

Comment Set C.144: Sherry Howell

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To
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cc

Subject
Protest - Antelope-Pardee Transmission Project Alternative 2

Marian -
Please see attached letters & maps. Hard copies have also been mailed.
Thank you,
Sherry & Ron Howell

(See attached file: Forest + Alternate 2 Protest-Kadota.doc)
(See Attached file: Alternative 2 Protest-Marian Kadota-US Forest Service.doc)
(See attached file: Map Alt 1+ Proposed Segment1.jpg) (See attached file: Map Alternative 2 Mid-slope.jpg)

September 28, 2006

Ms. Marian Kadota, US Forests Service
Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team
6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 150
Goleta, CA 93117

Dear Ms. Kadota:

RE: ANTELOPE-PARDEE SEGMENT 1

ALTERNATIVE 2 = DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE'S LIVES AND HOMES

While I object to the original Edison Proposed Route through the National Forest, making matters even worse is Alternative 2. It runs through private property, unnecessarily. Such a route will significantly devalue our private properties and homes at 36917 Bouquet Canyon Road, 37041 Bouquet Canyon Road and 37039 Bouquet Canyon Road, as well as several of our neighbors' properties.

I was in negotiation with buyers for property I own that would be impacted negatively by Alternative 2. The buyers now want to wait to see what the final decision is going to be on Segment 1, Alternative 2. Which means I have already been harmed by this process.

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It is clear my property consisting of 248 acres and currently valued at \$12 million would be devalued, without limitation to and without prejudice, for the following reasons:

A) Line-of-sight destroying views of the mountains, valleys and Bouquet Canyon Reservoir; which has not only an aesthetic impact on my home, but one of eliminating use of the property for a movie ranch (which it has been used for), proposed vineyard estate homes with views, health & wellness retreat, etc.

B) Loss of all other uses under current A2 Zoning, including allowable Conditional Use Permits.

C) Noise from the wires.

D) Real and perceived health problems to current and future residents and visitors.

E) Fire hazard to me and other residents.

FIRE & FIRE FIGHTING HAZARD

Power lines on the east side of Bouquet Canyon Reservoir not only pose a fire hazard to residents, they pose a threat to fire fighting aircraft. Super Scooper aircraft fly very low on approach from the east to enter Bouquet Canyon Reservoir in order to “scoop” water to fight fires for miles around. Alternative 2 would place wires in the air directly in front of the fire-fighting aircraft’s approach to the Reservoir. Aircraft access to Bouquet Reservoir is an absolute necessity for fighting fires in the surrounding area including the National Forest and residential communities. The National Forest, LA County Fire Department, California Edison and CPUC would be negligent to allow Alternative 2, or any such route which would allow transmission lines close to Bouquet Reservoir, blocking descent and ascent of fire fighting aircraft.

IN SUMMARY:

If one had only to choose from the 5 proposals, then:

Southern California Edison’s Antelope-Pardee Alternative 1 appears the least detrimental for all concerned. Edison says they only need to widen the existing corridor by 60 feet.

The original SCE Proposed Project seems next best. It is imperative that the Transmission Towers and lines on the West side of Bouquet Reservoir not hamper fire fighting aircraft descent and ascent.

Alternate 2 is unacceptable because it ruins millions of dollars of private land, people’s homes and lives. It also creates an unnecessary hazard for fire fighting access by air to the east side of Bouquet Reservoir. Such access has been historically required to fight fires in the National Forest and surrounding residential communities. Alternate 5 also destroys homes and lives.

At this late date, I've learned that there are two Alternative 1's, and have enclosed maps for clarification of which routes I'm referring to in this letter. Quite frankly, everyone who's analyzing the proposal, including government agencies and officials, are confused. The best thing to do is deny the entire project, proposals and alternatives and develop new routes, based on all that has been learned, that do not impact the National Forest or peoples homes and land. It can be done, for pennies to the public.

When it comes to our Forests:

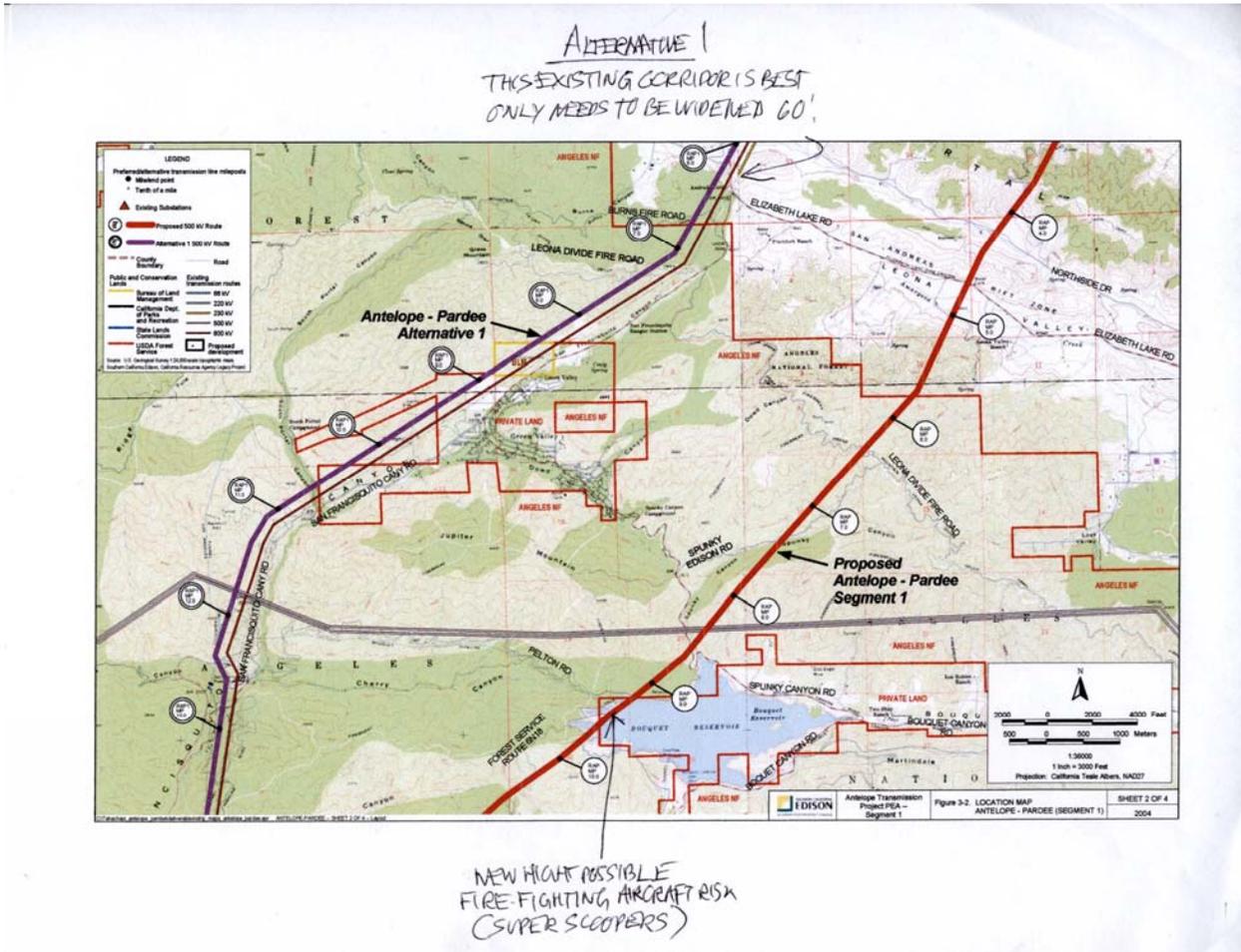
“TREES, NOT TOWERS.”

When it comes to our lives and our homes:

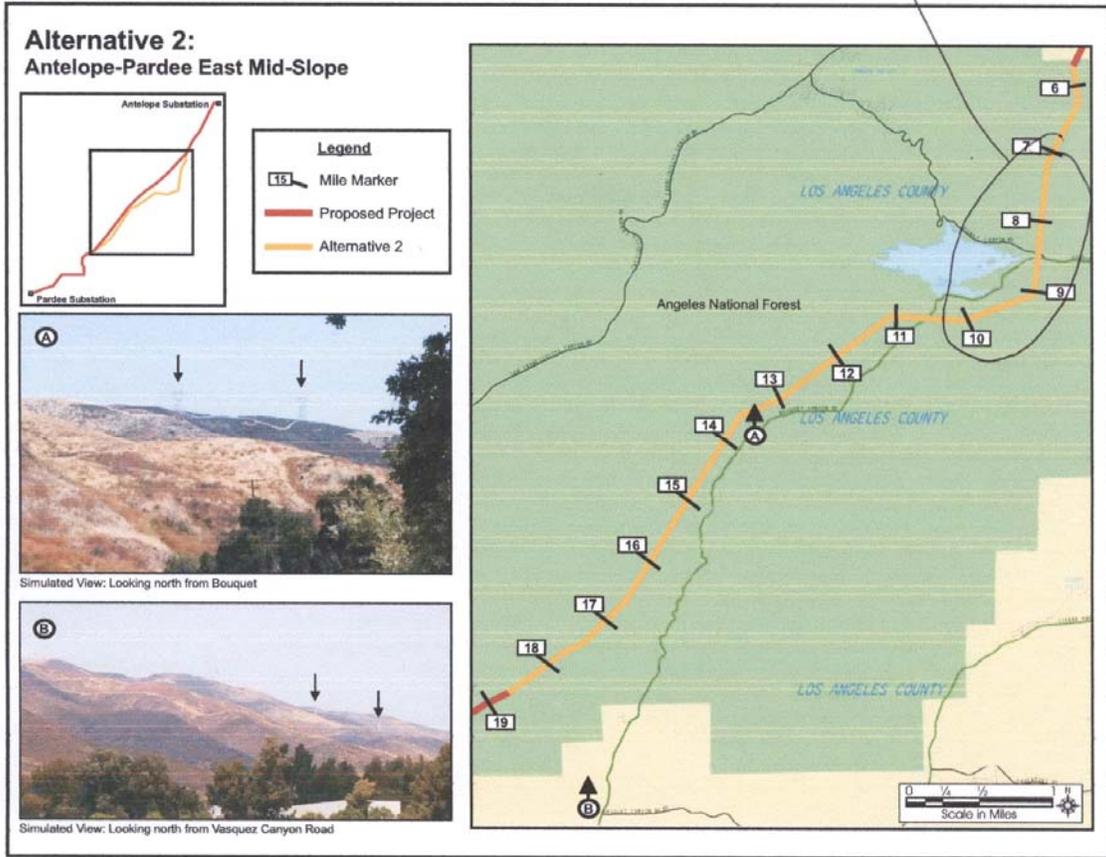
“BURY THE LINES, NOT PEOPLE. MOVE THE LINES, NOT PEOPLE.”

Sincerely,

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NO ON ALTERNATE 2
PRIVATE PROPERTY/HOMES
FIRE-FIGHTING AIRCRAFT HAZARD



Response to Comment Set C.144: Sherry Howell

C.144-1 Please refer to Comment Set C.143 for responses to comments in this letter.