

Comment Set C.72: Unsigned

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Subject

Antelope-Pardee Sierra Pelona Re-Route(Alternate 5)

Dear Miss. Halligan I'm writing to you in response to what the citizens of Agua Dulce have just been made aware of , and that is that the Alternate 5 Route that would negatively impact the pastoral and ecological balance of our community.First of all many of the citizens of our community were not made aware of the proposed project in a timely matter either by mail or postings in our community ,So many of our towns people are asking for a 90 or 30 day period in which we can see exactly how this project might impact our community.Seeing as we were not made aware of this alternate route in a timely manner makes us feel as though we are either being bowled over by the bureaucracy and that our feelings are not being considered in this matter.In Looking at the cpuc web site we can already denote from what you yourself's write about this rte, the fact that it would disenfranchise over 100 homes or family's,that the air quality will be greatly affected(that this alternative has the second highest annual and total emissions,that people will be negatively impacted by its construction and maintenance,and just the waste factor alone would prove a horrible impact on our rural lifestyle.We already have a bank of electrical towers that exist and instead of using these towers or improving them building new ones seem to be counter productive to what our city represents to California. Rural ,pastoral settings enjoyed by many and one of the few Horse populated areas of Southern Calif.This new project is also slated to cross over into one of our protected and very fragile sanctuaries that still exists ,Vasques Rocks. With all the alternate routes that you do have please work with us on this and if you have never been here please take a look at how we live and the lifestyles of the people here and help us maintain one of the last vestiges of country living!

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- C.72-1 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the review period for the Draft EIR/EIS. On September 13, the CPUC, as the CEQA Lead Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, as the NEPA Lead Agency, extended the public review period for the Project from 45 days to 60 days, now ending on October 3, 2006.
- C.72-2 Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition.
- C.72-3 Your comment regarding emissions levels associated with Alternative 5 is consistent with the findings of the EIR/EIS. The impacts to air quality as a result of Alternative 5 have been discussed in the EIR/EIS Section C.2.10.
- C.72-4 Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park would be located approximately 0.8 miles west of the Alternative 5 route, and recreational use of the area would not be affected by the Alternative 5 alignment (see Section C.9.10.1). However, as discussed in Section C.15.10.2 (Impact V-25), impacts to the visual quality of landscape views from Vasquez Rocks as a result of Alternative 5 would be significant and unavoidable.