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California Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DEIR – San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Transmission Project

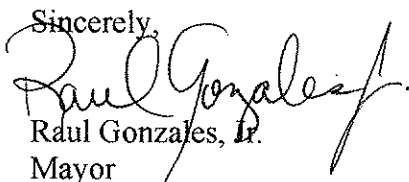
To Whom It May Concern:

Recently the Woodlake City Council had the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Transmission Project (Project). The City Council supports Edison's attempt to deliver electricity in the most efficient manner. After thoughtful consideration of the impact of this project on our community, we, the Woodlake City Council, would like to go on record as voicing our opposition to Alternative 2. Specific comments are as follows.

1. Mitigation Measure 4.2-2 provides for farmland conversion easements that are to be required be obtained in the same County as the farmland is taken out of production. We would like these same standards as to easements in the same county, for Mitigation Measures 4.4-2b, 4.4.8, 4.4.9b.
2. Figure 4.4-4 on page 4.4-14 shows a map of critical habitat. Alternative 2 traverses through both Hoover's Spurge as well as the San Joaquin Valley Orcutt Grass, but the narrative on page 4.4-18 only discusses these plants in the context of alternative 3.
3. It seems to us that if you tell the Edison Co. to go back, re-route alternative 3 around the Stone Corral Ecological Reserve, do an addendum to the DEIR, and incorporate that addendum in the Final EIR you have made alternative 3 the environmentally superior alternative.
4. In terms of "people impacts", alternative 3 impacts fewer property owners and fewer residents of our County. We should be working together to impact as few of our residents as possible. Alternative 3 impacts the fewest people.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Raul Gonzalez, Jr.  
Mayor