

ORAL COMMENTS FROM IVANPAH CONTROL PROJECT PUBLIC MEETINGS

April 28, 2026 - Afternoon Meeting

Steve Glikbarg (Oral Comment)

Hi, thanks. I have a prepared statement that I'm just going to read. So good afternoon. My name is Steve Glickbarg, G-L-I-K-B-A-R-G. I own 945 Birch Creek Road in Big Pine, and I'm commenting on the Crater Mountain Realignment alternative.

Yesterday afternoon, I met with Southern California Edison, including their engineer, about what the alternative would mean for my property. The engineer confirmed that under the current design, pole 26 would be sited on my property, with the structure work area on the parcel and the pole at the center of the work area. He explained the span to the prior poll is 750 feet, which is the maximum. So the pole cannot simply be moved north or south. It is on the property by design. I proposed a constructive alternative in the meeting, modifying our fence lines so the structure sits just outside the boundary, with SCE building a dedicated access road. SCE said that could be discussed later, but did not commit. SCE also stated that no site visit or survey of the property can be conducted at this time, even though a structure is planned on a private residence.

I have two requests for the Commission. First, require SCE to conduct ground truth field verification of structure siting on every private parcel affected by this alternative before final EIR certification.

And second, require SCE to formally evaluate the landowner proposed fence line configuration and document the analysis in the final EIR.

I support replacing aging infrastructure for safety. My concern is with this specific routing and process. I'll submit detailed written comments before May 15th. Thank you. And thank you, Susan. You've been a big help.

Austin M. (Chat Box Comment)

1. How do I check and see if my property will be affected?
2. Beside visual benefit, what other benefit actually benefits majority of the public?
3. What's the actual 'upgrade' in the technical aspect such as ampacity increase due to this project?

April 30, 2026 - Evening Meeting

Coral Cavanagh (Oral Comment)

Okay, hello, my name's Coral Cavanaugh, C-A-V-A-N-A-G-H, from Truckee, California. I'm commenting on the Crater Mountain Realignment [CMR] Alternative as it affects 945 Birch Creek Road in Big Pine. I'm a friend of the landowner, Steve Glickbarg. I've visited this property many times. In fact, I got married there because of the site's singular beauty. The family, I know, often uses the western part of the parcel for both recreation and quiet reflection. The existing LADWP transmission corridor runs about 80 feet from the western edge of this parcel. I measured with a tape measure. It's large, it dominates the foreground looking west, and it produces operational noise, corona discharge, especially under damp conditions.

The draft DIR's assumption regarding the without project LDN in rural residential areas, per a 1978 EPA document, according to the DEIR, it may be inappropriate, though, for the Birch Creek community, and the assumed LDN is unsupported by a current study. The analysis should be based not on assumptions

and assertions that no impact would occur, but rather on day and nighttime noise monitoring and modeling that accounts for the cumulative effect of both the existing and the proposed lines.

In addition, SCE stated that under the CMR alternative, they'd establish a second transmission corridor about 250... 200 feet east of the DWP centerline, with structures right on the 945 Birch Creek Road parcel, and other private residential parcels in that neighborhood. This alternative would not be a new line in an undisturbed area, it would be a second high-voltage corridor adjacent to an existing one, with a new corridor even closer to the homes.

The DEIR also states that the CMR alternative would require some easements and would require land rights from DWP, but it doesn't provide detail and analysis regarding how many private parcel crossings and the impacts on those properties that would result from this alignment.

SCE's engineer confirmed that under the current design, Structure 26 would be sited right on the Glickburg property. So instead of one large structure on the parcel, the run between structures 25 and 27 could be split into three shorter spans by replacing structure 26 with two structures both sited off of the parcel. This modification could occur entirely between structures 25 and 27 without interrupting the rest of the alignment. I asked the Commission to require SCE to formally evaluate this two-structure replacement configuration during the draft EIR comment period, and to document the engineering and cost analysis in the FEIR, not to defer that evaluation to final engineering.

I also asked the Commission to require the FEIR to specifically analyze the cumulative impacts of two parallel transmission corridors on visual noise and land use on the residential parcels along Birch Creek Road. Thank you very much for your attention.

Santeena Pugliese (Payahuunadü/Three Creeks) (Oral Comment #1)

Thank you so much, Coral, for starting us off. My name's Santina Pugliese. I actually live here in Birch Creek with our beautiful neighborhood here, and I work with the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission. One of the neighborhood houses here transitioned to them, they're a tribal consortium. It's called Three Creeks, and it's a beautiful healing center and oasis. Like Coral said, this place is just stunning and so important and special.

And I'm really here to speak on behalf of the cultural sensitivity of this area. There are petroglyphs and obsidian flakes, like, scattered throughout the desert, or not the desert, the LA turned it into a desert, but this beautiful place where the water is always supposed to flow. And moving these lines, is going to definitely, touch some very culturally sensitive spaces, so I wonder when you say that you've consulted with the tribes who you've actually spoken to? Who's actually agreed, who's been... have you had a tribal monitor from all of the different tribes coming out to actually give you advice and guidance about that? And what... what are your steps for real consultation? Because a lot of these times, we hear these huge, organizations and municipalities coming in and saying they consult with the tribes, sending a few emails. But really, it takes a lot of care and attention. Yeah, and it's really important to honor what our tribal relatives are saying is culturally significant, and that might not be the same to these corporations and these industries that are coming through, and we need to start honoring those cultural sensitivities, so I'm just opposed to any sort of extra-desecration, specifically here in the Big Pine area.

And yeah, and the health risks that it could impose on our beautiful neighbors and those who come and live here on the land. I look at the lines often when I'm walking up the road and wonder how it's impacting, and I really appreciated what one of you said about what is significant. What does that mean? And any, any, any possibility of any sort of health concern on any animal, any body of water, and any person should be taken seriously, and there has to be some sort of impact.

Besides an eyesight, just being in the way of the beautiful Sierra, so I wonder if there's been conversations about moving it closer towards the... Sierra side, and yeah, thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Santeena Pugliese (Payahuunadü/Three Creeks) (Oral Comment #2)

Thank you, yeah, I'm sitting here with my other neighbor, Tom, and he's also very passionate about this not happening. It's good to hear you, Ian. But it would be nice, in future public comment to see each other. I don't know who's here in our community. It just is a very strange thing and feels very disconnected to look at and not see who's in the community and who's really standing for this together. So maybe in the future we could see each other when we're doing public comment, more of a recommendation and an ask as a community member. But, yeah, grateful. Thank you.

Santeena Pugliese (Payahuunadü/Three Creeks) (Chat Box Comment/Question)

Has there been research done on health risks for moving them toward neighborhoods?

Ian Walker (Oral Comment)

Great. Hi, my name is Ian Walker. I reside at 1365 Birch Creek Road. I'm the last house on the road. And, and the closest to my home is the closest structure to the existing DWP lines and the new Ivanpah will be extremely close to my house.

And I am noticing that, at least as far as I've looked at the draft report, and from hearing your presentation, that the aesthetic impact seems to be primarily focused on motorists driving on the highway and people visiting the campground, Taboose Campground, recreating, and of course, all the cultural impacts for Indigenous communities along the project, I think, is extremely important, and I appreciate seeing all of that.

And I would really love to see some additional consideration given to the people who actually live very, very close to this project along the Crater Mountain alternative. So that's a request of mine.

And also, I want to second what Coral said, and Santeena as well, that when you spend time there, and you actually live on this road near the existing lines, you... you appreciate the... the sonic impact of the sound they emit, which is significant when your bedroom is a couple hundred feet from them. So it really impacts our quality of life on a day-to-day basis.

And then the other component that I haven't seen, may be there, but I haven't seen it, is the impact on the value of properties that we have invested in and chosen to live on and hope to pass along to, you know, whether it be tribal communities or relatives.

So, anyway, that's my input and my request, and I appreciate the opportunity to speak today. Thank you.

Ian Walker (Chat Box Comment/Question)

Is there anywhere in the Draft EIR that addresses impact to Birch Creek Road neighborhood (people living on Birch Creek Road)?

Also wondering about impact on property values and aesthetic impact for residents?

Bridget Mulkerin (Chat Box Comment/Question)

For the Fossil Falls Realignment Alternative, can you please explain "more ground disturbance (due to 2 ROWs with construction" w/in biological key considerations?