



June 14, 2007

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Subject: Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project - Opposition to the Mataguay Substation and "Top of the World" Alternatives

Dear Ms. Blanchard,

Thank you for your process insights and for facilitating a meeting at Mataguay Scout Ranch on Monday, June 11, where we met with representatives from SDG&E, Vista Irrigation District and California Public Utilities Commission/Bureau of Land Management (CPUC/BLM) Aspen Environmental Group Consultants, Fritts Golden and Michael Clayton to discuss the proposed Sunrise Powerlink project. Attached is the CPUC/BLM record of conversation from the meeting. Please note that the San Diego-Imperial Council, Boy Scouts of America with over 40,000 children and leaders are in strong opposition to a possible "Top of the World" site for a substation, as well as, the related power lines proposed to leave that site.

Generations of Scouts have enjoyed over 50 years of wilderness experiences in Mataguay Scout Ranch's 842 acre pristine environment and the "Top of the World" location would visually impair this experience for generations of children to come. A new board adopted Mataguay Master Plan provides a blueprint to carefully manage program areas to optimize usage capacity without adversely impacting the quality of the multi-faceted activities.

The two lakes and year-round running creek, the pristine expansive canopy of native oaks (some over 500 years old) and the deep ranching heritage of the property attracts many users who seek a wholesome escape from our urban lifestyles.

Attached, please find a recap of the Mataguay Scout Ranch assets which support extensive outdoor training and recreational adventures. Over 30,000 user days were logged in 2006 and usage is now beginning to go up (sign ups this summer are up nearly 50%) as the new Master Plan begins to be implemented.

The Scouts implore the leadership at California Public Utilities Commission and Bureau of Land Management, to remove the "Top of the World" site from consideration, as it would do immeasurable visual harm and have a negative impact on thousands of users who come to Mataguay for a high quality nature experience in a county with very few special places left to visit.

Sincerely yours,


Terry F. Trout
Scout Executive

Attachments

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NAME: See below for attendees	DATE: June 11, 2007 (rev TT and FG 6-13-07)	TIME: Day	
TITLE:			
AGENCY: Boy Scouts of America, San Diego-Imperial Council			
SUBJECT: Proposed substation and transmission alignment; Top of the World substation alt and 230 kV			

- Terry Trout, Scout Executive, San Diego-Imperial Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and Dale Long, Board Member, discussed at length the camp's 50 year plus history, objectives, and future plans. The Scouts have 8,500 Adult Leaders and nearly 35,000 registered Youth members from our local communities, many of whom have used this property for outdoor education and environmental programs. The Scouts communicated strong opposition to the consideration of the "Top of the World" site for a substation alternative and placement of power lines inside the ridgeline to visually impair the pristine nature of this remote 850 acre Scout Camp. The group toured through the extent of the property and visited the Top of the World alternative substation site. Terry Trout and Dale Long pointed out various program areas and trails that exist or are anticipated to be developed.
- The primary objections voiced by BSA representatives were with regard to the TOTW alternative substation site and the associated 230 kV transmission line, which would traverse northwest from the TOTW to the Proposed Project alignment nearer Route 2. Mataguay provides a wide range of year round camping, outdoor, and wilderness activities for the Scouts as well a numerous other groups from throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties. As noted, a plan is underway to improve facilities, including the enhancement or development of a number of trails. The proposed substation/transmission line alternative has the potential to be visible from locations within the camp property and from areas outside of the property where activities may occur. Strong preferences were expressed by the Scout leadership. Between the two substation locations, the proposed Central South Substation alternative would be much preferred over the TOTW site. Likewise, between the TOTW 230 kV transmission line alignment and the Proposed Project transmission line alignment, the latter was strongly preferred. Beyond that comparison, the Scouts would like to have the portion of the Proposed Project alignment nearest the BSA property move closer to Route 2. SDG&E also expressed its preference for the Proposed Project substation and transmission line locations as compared to the TOTW alternative.
- During the visit to the TOTW site, Michael Clayton took photographs from various vantage points for use in visual analysis
- **ACTION ITEM:** Terry Trout will assemble data on camp usage and will provide that information to Michael Clayton and Fritts Golden
- Fritts Golden advised that the BSA should communicate their comments and concerns to CPUC as well. He also outlined the EIR/EIS process, including the evaluation of multiple alternatives.
- The BSA and SDG&E expressed a preference for the Proposed Central East Substation as opposed to the Top of the World alternative (substation and transmission line). BSA also expressed a desire to move the Proposed alignment even closer to Route 2 and away from Camp Mataguay.
- Mark Heidecke (Finley Engineering) and Don Smith (Vista) pointed out that there was endangered species habitat [Stephens' Kangaroo Rat] associated any alignment along the BSA's preferred location closer to Route 2.

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Attendees are listed below

cc:	Aspen Team Member Name: Fritts Golden
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Mataguay Scout Ranch

Secluded in a heavily treed hidden valley is an 842 acre gem, the Scouts call Mataguay Scout Ranch. It is 65 miles northeast of San Diego with altitudes ranging from 3000 feet to 4000 feet above sea level. Native Americans called it "Ha-Ha-Che-Pahg" which means the "place where water comes down".

– **The Natural Environment**

- 3 mile long year-round running creek with 2 lakes
- Canopy of 1000's of natural habitat oaks
- Several Heritage Oaks (over 500 years old)
- Respectful Native American cemetery and several artifact set asides
- Over 20 miles of internal hiking trails exist or are being developed
 - A connector trail to the Pacific Crest Trail
 - Nature Study Loop Trail
 - Backpack Training Trails
- Abundant wildlife
 - Over 100 species of birds identified in "Christmas Count"

– **Facilities - over 50 buildings which support our year-round programs**

- Welcome Center
- Retreat Conference Center for up to 114 people
- Multiple Guest Cabins and Campsites throughout
- Many Restrooms and Shower Houses to support campsites
- 3 separate Dining Halls with commercial kitchens
- 2 Ranger Residences
- 3 Historic Adobes including the hacienda of John Treanor
- 3 fresh water wells feed a 200,000 gallon covered reservoir
- Completely laid out modernized water delivery system

Mataguay Scout Ranch

The 842 acre Mataguay Scout Ranch is capable of accommodating over 2000 campers per day while still maintaining a rustic outdoor feel.

- Parker Scout Camp – 420 campers
- Ranchlands – 1,020 campers
- Blackfoot Camp – 220 campers
- Mountain Man Meadow – 400 campers
- Retreat Center – 114 guests
- Pardee Outpost – 50 outpost campers

Total - 2,224 campers/guests per day capacity

- **The Parker Scout Camp**

- 43 Patrol/Family Camp Sites for 420 campers
- Dining Hall with full Kitchen seating for 350
- Silva Lodge administrative center and program deck
- Camp Trading post, Health Lodge and Indian Hogan
- Boat House, Aquatic Center for canoeing, kayaking, fishing
- Archery, rifle, shotgun and black power shooting ranges
- Pool, shower house and climbing tower
- Program Pavilions and gathering areas for nature study, arts and handicrafts, cooking, first aid, pioneering and conservation studies

- **The Ranchlands**

- 12 Large Group/Family camp sites
- Large Gathering Meadow that will accommodate 600 for camporees and other activities
- Indian Rock Family 7 shaded Camp site for groups of 200
- RV Park with 12 spaces and hook ups
- 2 Ranger residences and camp maintenance area

Mataguay Scout Ranch

- **Blackfoot Camp Area**
 - 22 Patrol/Family sites for 220 campers
 - Pool and Nature Pavilion
 - Blackfoot Fort featuring pioneer and historic programs including blacksmithing, candle making, leather tanning and outdoor skills
- **Mountain Man Meadow and Old Barn Program area**
 - Historic Barn and Horse Corral area and other outback storage buildings
 - Kitchen/Dining meeting facility accommodates 100
 - Camporee field under a canopy of trees accommodating 400 campers
- **Retreat Center**
 - Historic Adobe Hacienda – home of John Treanor
 - 4 casitas (bunkhouse dorms) with 16 separate sleeping areas accommodating up to 114 guests
 - 6 breakout/meeting rooms/areas
 - Multiple locations inside the grounds for breakout sessions and gatherings
 - Horseshoe pits, Campfire ring, Orienteering program
 - State of the Art High “Ropes” Course and Low Element Team Challenge Course
 - Dining and Full-Kitchen facilities for 150 people
 - Large open field for group games
- **The Pardee Outpost**
 - A 120 acre mountain top parcel
 - Contains a fresh water artesian well
 - Hiking trails to look out point at elevation of 4140 feet
 - Area will remain a rustic, natural outpost destination utilized for “Leave No Trace” camp training and wilderness survival
 - Rock climbing and boulder areas



February 23, 2007

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Re: Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project
Opposition to the Mataguay Substation Alternative

Dear Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Kastoll:

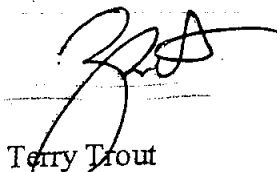
~~The San Diego - Imperial Council, BSA joins with the Vista Irrigation District and the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians in the strong opposition to the reintroduction of the Mataguay Substation Alternative (page 18 of the notice.)~~

At the foot of Volcan Mountain northeast of San Diego, rests Mataguay Scout Ranch. Owned by the San Diego - Imperial Council, Boy Scouts of America, for 50 years, this beautiful and serene environment of more than 800 acres has provided the heart of the Scouting program. Scouting promotes the achievement of skills and the development of qualities that will last a lifetime: responsibility, self reliance, courage and leadership which Scouts acquire through activities such as camping and first aid training, leadership development programs, service projects, and wilderness backpacking.

Key leadership from Vista Irrigation District and the Boy Scouts thoroughly discussed this project "on site" at Mataguay Scout Camp and Warner Ranch. We agreed that the substation should not be at the mouth of Mataguay Valley or at the "Top of the World" site. Also that the power lines should run between the S2 road and top of the ridge line until they nearly reach Highway 79. They would closely follow S2 until they come close to the historic ranch house so that the towers would not be visible from that historic spot. The San Diego-Imperial Council would also prefer, that the lines go underground from there, if possible, to visually maintain the wilderness experience the Scouts now enjoy.

The Grapevine Canyon route is far less disruptive, allowing for the placement of towers that cannot be seen from either Vista historical sites or from our camp. We, therefore, strongly urge the elimination of the Mataguay Substation Alternative from further consideration.

Sincerely,



Terry Trout
Scout Executive

Summer Camp at the Ranch!

Join us for a summer of Scouting fun at the
Mataguay Scout Ranch!

This beautiful 840 acre ranch is located in a natural setting of oak forests, 3,200 feet above sea level in the mountains northeast of San Diego. Mataguay is known as one of the Western Region's finest Scout camps!



Pathfinder Program

The **Mataguay Pathfinder Program** is designed to address the needs of each individual Scout and help him advance along the road to First Class!

Scouts can spend a session or two each day working on the specific Scout skills they need for Tenderfoot, Second and First Class ranks. The rest of their time can be spent working on merit badges.

Merit Badges

We'll offer over 30 merit badges this summer, including the new **Composite Materials** badge! Some of our most popular programs include:

- Archery
- Basketry
- Canoing
- First Aid
- Fishing
- Indian Lore
- Lifesaving
- Nature
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Pottery
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Swimming
- Wilderness Survival
- Woodworking



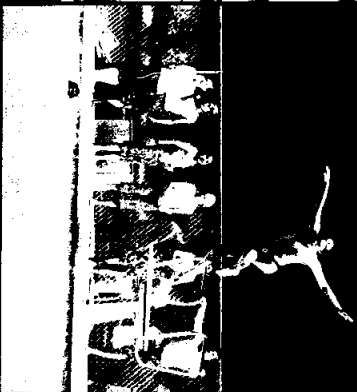
Aviation Merit Badge

Our exciting **Aviation Merit Badge** program features real-live glider flight at the nearby Warner Springs Airport! We're pleased to bring back this popular program and help our Scouts "reach new heights."

Mataguay Fur Company

Our fort stockade will be homebase to our expanded **Mataguay Fur Company!**

This hands-on program features skills of the early pioneers, including blacksmithing, candle making, axemanship, leatherwork and rugged outdoor games!



Our **Eagle Scout Camp** is a program that sets Mataguay summer camp apart!

This week-long program is for older Scouts who are advancing toward the Eagle rank.

Scouts will work on merit badges and receive great counseling on everything from leadership positions to the actual Eagle service project.



TWO BRAND NEW C.O.P.E. COURSES IN '07!

That's right ... our 2007 Mataguay Scout Ranch summer camp will feature **TWO brand new C.O.P.E. courses** for the ultimate Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience!

Our high ropes course will test the skills and willpower of our older Scouts. Climb to the top of the **Eagle's Nest**, cross the **Broken Bridge**, venture onto the "Heebie Jeebie" and fly down our new **Redo Zipline!**

Our brand new low course will present exciting challenges to your team, patrol or troop! Scale the **12-foot Wall**, face the **Meat Grinder**, criss cross on our **Split Wire** and take on the infamous **Swinging Log!**



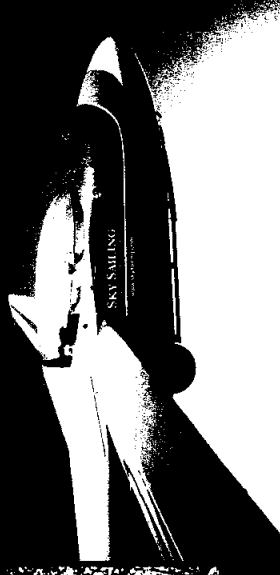
Leader's Programs

Summer camp isn't just for Scouts!

At the Ranch, leaders enjoy local excursions, shooting tournaments, evening cracker barrels, and a special lunch with camp and council staff. Take a training course or two and keep in-touch with your office via a leaders-only computer and internet line.

Mataguay Scout Ranch

Flying High!



SUMMER CAMP 2007

2007 Mataguay Camp Schedule

Week 1 ~ July 8 - 14

Week 2 ~ July 15 - 21

Week 3 ~ July 22 - 28

Week 4 ~ July 29 - Aug 4

2007 camp sessions will fill up **QUICKLY!**
Sign up as soon as possible.

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Details and reservation forms can be found
on the Council website - www.sdicbsa.org.



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