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RE: Comments on DEIR for So Cal Edison San Joaquin Cross Valley
Loop Transmission Project (CPUC A.08-05-039)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the above project re-
quires revision before preparation as a final report for use in
decision making. Following are reasons for revision.

Based on the DEIR analysis of route alternatives and selection of
a superior alternative the Commission is required to choose be-
tween the importance of prime agricultural land loss versus saving
a biological resource (vernal pools).

The DEIR treats these land losses as having less significance than
impacts on the pools in ranking of the alternatives. Agriculture
is more than an interim user of the land. A revised draft merits
contacts with the Dept. of Conservation for information of benefit
to the Commission. The Project's route selection requires addition-
al knowledge in a revised report.

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