

**STATEMENT BEFORE CPUC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING
ON DRAFT EIR/EIS – BORREGO SPRINGS, February 26, 2008**

Commissioner Grueneich/Your Honor,

I am Diana Lindsay, Vice-President of Environmental Affairs for the Anza-Borrego Foundation, representing almost 1,500 members who oppose the Sunrise Powerlink going through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP). We are a non-profit association established 40 years ago at the bequest of the California State Park and Recreation Commission. Our mission is to support the Park through land acquisitions, education, programs, and research projects.

- We commend the team that worked on the Draft EIR/EIS for recognizing impacts to ABDSP and other open spaces and recommending environmentally superior alternatives.
- We ask you to please respect the finding of the Draft EIR/EIS Report and support those alternatives that avoid state wilderness lands, loss of scenic view shed, and biologically and culturally sensitive sites within ABDSP.
- We are also concerned about potential fire hazards that can cause irreparable damage to our park lands. We ask you not to select any proposal or alternative that increases fire threat to the backcountry and to our park lands.
- Our park is known for its pristine quality, which includes air quality. Do not support any proposal or alternative that will in any way increase pollution and lessen the quality of a park experience.

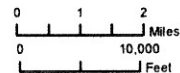
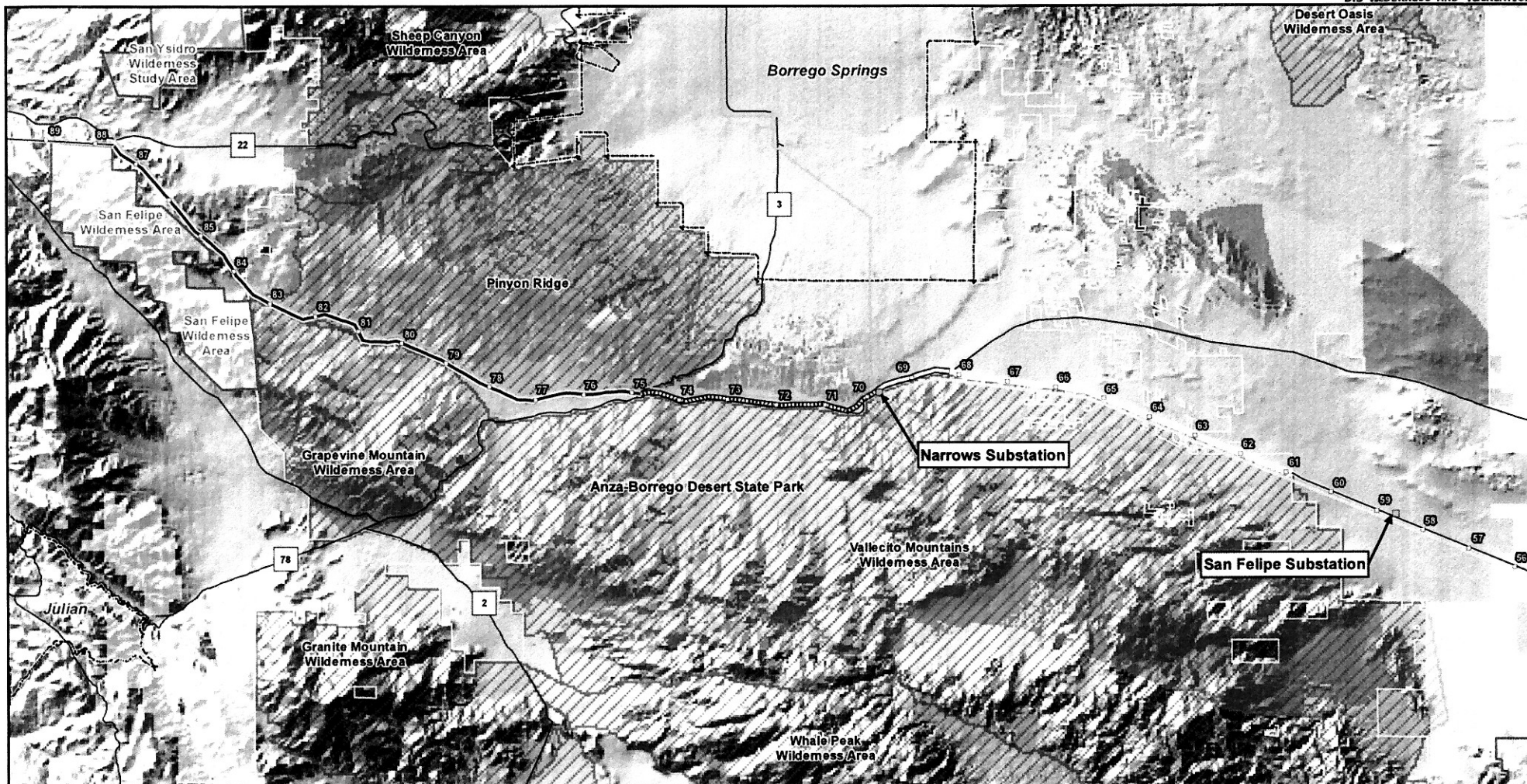
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We ask you to respect the words of Frederick Law Olmsted who was the Director of the State Park Survey of 1928. He wrote this about Anza-Borrego Desert State Park:

“Certain desert areas have a distinctive and subtle charm, in part dependent on spaciousness, solitude, and escape from the evidence of human control and manipulation of the earth, a charm of constantly growing value as the rest of the earth becomes more completely dominated by man’s activities.... Nowhere else are casual thoughtless human changes in the landscape so irreparable, and nowhere else is it so important to control and completely protect wide areas.”

Let “Parks Be Forever” for future generations to enjoy, and do not destroy the integrity of this great Park.

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- Proposed Project 500 kV Overhead with 92 kV Underbuild
- Proposed Project 500 kV H-frame with 92 kV Underground
- Proposed Project 500 kV H-frame with 69 kV Underground
- Proposed Project 500 kV Lattice with 69 kV Underbuild
- Proposed Project 500 kV
- Existing 69kV Transmission Line
- Existing IID 92 kV Transmission Line
- Milepost

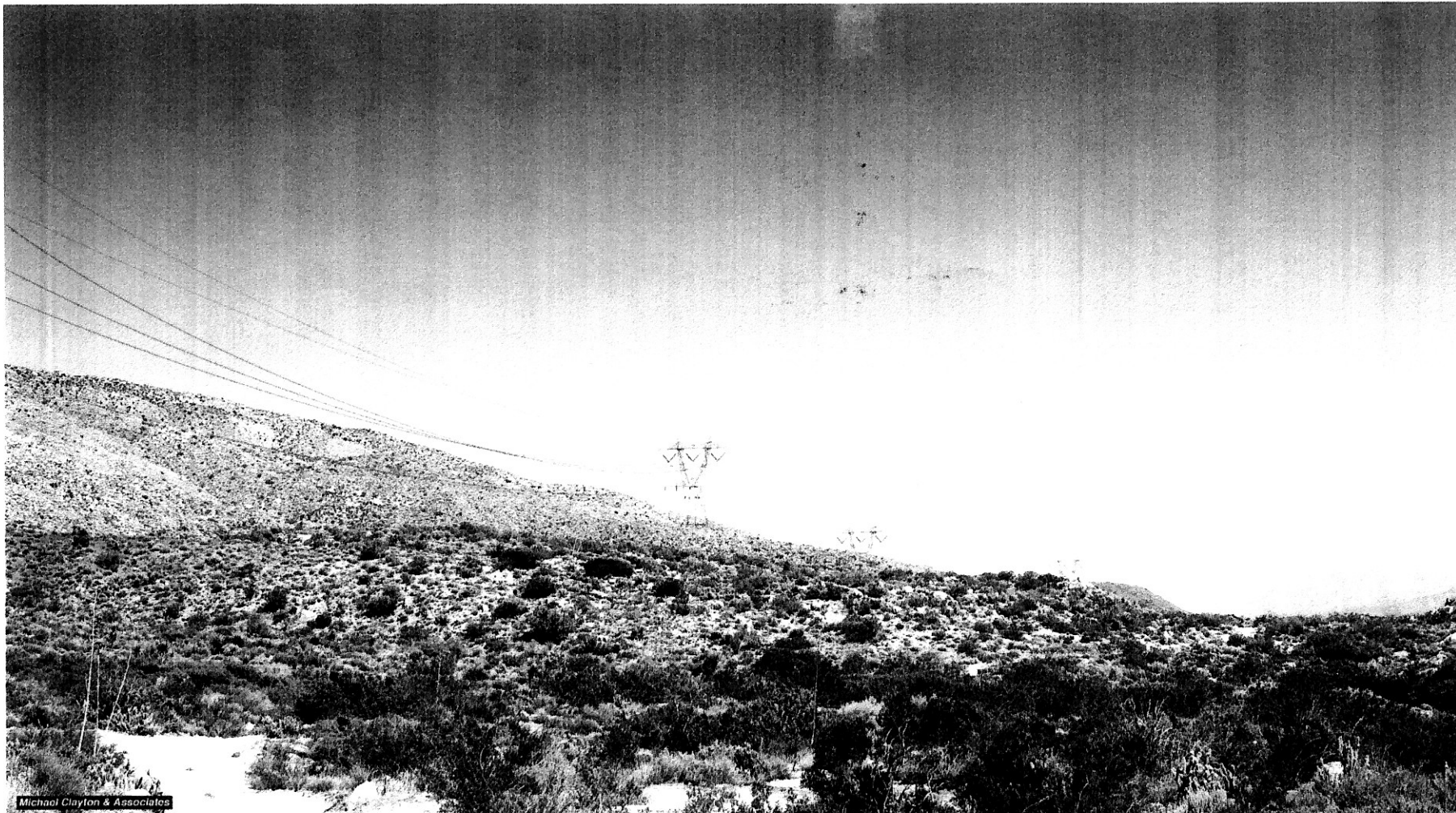
- Substation
- Unincorporated
- Anza-Borrego State Park Wilderness Area
- Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- Bureau of Land Management Land
- State Land

- Wilderness Area
- Viewshed Analysis**
- Not Visible
- Visible



Sunrise Powerlink Project

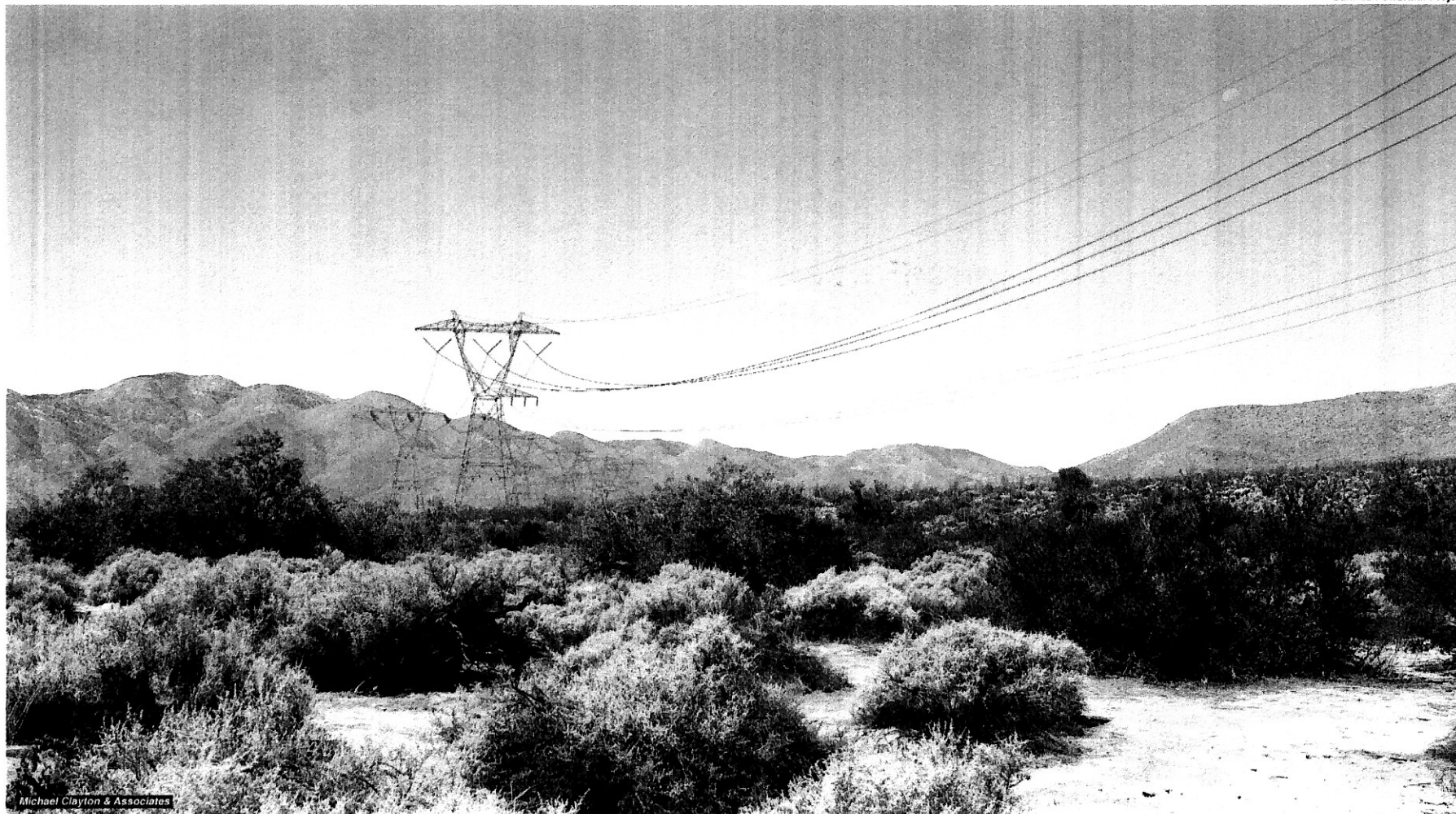
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**Digital Terrain Model/Viewshed
Analysis in ABDSP: Proposed Project**



A visual simulation of the Proposed Project from Key Viewpoint 12 on Grapevine Canyon Road. This view is to the east, toward proposed structures SP48 (closest) through SP50. Views up or down the canyon would be relatively constrained by the narrowness of the canyon. The proposed structures would be very prominent and structurally complex with considerable industrial character. As shown in the simulation, the existing wood pole line would be relocated to an underbuild position on the new structures.

**Key Viewpoint 12
Proposed Project
Visual Simulation**

**SUNRISE POWERLINK
PROJECT
Visual Resources
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A visual simulation of the Proposed Project from Key Viewpoint 10 in the Yaqui Well Primitive Camping Area, just west of Yaqui Pass Road (S3). This view is to the south-southeast down the proposed route (closest tower is SP85). The proposed structures and conductors would be prominently visible to visitors in the camping area and recreationists accessing Grapevine Canyon. Structure prominence would be accentuated where skylining occurs. As shown above, the existing transmission line would be relocated to an underbuild position on the new structures.

**Key Viewpoint 10
Proposed Project
Visual Simulation**

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Michael Clayton & Associates

A **visual simulation** of the Proposed Project from Key Viewpoint 13 on Grapevine Canyon Road, just west of the State Park boundary. This view is to the east-southeast toward proposed structures SP32 (closest) through SP36. The Proposed Project would be prominently visible in the narrow canyon and would introduce considerable industrial character and structural complexity, which would contrast with the predominantly rural landscape. The structures and conductors would also cause substantial view blockage of the background canyon features.

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