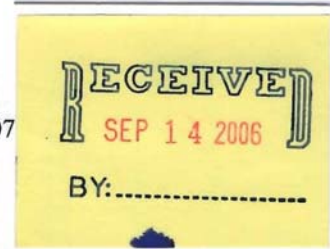


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Proposal - Hybrid Route
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We represent many affected west Lancaster landowners and other concerned citizens who have major objections regarding the proposed Antelope-Pardee 500kv Transmission Project. The manner in which the Proposed Route and Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 4 traverse west Lancaster is unacceptable.

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The Proposed Route crosses west Lancaster on a diagonal which slices residents' parcels into triangles rendering portions useless and decreasing the value of remaining land. The existing 66kv line (50ft right-of-way) is a subtransmission route, not a major transmission corridor. The proposed project would turn a "country road" into a "freeway" of wires and worst of all would remove a 180 foot swath as it cut diagonally across parcels. Only Alternative 5 crosses Lancaster following the desired north-south orientation of our road system rather than slicing diagonally across parcels.

We would like to propose a hybrid route that crosses Lancaster using Alternative 5 but then ties back into the Proposed Route before reaching Leona Valley. We propose that this hybrid route leave the Antelope Substation and proceed due south along existing street corridors and utilize existing street and utility right-of-way until reaching the California Aqueduct. At this point we propose that the hybrid route tie back into the Proposed Route before crossing Elizabeth Lake Road in Leona Valley (see attached map).

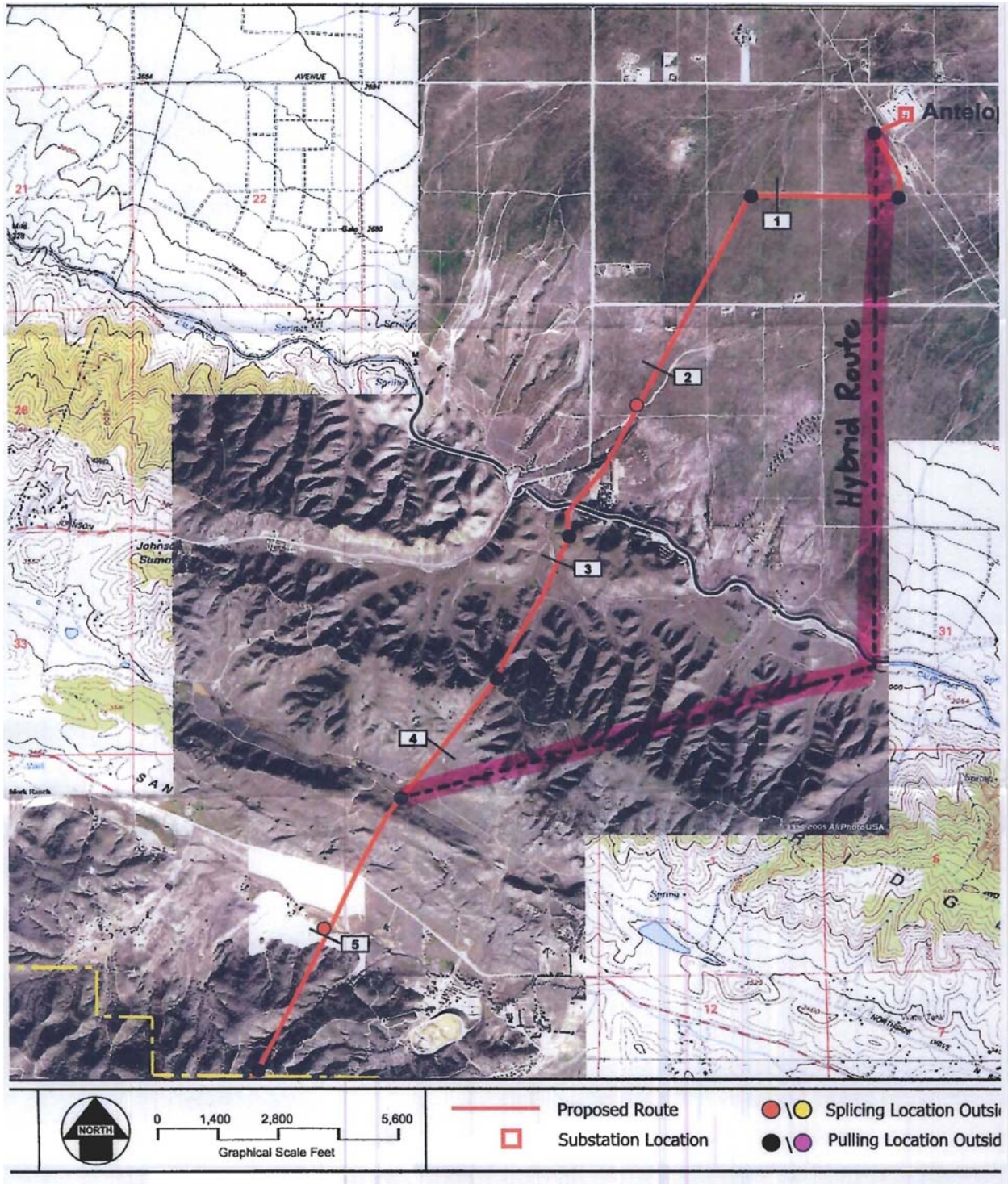
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1. This hybrid route would follow the existing road system along the desired north-south street orientation of the Antelope Valley and utilize existing utility and road right-of-way.
2. This route would avoid and preserve the historic Cochems Ranch and prehistoric clusters located there. This would avoid the expense and delay of archeological studies and reports.
3. This hybrid route would avoid West Lancaster residents' homes by crossing from the Antelope Substation to the California Aqueduct through an unpopulated area. This would mitigate concerns of many West Lancaster residents who have protested the Proposed Route.
4. The hybrid route would also avoid the populated areas of Leona Valley and Agua Dulce by returning to the proposed route prior to crossing Elizabeth Lake Road.

This hybrid route offers a solution to concerns of west Lancaster residents as well as landowners in Leona Valley and Agua Dulce.

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- B.7-1 Thank you for submitting your opinions regarding the proposed Project and Alternatives 1 through 4.
- B.7-2 Thank you for your suggestion for a potential new alternative to the Project. As discussed in General Response GR-4, a reasonable range of alternatives has already been identified for the Project in accordance with CEQA and NEPA requirements. The suggested alternative would require establishment of approximately 4.7 miles of completely new 180-foot right-of-way (ROW) within the City of Lancaster, compared to the proposed Project and Alternatives 1 through 4 which require the establishment of only 1.1 miles of new 180-foot ROW and approximately 3.2 miles of widened ROW (from 50 to 180 feet) for the same portion of the route.

The suggested alternative routing would avoid a significant impact to a cultural resource site (Impact C-8) and reduce two significant visual impacts (Impacts V-1 and V-2) identified in the Draft EIR/EIS for the proposed Project. Mitigation measures have already been proposed in the Draft EIR/EIS to reduce these impacts, including Mitigation Measure C-8, which would avoid impacts to CA-LAN-1334/H and Cochem Ranch. These same impacts are also avoided by Alternative 5, which as shown in Draft EIR/EIS Figure B.4-13 would not traverse the Cochem Ranch. Table C.4-7 also notes that for Impact C-8 (CA-LAN-1334/H and the Cochem Ranch), Alternative 5 results in no impact. Furthermore, due to the greater length of the suggested route certain impacts would be greater than those of the proposed Project. For instance, there would be a greater amount of habitat disturbance, especially along the Portal Ridge. The suggested alignment across Portal Ridge would also place more towers in a sky-lined condition above the ridge top, thereby increasing its visibility from both sides of the ridge.

The alternative route need not be further evaluated for the purposes of the EIR/EIS because: (1) the impacts avoided by this alternative route have already been reduced to a less-than-significant level by Mitigation Measure C-8 proposed in the Draft EIR/EIS (Draft EIR/EIS Section C.4); and (2) another alternative analyzed in the Draft EIR/EIS already addresses these impacts (i.e., Alternative 5). Please note that it is not possible to route the transmission line to avoid effects to all individual property owners because each alternative routing affects a different set of properties. Rather than focusing the analysis on effects to individual properties, the EIR/EIS evaluates impacts on environmental resources regardless of property ownership. Neither NEPA nor CEQA requires a separate analysis of alternatives which are not significantly distinguishable from alternatives actually considered or which have substantially similar consequences. Therefore, the Lead Agencies have decided not to include detailed analysis of this suggested alternative in the EIR/EIS. However, your concerns regarding effects to your property will be shared with decision-makers who are evaluating the Project and alternatives at the Forest Service and CPUC.

Please see General Response GR-1 regarding potential effects on property values and General Response GR-2 regarding property acquisition. Regulations are in place to determine when an entire parcel must be purchased versus only a portion impacted.