

Comment Set C.37: Linda Whitaker

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Sent: Tue 8/29/2006 10:15 PM
To: Antelope-Pardee Project
Cc: John Whitaker
Subject: 500 kV transmission project: Attn Diane Gruenich

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Re: California SCH # 2005061161 Federal Docket No. 05-12734

Attn: Diane Gruenich, John Boccio and Marian Kadota

Dear Diane and All Concerned,

I have two recommendations for this project. One is to use the already existing corridors through the Angeles National Forest (the original proposal), and the other is to put the corridor along already existing freeways and roads, where they will not disrupt homes and property. Please do not use alternative 5. The pictures in the report do not show the homes in Leona Valley along the Lost Valley Ranch Road and 107th Street, and do not present accurate information. Leona Valley is a town of about 1500 people who live here because of its quiet, non-commercial atmosphere. I don't think that big business should be allowed to take us over when other alternatives are available.

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C.37-2

Sincerely,
Linda Whitaker

Response to Comment Set C.37: Linda Whitaker

C.37-1 Thank you for your suggestions.

C.37-2 As described in Section C.15.1.1, photographs used in the EIR/EIS were taken from vantage points called key observation positions (KOPs). Each KOP was carefully selected to display the typical or worst-case view from major travel routes or use areas that provide visual access to affected landscapes. The purpose of visual simulations is to show the potential visual effects of the proposed Project and alternatives on landscapes through which it would pass. From dozens of potential observer positions, and in consultation with CPUC and Forest Service personnel, 14 locations were selected as Key Observation Positions (KOPs) for detailed analysis of the proposed Project, and 14 additional KOPs were selected for detailed analysis of alternatives. KOP 5-4 was selected on Lost Valley Ranch Road because all residents have this same view and potential visual impact as they travel eastbound on this private road. The text notes that there are existing ranchettes further west (behind the camera's view in this photograph). The photographs of existing conditions show accurate information of typical landscape views. On 107th Street, because of vegetative screening, no location was found that would show the visual effects of Alternative 5, and therefore, KOP 5-3 was selected on Leona Valley Road, looking toward 107th Street, because it shows the visual effects of the transmission line crossing hillsides above existing residences.