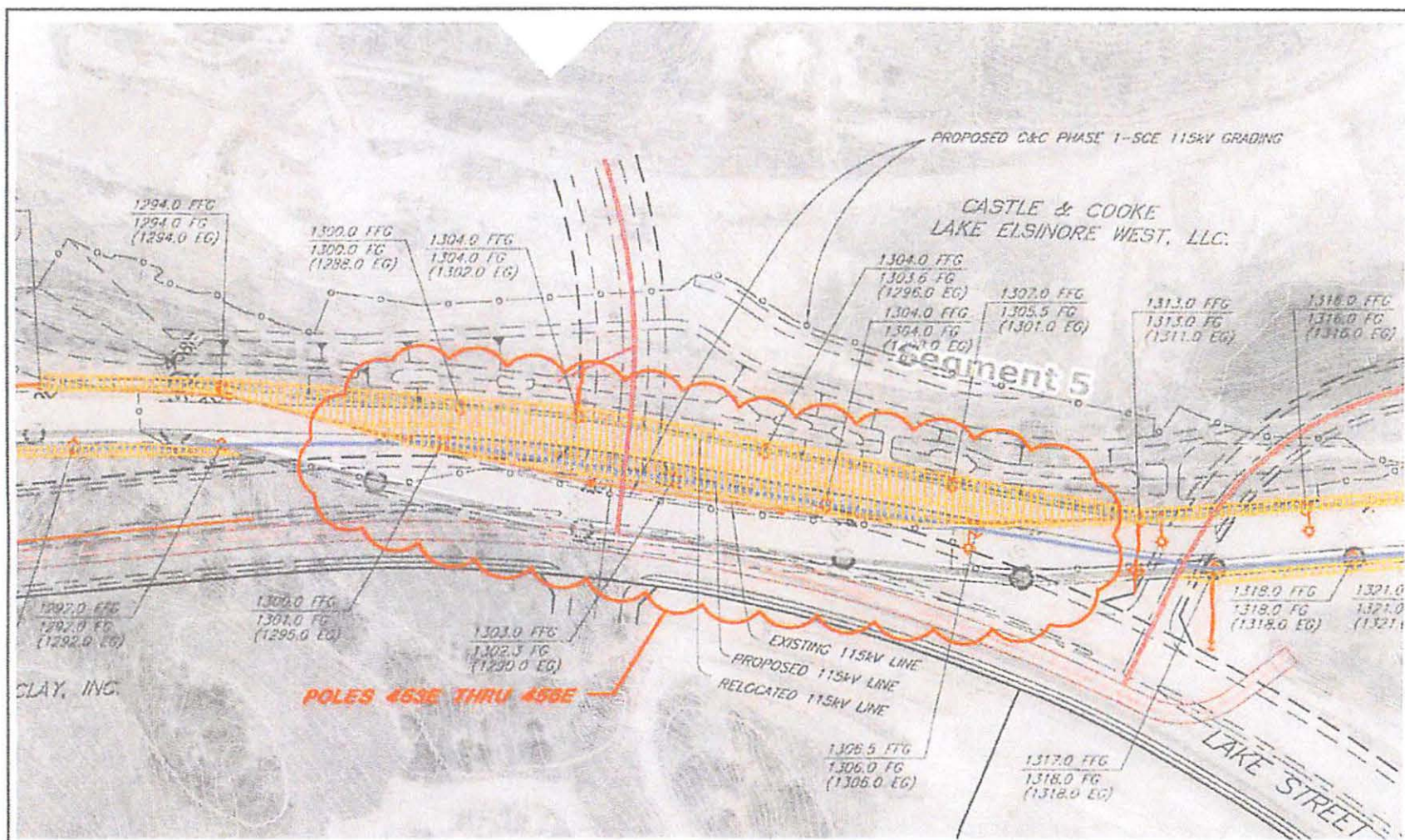
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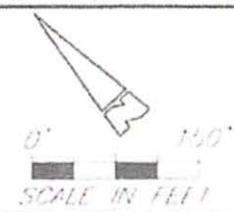
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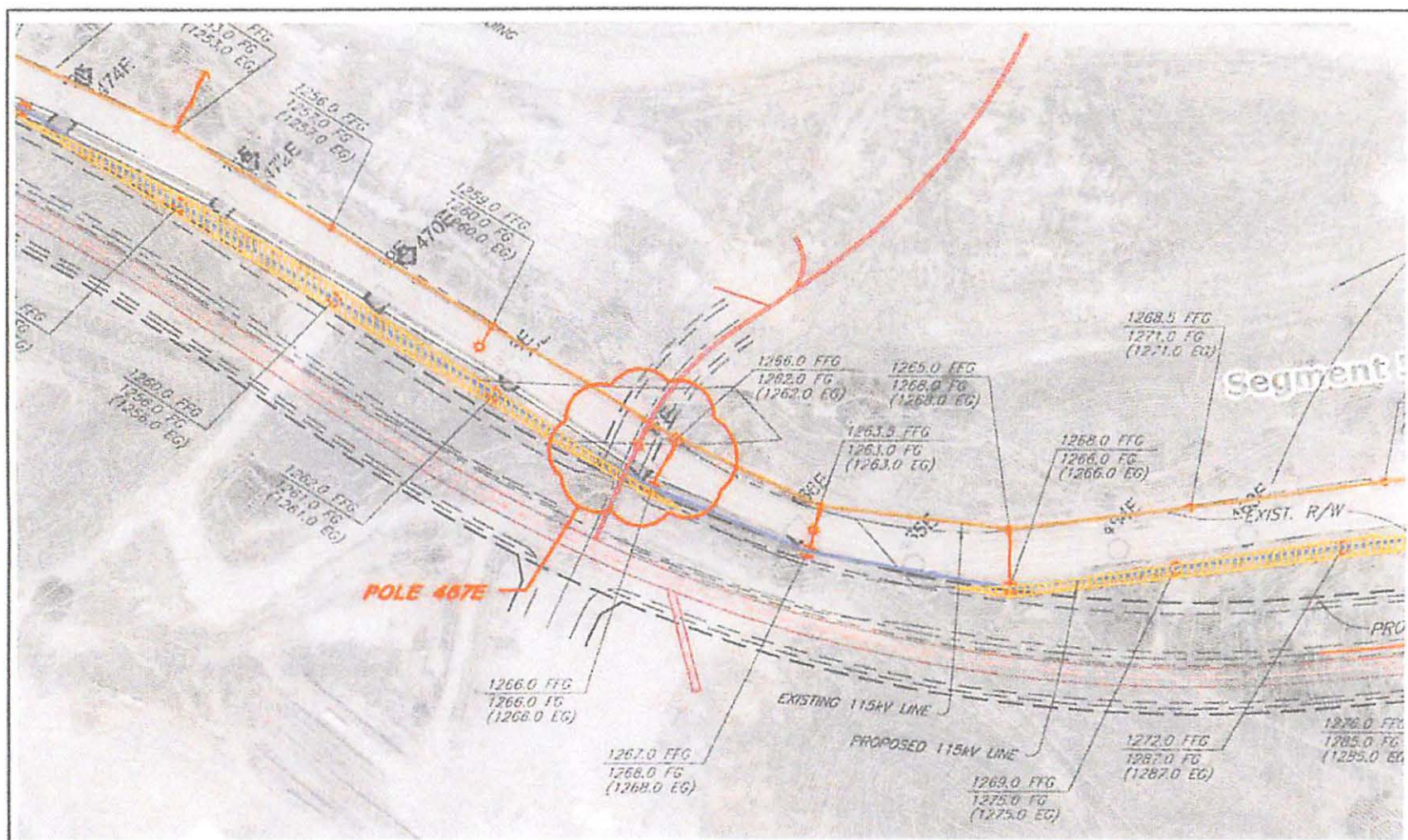
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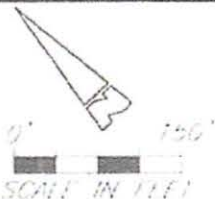
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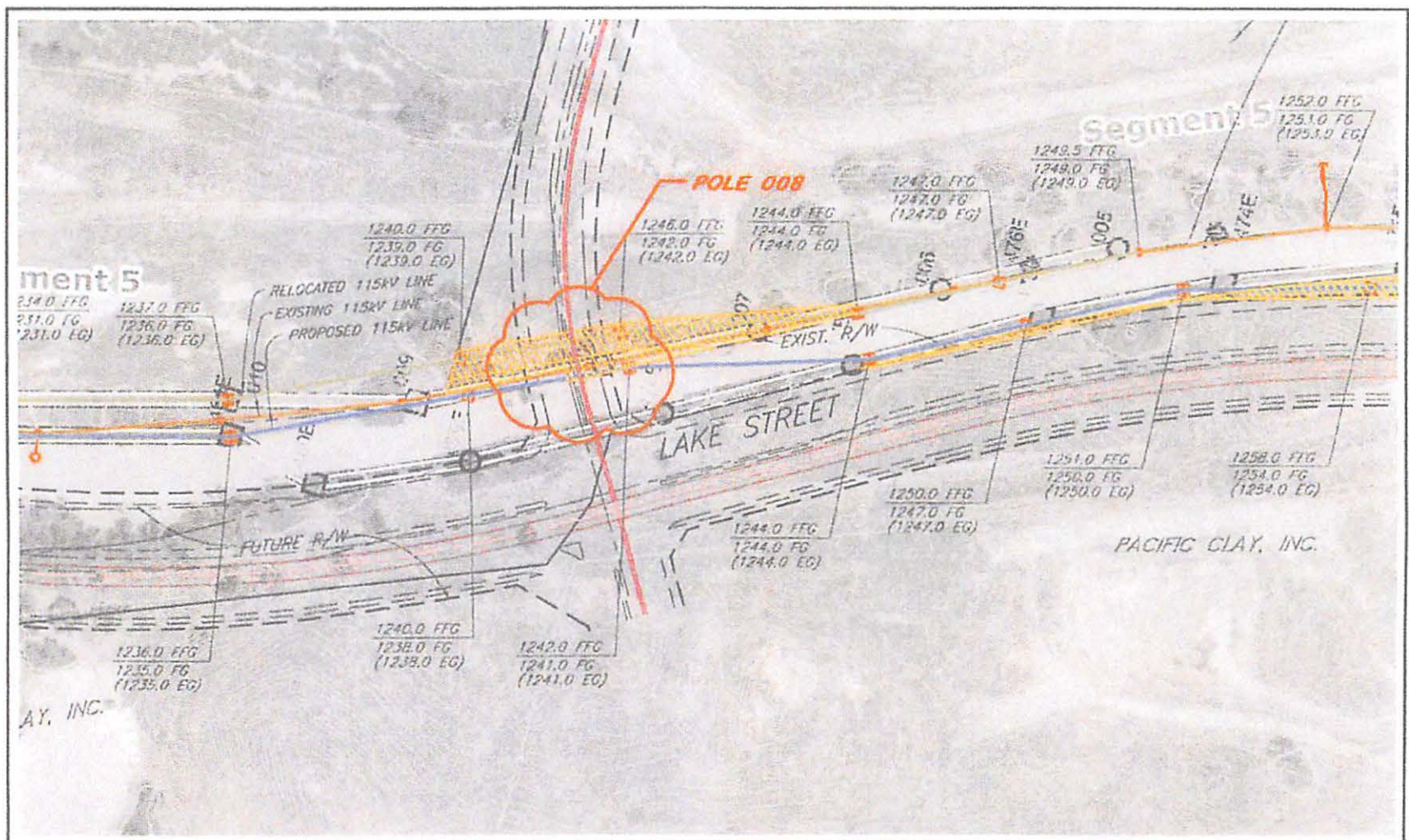
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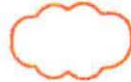


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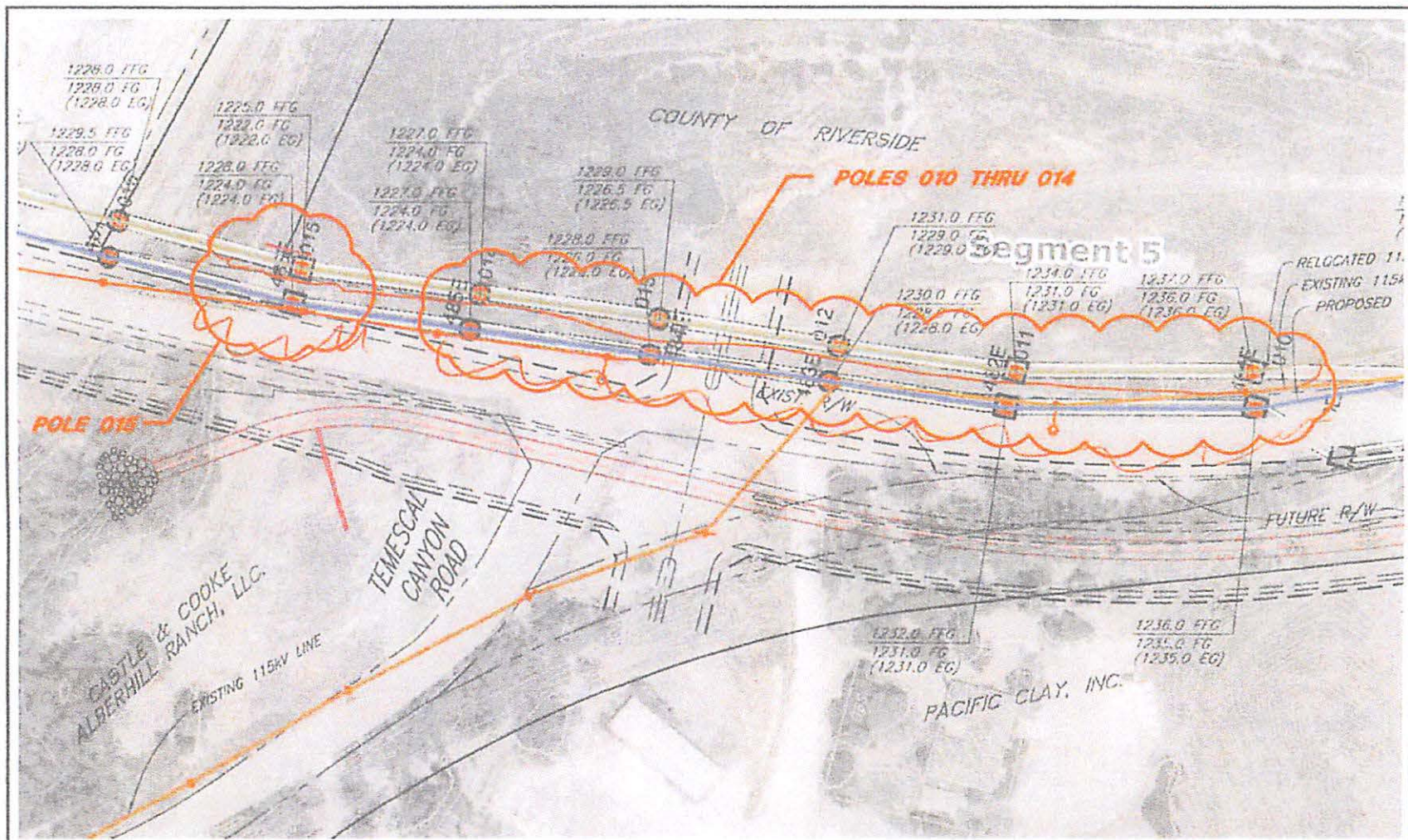
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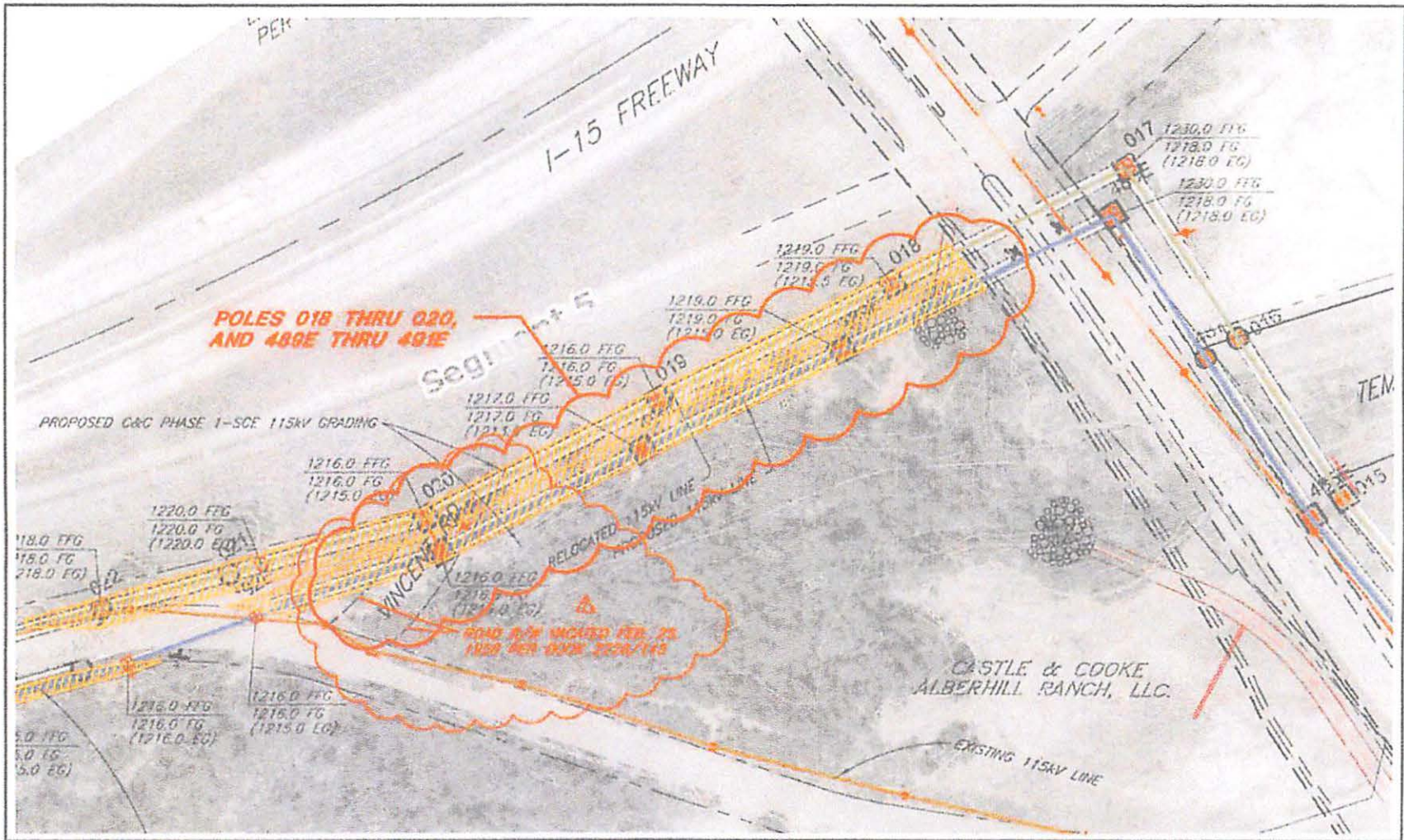
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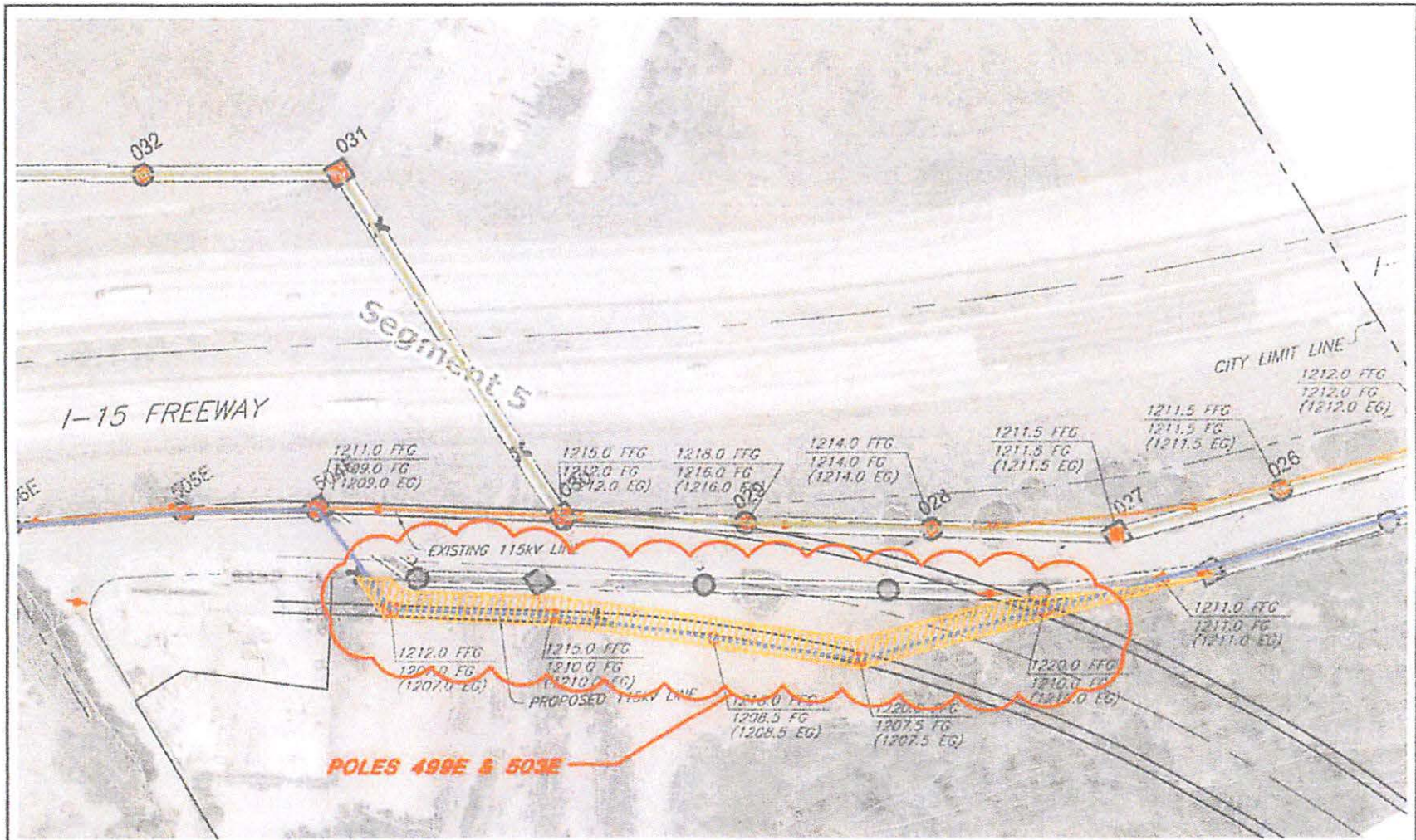
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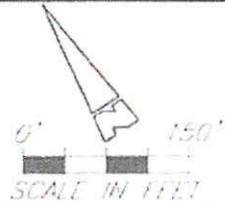






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## **ATTACHMENT B**





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June 20, 2014

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**Attention:** Sergio R. Tarango – Major Projects Organization

**Regarding:** Valley – Ivyglen 115 kV Sub transmission Line Project Segment 5  
Lake Elsinore, CA

Gentlemen,

Castle & Cooke and its affiliated companies own approximately 2,600 acres in the Alberhill Area of Lake Elsinore California, where Southern California Edison (SCE) desires to construct the Valley – Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project. KWC Engineers are the Civil Engineers for Castle & Cooke on their development projects and have worked with SCE for the past ±5 years on alignment designs for the proposed 115 kV system that would minimize impacts to the pending development projects by Castle & Cooke.

As we understand SCE has submitted the Valley Ivyglen project to the CPUC for their review. Via the Internet, we have received data of the proposed pole line alignments in and adjacent to the Castle & Cooke properties. We have identified serious conflicts with SCE's application to the CPUC that impacts not only the Castle & Cooke development projects but City's Plan Master Plan Urban Arterial Roadways. In order for KWC to determine the exact impacts of the new alignments, we are formally requesting to receive engineering drawings from SCE and/or its consultants on the horizontal and vertical position of the proposed pole alignments. Castle & Cooke is extremely concerned that the alignment studies as presented to the CPUC (1) violates the City's general plan arterial roadway alignments adoption of December 2011; and (2) ignored the Vesting Tentative Tract Map 35001 as approved by the City Council in December 2012. We have attached for you a listing of the initial design conflicts within the poles that impact Castle & Cooke's properties as well as the City's Master Roadway Alignments and projects.

In addition to our concerns over SCE's revised alignment of the 115kV poles, during our ongoing review of the property either by KWC Engineers, Castle & Cooke or The Planning Associates, we have observed; 1) no 2014 Edison Springtime Surveys and 2) poor BMP management practices with your maintenance activities of your existing overhead facilities which includes tree trimming/waste being placed into stream areas on C&C property.

On behalf of Castle & Cooke, they are going on record formally requesting: (1) to obtain engineering drawings and related data for the pole line alignments; and (2) that we have an opportunity to meet with SCE to resolve any design issues impacting Castle & Cooke's projects and the City's Master Plan Roadways, and (3) upon mutual agreement that SCE incorporates into their plans the necessary changes and advises the CPUC accordingly. Please find attached a list of the poles that are impacting the proposed projects by Castle & Cooke and the City of Lake Elsinore Master Planned Roadways. We have included a copy of your Valley Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project detailed routing maps for your reference showing the location of the conflicts/issues.

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Upon your review, we request that you provide us with the engineering data as well as setting up a meeting with you and the SCE team to review our concerns.

Sincerely,

**KWC ENGINEERS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Crawford, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

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Tom Tomlinson, Castle & Cooke  
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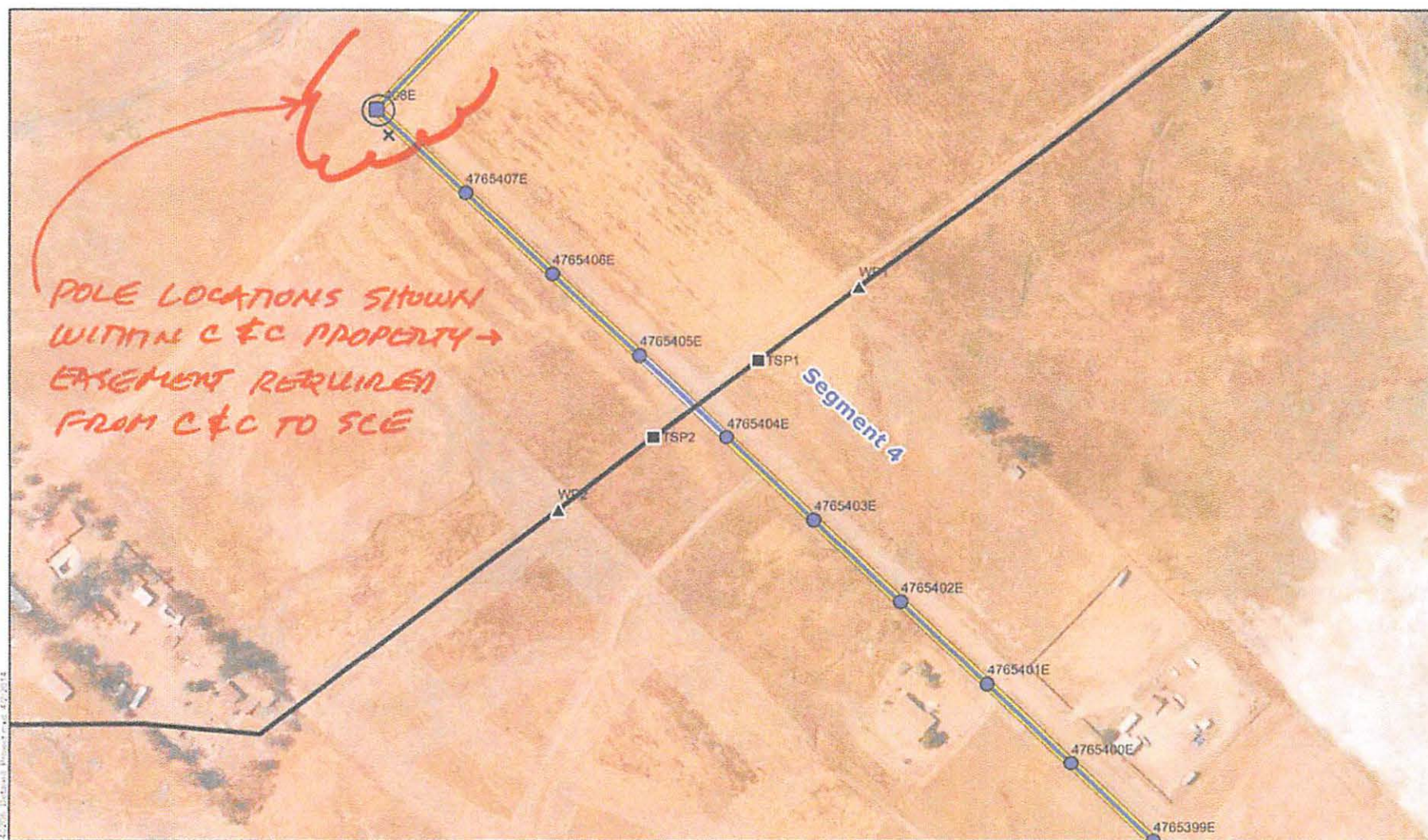
CASTLE & COOKE ALBERHILL AREA PROJECTS  
SCE VALLEY – IVYGLEN 115 KV SUBTRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

LIST OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS:

KWC Engineers has initially reviewed the Valley- Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project Segment 5 in and adjacent to the Castle & Cooke (C&C) projects. We have listed below our initial comments of potential conflicts/issues that may arise out of the adoption of this alignment by the CPUC. In order for us to make a complete determination, we will need the horizontal and vertical detailed engineering drawings in order for us to complete our analysis. Our initial list of the areas of concern are as follows:

- Pole 408E and 409E Pole locations are shown within the Castle & Cooke Alberhill Ranch LLC property and an easement is required from C&C to SCE
- Pole 001 Pole location may impact pending Nichols Road construction, need to verify location with detailed information to avoid roadway construction conflicts
- Pole 543E → 456E Pole locations shown are in the middle of the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Right-of-Way for Lake Street an Urban Arterial Highway adopted by the City in December 2011
- Pole 455E Pole location as shown in Lake Street roadway is also aligned in the roadway for the future extension of a Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012
- Pole 467E Pole location as shown in is aligned in the future extension of Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012
- Pole 008 Pole location as shown in Lake Street roadway as well as aligned near the future extension of Collector Road into VTTM 35001 Alberhill Ridge project approved by the City in December 2012 – need to verify location
- Pole 010 → 014 Pole locations are shown in future streambed mitigation area within County of Riverside property that are tied to the 404 and 1602 permit in Lake Street
- Pole 015 Pole location may conflict with future streambed mitigation and existing drainage inlet structure in Temescal Creek Flood Control Facility – need to verify location
- Pole 489E → 491E and 018 → 020 Pole locations shown within Castle & Cooke, Inc., property, easement from Castle & Cooke is required. Grading of flood control berms are required to keep poles out of Temescal Creek floodway
- Poles 499E → 503E Pole locations shown in the middle of City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Urban Arterial Roadbed as adopted in December 2011 and impacts City of Lake Elsinore pending Temescal Creek bridge relocation and roadway construction project





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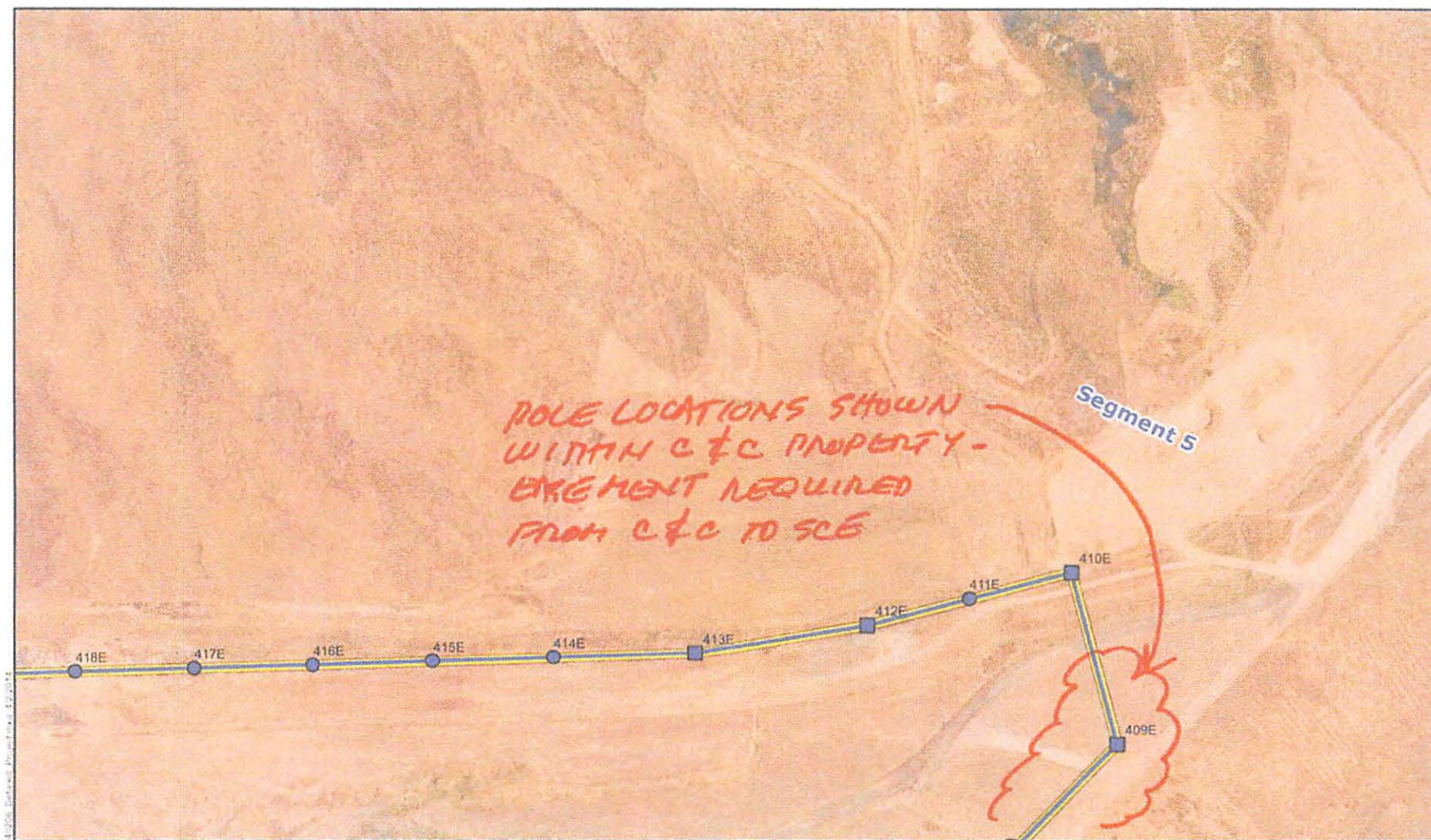
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| — Proposed Valley-Elsinore-Fogarty Overhead      | • Riser Pole  | ○ Segment Break                             |                       |
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Data Sources: Insignia 2014, SCE 2014







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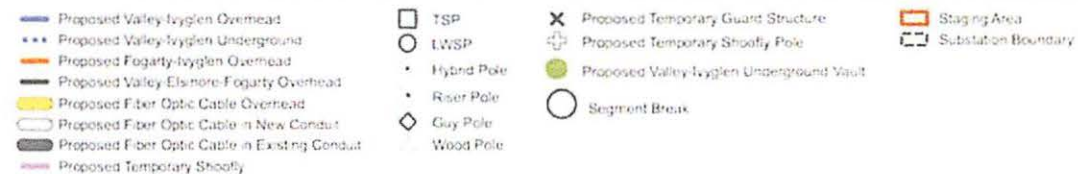




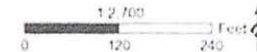


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Data Sources: Insignia 2014, SCE 2018







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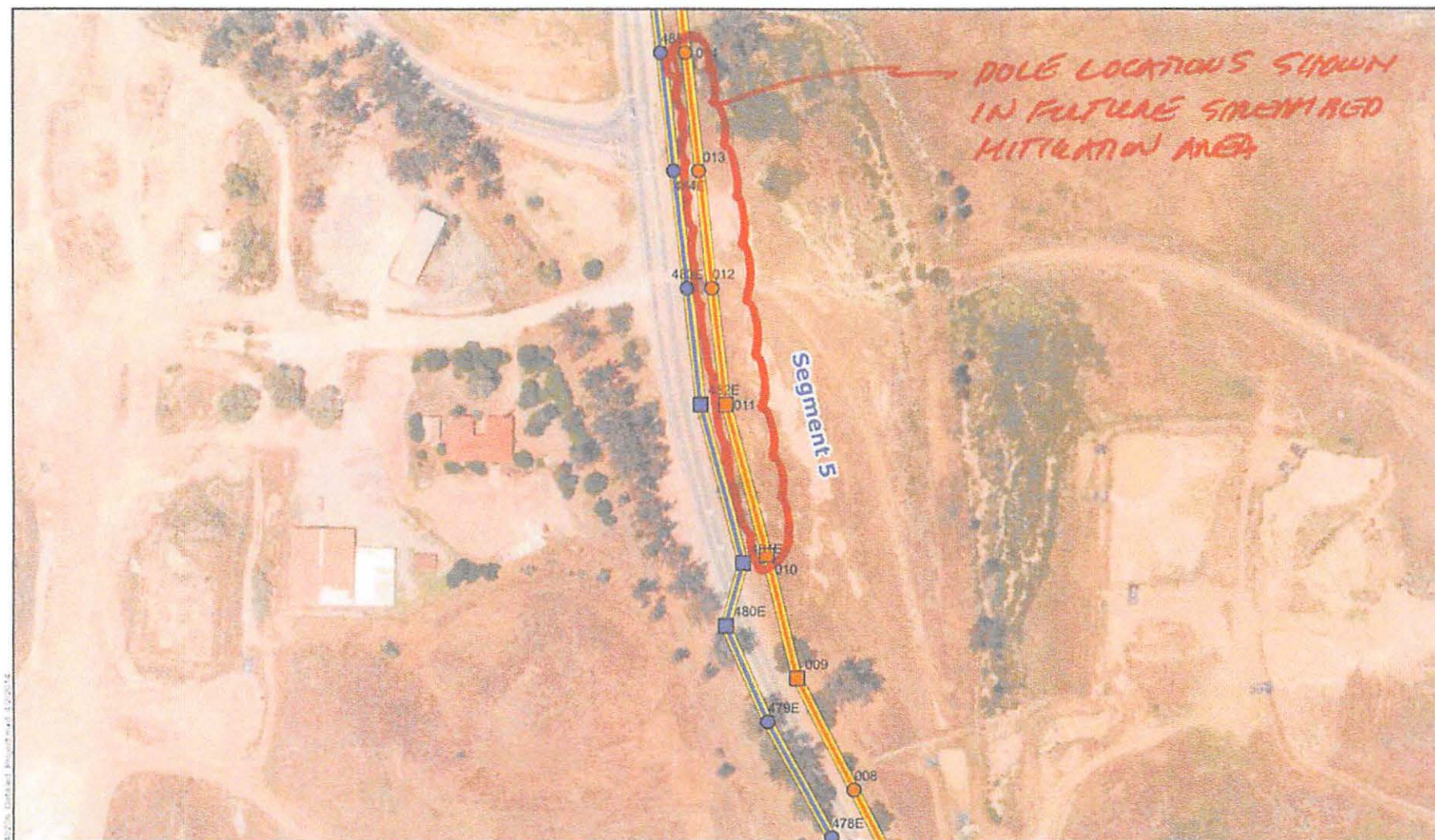
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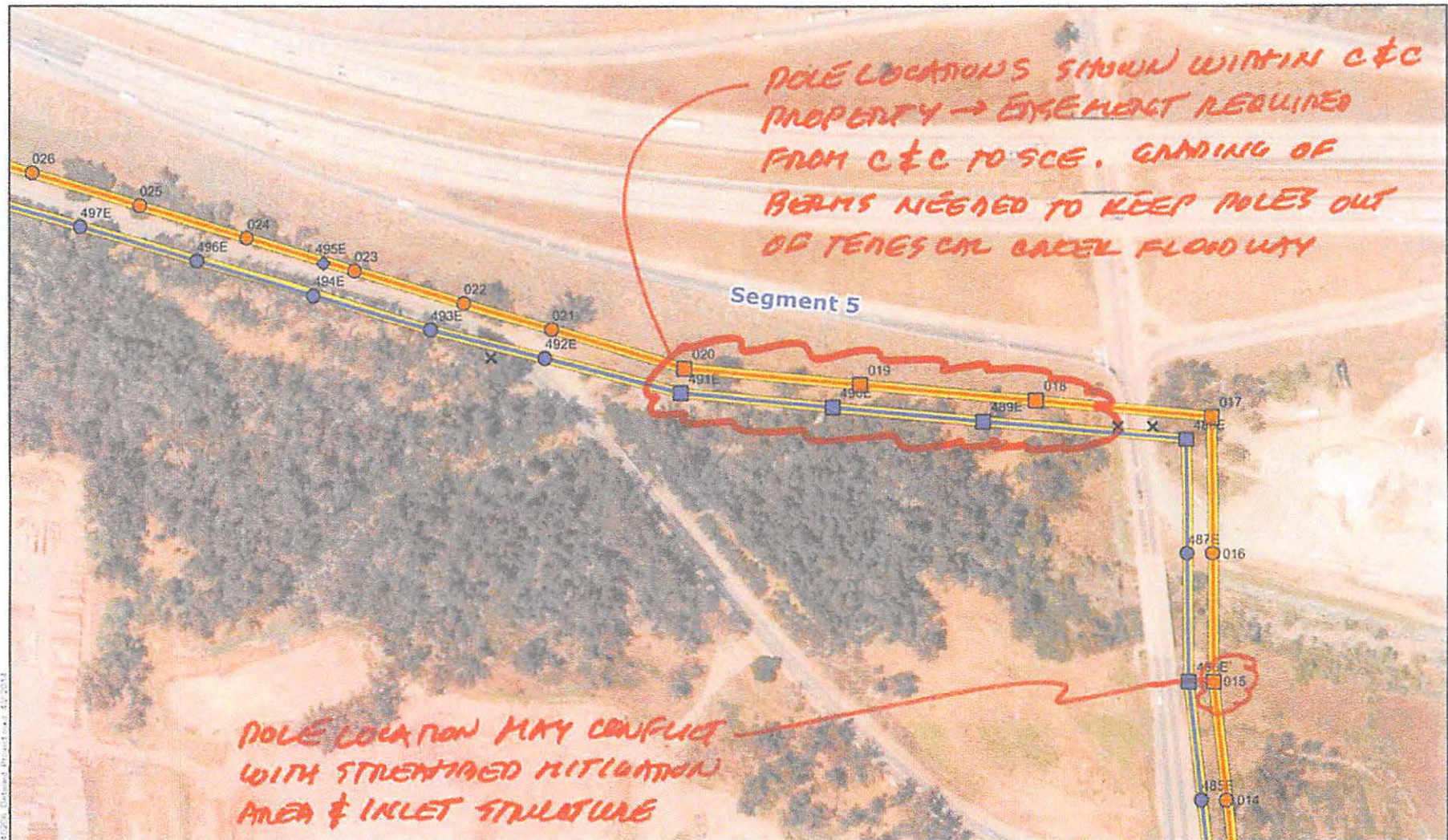
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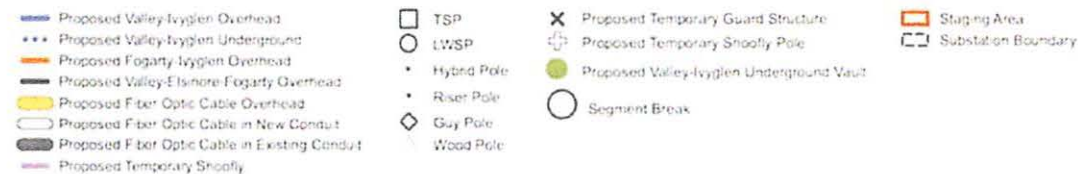
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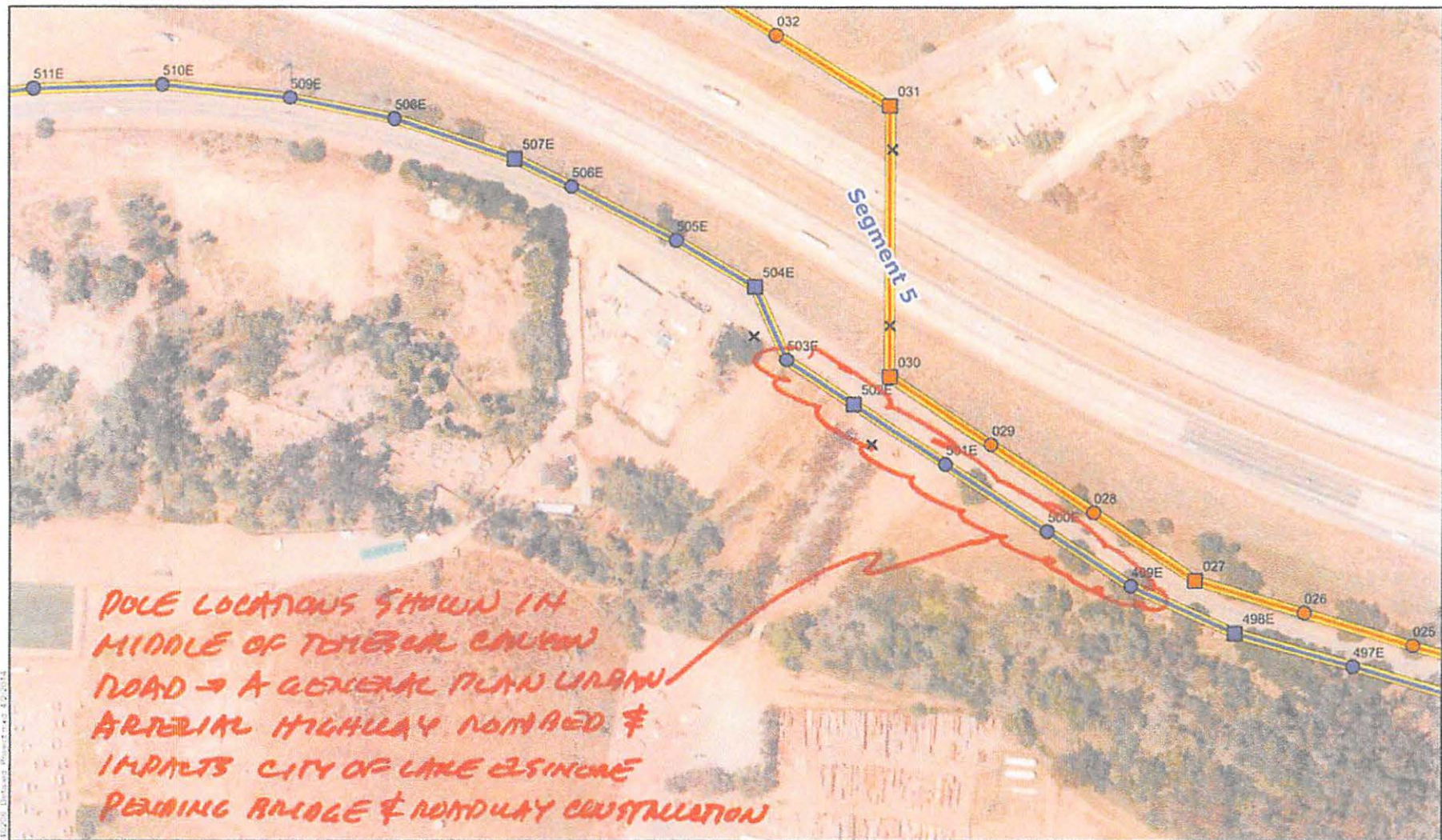
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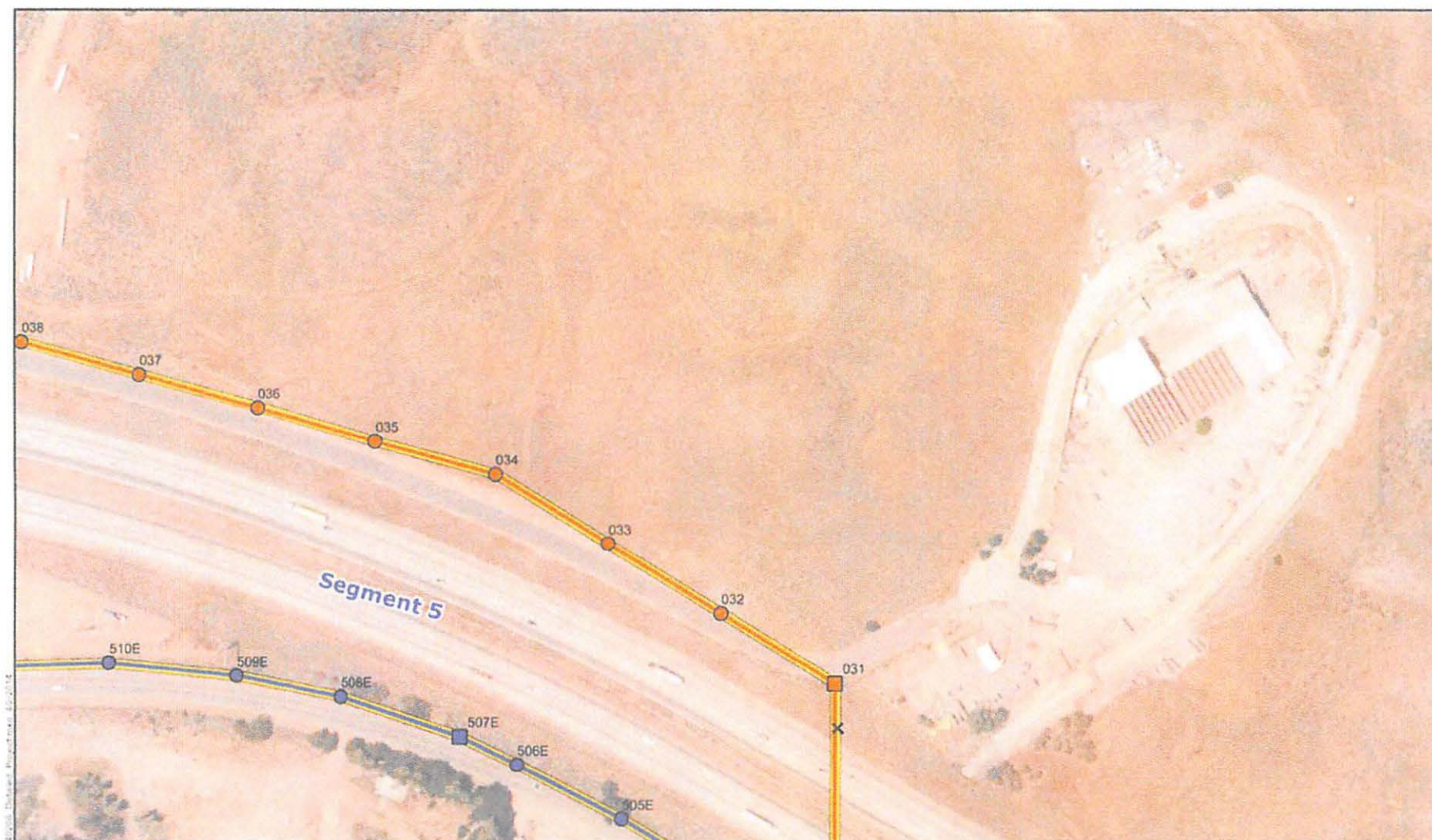
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Data Sources: Insignia 2014/508, 2014





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June 23, 2014

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

RE: Valley-Ivyglen 115KV Sub Transmission Line Project  
Notice of Amended Petition for Modification

Dear CPUC:

The City of Lake Elsinore has received the May 23, 2014 notice to the City regarding the Valley-Ivyglen 115KV Sub Transmission Line Project Notice of Amended Petition for Modification (PFM). We offer the following concerns and comments regarding the proposed project and PFM:

1. The alignment of the proposed project and location of poles in City street rights-of-way conflict with the City's Master Circulation Plan and street standards. This may result in a severe negative economic impact to the City and private development companies with the relocation of poles in the future if the project were to proceed as proposed.
2. The proposed location of poles on or adjacent to undeveloped private properties may severely impact the development potential of the property, negatively impact access to properties considered for development at the present time, and result in a severe negative economic impact to the City.
3. The proposed project is a visual detriment to improving the quality of life in Lake Elsinore. We propose that the project be underground.

We request the project be revised to alleviate the negative economic and quality of life impacts to the City. We can meet with you at your earliest convenience to review the project and develop alternatives to the project consistent with our goals and objectives to improve the quality of life in Lake Elsinore.

Sincerely,

Grant M. Yates  
City Manager

Cc: Jeremy Goldman  
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**From:** Ann Hickey <annhickey@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 6:35 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** Comments on the Alberhill Project  
**Attachments:** ERI Concerns.docx

Please see the attached document regarding the Alberhill project.

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June 5, 2015

## Alberhill System Project

### Comments and Concerns:

As a resident of Menifee with my residence located along Murrieta Road between Scott/Bundy Canyon and Newport Road I have the following concerns regarding the proposed project of installing high tension wires along the road and in front of my home.

There are road widening projects currently on the books for widening Murrieta Road at Las Piedra Road and before Craig Road. This will impact the amount of right of way needed for the poles. The road in front of my house has been widened to three lanes and there has been development up to the road with no open space.

Calder Ranch, Gallery Homes and the new KB development along Murrieta all have underground utilities. These developers do not want wires strung over their homes. Since their utilities are all underground it would seem appropriate that any new development would be underground. I am not in a development but all of my utilities are underground. It may cost more at the beginning but in the long run the maintenance would be less. This has been the case in Canada and Europe for years.

The humming and noise levels from high tension wires are unacceptable. The voltage leaking is dangerous to health and safe environments. A case in point is on the corner of Newport Road and Murrieta where the new pole has been erected and you cannot hear your car radio as you pass through this intersection.

And of most concern is the aesthetic aspect of the project. The residents along this road do not want to see poles and high tension wires in their front yards. I moved here because of the rural aspect and I do not want to see my home values devaluated because of this project.

My neighbor has had kangaroo rats on her 8 acres but she does not know if the biologist was able to study and review her property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Hickey  
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951-566-5460

**Black, Kristi**

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**From:** Kelly Litchfield <kellylit1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Subject:** PowerLine Project

I strongly oppose the powerline project in Temescal Valley. I am a resident in the valley and we like the open space and no noise of powerlines or radiation. We will rise as an organization of activists and focus on the elected officials. When will you realize that selling your constituents out is not a great long term strategy. Our impact is far greater than just the votes of the Valley. Social media is a great way to share a story quickly with the masses.

Vance and Kelly Litchfield

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**From:** Mike Matthews <mike@killer-graphix.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 4:50 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen; alberhill  
**Subject:** Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
**Attachments:** Vally-Ivyglen EIR Statement.docx

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide input to the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project. I am a resident of Lake Elsinore and own a residential property in the path of the new transmission line. The area of concern is located at the point where the overhead Transmission lines pass through a residential neighborhood located at highway 74 and Conard Ave. in Lake Elsinore.

During the preliminary EIR review meeting in Lake Elsinore on the development of the Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project, we were notified that comments and questions would be recognized through written submittals. During the meeting there were many issues that were discussed that the presenters were not able to provide an adequate response to many if the attendees.

1. The current proposal for the high voltage poles are being routed through a residential neighborhood. The aesthetics of 100' poles will have a significant impact on the ambiance of the neighborhood and have a significant negative impact on the property values. To avoid impact to the property owners, families and property values, there are viable options that will mitigate the concerns that the residence in the neighborhood are proposing.
  - a. Reroute the lines 1000 west down highway 74 to Cambern Ave., the next street which is currently zoned for retail space. This property is currently a vacant lot that is proposed to support commercial development. This will eliminate the impact to the homeowners that are in the current proposed route of the 100' electric poles.
  - b. Run the transmission lines underground keeping the existing route of the plan. Although this will change the proposed current overhead plan, the routing will stay the same and eliminate the aesthetic impact to the neighborhood.
2. Health issues impacting the residence of the neighborhood. The system produces electromagnetic fields that do have an impact on humans including children by causing negative long term health effects. The long term effects include damage to the human DNA, risk of Cancer, risk of Leukemia, risk of neurodegenerative diseases, and BIRTH DEFECTS.

Electrostatic coupling and electromagnetic interference also have an effect on local plants, pets , animals, and telecommunication equipment (Cell phones and computers, etc. ). This will cause significant inconvenience as well as triggering financial impact to the owners of the property.

With the completion of the Lake Elsinore General Plan, the zoning map indicates the area where the lines will pass is recorded as Residential Estates (RE). This zone is densely populated but is surrounded by commercial property zones. It is the opinion of the residences that live in this area, that erecting these transmission poles through this populated neighborhood will create undesired financial impact to the neighborhood as well as unpleasant aesthetical appearance to current and future residences.

It is our recommendation that the Transmission lines either are placed underground or routed outside the neighborhood to pass through undeveloped commercial properties located less than 1000 feet from the populated neighborhood.

Thank You  
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Lake Elsinore Ca. 92532  
(951) 674-4536  
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**From:** Kevin Kohan <kevin@tpaoc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 11:55 AM  
**To:** alberhill; IvyGlen  
**Cc:** 'Hardyesq@aol.com'; Tim Fleming (taf4640@msn.com)  
**Subject:** TPA Comments to NOP for proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project  
**Attachments:** Dr. Chen NOP.pdf; Weldon Page NOP.pdf

Hi Mr. Uchida,

My name is Kevin Kohan and I am an urban planner with The Planning Associates. I represent Dr. K.S Chen and Mr. Weldon Page who own numerous acres of property in Lake Elsinore. Both property owners will be impacted by the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project in the Alberhill Business District area, specifically along Collier Avenue. Please find attached my written comments to the Notice of Preparation for the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank you,

**Kevin Kohan**

*Urban Planner*

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## ***The Planning Associates***

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**June 4, 2015**

Sent via Email: alberhill@ene.com; ivyglen@ene.com

### **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**

Alberhill and Valley-Glen Projects

c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.

505 Sansome Street, Suite 300

San Francisco, CA 94111

### **Re: Mr. Weldon Page CEQA Notice of Preparation**

#### **To whom it may concern:**

My name is Kevin Kohan and I am an urban planner with The Planning Associates. I represent property owner Mr. Weldon Page who owns 1.5 acres of property (APN #378-020-062) in Lake Elsinore that will be impacted by the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project in the Alberhill Business District area, specifically along Collier Avenue. Mr. Weldon Page requests that the following comments be thoroughly considered during the CEQA process and during public decision making.

Southern California Edison (SCE) must underground the 115 kv power lines on Collier Avenue in order to remove the web of electrical lines on Collier's main thoroughfare, which can be seen from the I-15 Freeway. Collier Avenue will be a premier future retail and industrial site for the City of Lake Elsinore as the City begins to grow and develop. SCE must plan for the future and properly underground the utilities in place in order to beautify the area for future development.

Mr. Weldon Page and surrounding private property owners' request that the CPUC include within the scope of the EIR discussion and technical evaluation specific reference to:

- 1) Consistency with the City of Lake Elsinore General Plan Elements, Municipal Code and all other land use policies.
- 2) Consistency with existing adopted tract maps, submitted land use applications to the City, and submitted resource agency permits and agreements along Temescal Canyon Road, Lake Street and Nichols Road.



- 3) Any potential negative impacts on traffic from having to relocate the poles which are in conflict with currently General planned Urban Arterial Roads and Collector Roads.

We recommend several Notice of Preparation scoping meetings to be located in the local Lake Elsinore area to take public comments and suggestions on the scope of the DEIR. Mr. Weldon Page and surrounding property owners will have additional comments to make as the CPUC SCE public process moves forward as we continue to work with SCE and the City and Resource agencies on the location of the SCE corridors and specific pole installation locations.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Kohan*

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**From:** Jerry Sincich <jsincich1@ca.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 2:53 PM  
**To:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Temescal Valley resident, the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project impact will be significant on the existing and future residential communities in the Temescal Valley. The significant negative impact of the Valley-Ivyglen Project can be mitigated by the placement of the 115-kV transmission lines underground along the Temescal Canyon Road from the Alberhill substation to the Valley and Ivyglen substations. The underground placement of the 115-kV transmission lines along the Temescal Canyon Road will help mitigate the following negative impacts.

- The harmful health impact of the EMF coming from the power lines into the existing and future residential communities.
- The multiple crossing of the transmission lines over the Interstate 15 highway. In the event these transmission lines drop on to the Interstate 15 highway during a seismic event the residents in the Temescal Valley would not be able to evacuate their communities until the transmission lines were either removed or repaired. In a major seismic event it would take weeks for work crews to access the transmission lines.
- The Interstate 15 highway in the Temescal Valley would lose its eligibility as a California Scenic Highway.
- The aesthetics and property values of the Horsethief Canyon Ranch, Glen Eden and a newly planned community located along the Lee Lake would be negatively impacted

Please take the appropriate steps to place these transmission lines underground.

Sincerely,

Jerry Sincich  
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**From:** Kimberly Slingerland <kimbo.bruce@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 3:36 PM  
**To:** alberhill  
**Cc:** IvyGlen  
**Subject:** Ivy Glen Project

To whom this may concern,

With regards to the Valley-Ivy Glen project, let us first say that we are not opposed to progress and change due to growth and demand for electricity. We are opposed to a portion of the routing of the lines through one area. The plan is to have the lines run parallel to hwy 74 then turn left down Conard to 3rd. Street which is a neighborhood. We oppose this. A suggestion would be to either run these lines underground this area or continue down Hwy 74 to Cambern and then to 3rd. Either option would not impact these lines passing through a residential area.

Another concern we have is the impact it is going to have on the residents health. We realize the health issues is debatable but there is continued research that concerns us that eventually these electrical type poles will be found to be harmful to the residents.

Our home values are another concern. We feel that the values of our homes will be impacted greatly. Our neighborhood has always struggled to keep our values stable but we feel that these poles will really hurt the values of our homes.

Sincerely Yours.

John and Kimberly Slingerland  
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## California Public Utilities Commission

Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Alberhill System Project  
and Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line Project  
May 18, 2015

Thank you for participating in tonight's public scoping meeting. We would like to hear your comments.

**Note:** Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

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### COMMENTS

Thank you for the informative meetings. Special  
thanks to Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager  
for describing the process.

### REGARDING:

The installation of high-voltage transmission  
lines on towers up to 115 feet running down  
Murrieta Road between Bundy Canyon/Scott Rd.  
and Newport Road.

Not acceptable: Objections based on environmental  
and economic elements: following-

Comments must be received by June 5, 2015

Mail: Valley-Ivyglen and Alberhill Projects

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## COMMENTS (Continued)

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## Environmental:

- Unsafe immediately next to homes
- Unsafe due to High voltage lines falling into residential yards in event of major earthquake.
- Unsafe due to EMFs emitted <sup>directly</sup> over homes where children are growing up
- Reduces quality of life in residential / rural area of one-acre lots with pastoral setting; destroys visual rural life
- Reduces quality of life due to disruption of media signals for everyday life - cell phones, radio, television, wi-fi, etc.
- Damages quality of life due to constant "hum" from emissions.

## Economic:

- SCE has been instructed by State of California & given funds to put these lines underground. This community expects you to do so!
- Developer spent millions, & homeowners paid thousands extra, to put community utilities underground. Unacceptable to now have "commercial" utilities overhead.
- City of Menifee designated area as underground utility area.
- Tremendous loss of property value due to destruction of rural setting

**To: Alberhill Project and Valley-Ivyglen Project  
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**June 5, 2015**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**I have lived in Horsethief Canyon Ranch for over 13 years. When we moved out here one of the reasons we chose Horsethief Canyon Ranch over say, Wildrose was because there were no visible powerlines, though the homes were more expensive. We love our beautiful, natural unobstructed view of Temescal Valley.**

**I understand this area has grown tremendously and there is a need for a substation, additional lines and towers. Please look at putting the substation on the east side of the 15 freeway, say high up on the hill or on the light Industrial side of Temescal Canyon Road and more importantly put the lines UNDERGROUND! As was done for the Sycamore Creek Shopping Center and the Sycamore Creek Community! Why not for Horsethief Canyon Ranch?**

**Also, a concern of mine is, should there ever be a catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake, the proposed location of the lines could come down on our limited north south access out of the valley on both I-15 and Temescal Canyon Road, leaving us trapped in the canyon!**

**Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.**

**Janet McDonald  
Concerned Temescal Valley Resident**