

June 13, 2007

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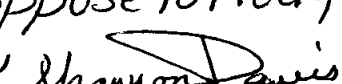
Re: The Alternative Modified Route D EIR/EIS of the
Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

Dear Billie Blanchard and Lynda Kastoll,

This is to add supplemental comment to our previous letter of May 20th, 2007 in response to the new Additional Alternative, Modified Route D of SDGE Sunrise Powerlink. We are inclosing additional information helpful in determining the Record of Decision on siting.

Please include Jane L. Wiggan's letter and re-vised map, the MD-26 of 41 Modified Route D which is inclosed. Also you'll find the Jamul and Dulzura Community Planning Group Minutes of Dec. 12, 2006 (3 pages) under Item No. #7 SDGE Sunrise Powerlink which pertains to the area on MD-26 of 41 Modified Route D. Also include in the EIS/EIR recent 2007 Endangered Checkerspot Butterfly counts to this area of Jamul found at website, www.fws.gov/Carlsbad/Rules/QuinoDocuments/Quino.htm#2007%20Quino.20monitoring%20info.htm # Jamul 137 and consult Allison Anderson the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Entomologist in Carlsbad.

Respectfully, we remain oppose to Modified D Route.
Sincerely,

 Bill Ann
Shannon and Bill Davis
1105 E. 41st Imperial Beach, CA 91932



Sunrise Powerlink Project EIR/EIS



June 1, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Project – Permission to Conduct Surveys for Modified Route D

A letter was sent out to you on May 21, 2007, requesting a Right of Entry to your property to conduct surveys for the Modified Route D alternative to the Sunrise Powerlink Project. Please be advised that this letter was sent to you in error, and the Modified Route D alternative is not being proposed on your property. We have enclosed the current version of the map which shows the approximate location of the Modified Route D as a gold colored line on National Forest land east of your property. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused you.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Jane Wiggans at 760.809.1776. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Wiggans".

Jane L. Wiggans
Right of Way Consultant

Alternative Route
 Modified Route D Alternative
 Interstate 8 Alternative (500 KV East of the Interstate 8, 230 KV West of the Substation)
 Undergoing 230 KV Option for Interstate 8 Alternative
 Alternative ROW (200/300 Feet)
 Proposed Alternative Structures

Existing Transmission Elements
 Existing SDG&E 69KV Transmission line
 Existing Structures

Other
 Substation
 Public Parcels
 Private Parcels
 National Forest
 SDG&E
 Unknown

Legend:
 [Hatched Box] SDG&E
 [Hatched Box] Unknown

Scale: 0 400 Feet

Logos: Aspen, HELIX

Project Title: Sunrise Powerlink Project

Alternative: MD-26 of 41 Modified Route D Alternative



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COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
December 12, 2006**

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1. **Call to Order:** Dan Neirinckx, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Dan Kjonggaard, Dan Neirinckx, Bob Johnston, Jay Haron, Steve Wragg
Janet Mulder, Earl Katzer, Judy Bohlen and Krishna Toolsie

Excused: Frank Hewitt and Linda Ivy,

Absent: Robert Lay, Richard Wright and Randy White

Vacant: Seat 13

3. Approval of Final Agenda for December 12, 2006 and Minutes for November 28, 2006.

Motion passed unanimously

4. OPEN FORUM - Opportunity for public to speak - limit 3 minutes


- a. **Jay Haron** received a phone call from a person from code enforcement informing him that his olive trees needed to be trimmed to one trunk or it would be a violation of the fire code and they would send a contractor out to do the work and send him the bill if the work is not completed in a timely manner. His question was, could this actually happen. He was informed that yes, fire code enforcement could hire someone to do the job if the homeowner does not comply.
- b. **Judy Bohlen will not be present at the next meeting, January 9.**
- c. **Shannon Davis - Thyme Way, Jamul** - announced that the workshop put on by the California Utilities Commission in San Diego has been moved to Sacramento, making it difficult for San Diego residents to attend and voice their concerns.
- d. **Ken Tibbott - Lyons Valley Road - minor subdivision on Lee Valley Road - lost his appeal** of the Planning Commission's decision regarding his land mitigation. They said they had no mitigation land available in our area for him to purchase, which was our request. The Tier 2 land is not available in East County, and the Tier 1 is available but much more expensive. He would also have to pay dearly for the land as well as someone to take care of it. **Dan Neirinckx** suggested that we might need to rethink our position, that we unconditionally want mitigation land to be purchased in our area, but rather make the decision based upon availability. **Mr. Tibbott** read a letter stating the County's position interpreting the statute and CEQA.'s requirements. **Dan will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- e. **Dan Neirinckx - Groundwater Ordinance Amendment** will be put on the next meeting's agenda.

5. Nominations for Seat 13 - Sheri Snively turned in resignation at November meeting. Vote to be taken January 9, 2007. **Marty Muschinske** was nominated at the last meeting. Dan had no further nominations, so declared that nominations are closed and the election will be at the January 9 meeting.

6. Olive Vista Road Improvements - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Declaration - Ed

Mananzan of Department of Public Works, gave a very brief overview - introducing Esther Daigneault and others to help with the presentation. Dan pointed out that there were questions raised at the last meeting regarding using eminent domain to benefit private property owners. Mr. Mananzan said they are working on a redesign of the original plan to include a possible retaining wall. Jay Haron asked about undergrounding of the utilities. Mr. Mananzan said that there will be no undergrounding of the poles, but rather the plan is to move the poles further south on the southern side of the street. Dan Neirinckx pointed out that this meant that this would mean overhead wires going across the street. Dan Kjonegaard said that he had no problem with the poles on the south side, but the north side needs to be underground and SDG&E has the expertise to do it. Steve Wragg said that the south side would be required to be underground when that land is developed, and asked how the people on the north will be fed. It would only make sense to have the north side completed now. It seems appropriate to do this now rather than to tear up the road again. Janet asked why the bike lanes were a part of the plan since our community plan does not have bike lanes on our roads. Dan Kjonegaard said that if an undergrounding district were established, the cost would be less today than in five years and recommended that the concerned residents write Dianne Jacob regarding their concerns. Krishna Toolsie asked about the speed on Olive Vista and how they were going to address it. Mr. Mananzan said that speed bumps are often not installed on public roads. Krishna asked when the property owners would be informed that their property might be in line for taking via eminent domain. Kathleen Hider, DPW, stated that the people are informed through Planning Groups, and Krishna pointed out that the individuals need to be informed earlier in the process and suggested that they need to look at their procedures. Adrianna Howe, Spice Way, asked how the residents were to have been informed. Kathleen Hider stated that notices were sent to the surrounding property owners and a public meeting was held last year. Dan Neirinckx asked about the possible drainage problems due to the change in elevation of the road. Mr. Mananzan stated that they added curb inlets to culverts underground that would address the problem, as the drainage would go down Jamul Drive. Dan asked what happens at the end of the culverts, as the flow will be increased; will there be any energy dissipaters? They will be installing ripraps installed. Jonathan Parker, Olive Vista resident, pointed out that a portion of the south side drains today with a heavy flow and with future development, it will need much larger pipes. His concern is that they should use larger pipes today to cross the street, so that they do not have to tear up the street again.

Dan Neirinckx moved we recommend all utilities be underground and that the bike path be a part of the shoulder rather than the travel-way, further to review potential development near Olive Vista, and take into consideration any problems that might occur. Motion carried unanimous.

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7. **SDG&E Sunrise Power Link - Nick Pince of SDG&E introduced Don Parent who has been before our group regarding the substation, and pointed out that this project had nothing to do with the substation. He pointed out that law requires them to look at various alternatives, even if they feel they won't work. This presentation for Sunrise Powerlink will show us the alternative proposed routes, and they are rather preliminary. Nick Pince and Tom Carr showed us the preferred route that starts in the Imperial Valley substation, crosses the San Diego County Line at San Felipe Substation, the Narrows Substation and goes to the Proposed East Central East Substation. They feel it would be much more cost effective than the other alternatives. They filed their application on Sept. 15 and they feel they have taken a look at the environmental impacts through the Anza Borrego desert. They rejected several corridors mainly because they have the Southwest Powerlink that is a 500 kv transmission line, and they**

do not want two 500kv lines side by side. They also would need to take a greater number of homes and do not wish to do that. Any comments we have should go to the PUC. **Dan Neirinckx** asked the large audience to limit themselves to 3 minutes. **Jay Haron** asked why it would not be good for us to let the PUC know that we do not appreciate them moving their meeting to Sacramento. **Dan Kjonogaard** read from a document presented on Sept. 11 that talked about the alternatives and eliminated D among others. Another document dated Sept 13, asked for them to come back with an alternative that did not include the Anza Borrego Park. **Dan Neirinckx** asked if there is a no project alternative, and **Nick** stated there was a no project alternative on the plan. The transmission line has its starting point in Imperial Valley, as it is cheaper for all of us. **Dan** asked where the power originated and **Don Parent** stated that originally it came from Arizona, but today it may be coming from Mexico as well. The main renewable resources are solar and wind and geothermal which would be more available in the desert area. **Nick** stated that one of the main arguments against this location is that the power would come from Mexico, and in fact it would go through the Southwest Powerlink. The proposed solar energy plant would be located south of Plaster City and would connect to this line. **Krishna Toolsie** asked what is the cost to bring in the line to where they want it to go. **Nick** stated it was about \$1.2 billion .

(Earl Katzer left the meeting at this point before the vote was taken on this project.)

Adrianna Howe, Spice Way asked if they thought the PUC was probably going to reject this proposal. **Mark White, Cinnamon Drive**, asked why all existing access roads were recently graded and widened leading to the existing power line that runs along route D. If there are no plans to build the power line on route D, why today would they be being re-graded? **Tom Carr** stated that that would be part of normal upkeep on the area. Several residents remarked that the road work had not been done in the many years they lived there, and it seemed too coincidental for it to occur now when this was one of the routes under consideration. **Mark White** asked why not underground the line and **Tom Carr** stated that no 500kv lines are underground in the U.S. **Bill Davis, Spice Way**, pointed out that Sempra, the parent company of SDG&E, has a power plant in Mexicali which they may want to tie into. He stated that in the last few years, at the end of Deerhorn Valley, there would have been a possibility to buy the property over which the line would travel, and wondered why they had not taken advantage of it at that time. If all planning and environmental people state that route A is too much of an impact, then the PUC would need to pick between B, C, and D. D has been designated the next least problematic after A by PUC. If D were chosen, it would divide his property and he wanted to know if they plan to compensate them for his whole property or just an aisle-way for the line. **Shannon Davis, Spice Way**, brought to our attention a document put out by Gregory Barnes, attorney for SDG&E. There are discrepancies between what is fact and what is stated in this report. Part of this is BLM land and part is Cleveland National Forest, which has a plan that this would violate. She talked with Dianne Jacob's office and was told that through GP2020 the County has as a goal, trying to provide the energy for our County without importing it. She also asked how the property owner's will be notified and when. She read from the report that they are talking about a 300' right-of-way. **Nick** stated that the study corridor was 300 feet, but the proposed right-of-way is 200 feet. **Dan Kjonogaard** asked if this 200 feet was in addition to the existing right-of-way and **Tom Carr** stated yes. **Mary Heron, Thyme Way**, asked if her current easement, which is about 20 feet, would be increased to 200 feet and pointed out if this is true, she would not have a home, as the lines now go over her house. **Tom Carr** stated that he did not feel that the PUC would take any more homes than they needed. **Mary Heron** asked why they could not skirt around the Cleveland National

Forrest, and pointed out that today people are asked to sign allowing a 300 foot easement and further stating that they will not sue if they develop cancer. This is a concern. She also pointed out that the PUC will probably not go with route D, and wanted to address them. **Troy Morrison, Deerhorn Valley Road**, asked whether the D route would be 500kv or 250kv and was told both. **Dan Kjonggaard** said that the attorney's brief stated that the D route would not be able to be used at full capacity during the summer, and the possibility of fire would preclude some other times during the year. **Ann Gurnee, Thyme Way**, asked if A was rejected, what would SDG&E have as their second choice and **Nick and Tom** both said none of the above would be recommended. **Ann Gurnee** also asked about the timeline and was told that PUC decision was due about early 2008. She also stated that she felt that the PUC needed to be present to hear our comments. **Glenda Kimmerly, Santa Isabel**, stated that they did not want the routes that have been proposed, but rather felt that it was important to realize they all go through the Imperial Valley Substation. **Phil Powers, Lomas Dr., San Diego**, mechanical engineer, supported the comment that this project was not necessary. He stated that in 2003, an energy study was completed and one of the goals was to provide our own energy. Bringing a transmission line from the Valley for renewable resources is not their reasoning, but rather to eventually have the line go to Los Angeles. The Green Power Project is being proposed and would use a better route for renewable resources. He feels it is important to remember that the parent company is Sempra and they are looking to expand access into Los Angeles, which is the main energy market in California. **Nick** stated that he felt that this project will be aired before a judiciary, and if we have issues, we need to go on record with them. **Dennis Trafecanty, Santa Isabel**, came before us tonight to protest the establishment of the powerline at all. SDG&E is telling us that the powerlink would cut costs for us and he states that is not true. They point out that none of the landowners want it, but SDG&E states that we need to "go to PUC" to settle our concerns. They have started a fund through the San Diego Foundation to fund further studies and tell the truth regarding the negative impacts on our area. He invited us to join their efforts. **Cheryl Reif, Sloan Canyon Road, coordinator of Sierra Club**, points out there are no good alternatives proposed for this project, and it would impact not only private land, but environmentally sensitive land. She urges us to oppose it. The costs are extreme, and there is huge opposition to the preferred route. It seems to be aimed at providing energy for Los Angeles, as it would be a straight shot from the preferred route. Sempra could be encouraged to build further plants outside of the US and they depend upon Sterling Enterprises which has at best a lot of problems to solve before they would be able to provide alternative energy. There is a coalition of environmental groups who has done extensive study and she would urge us to contact them for further information. **Shannon Davis** stated that all other Planning Groups have weighed in on this in opposition. **Important to note that the very large crowd present voiced many concerns about this project as noted above.**

Dan Neirinckx moved that we voice our questions regarding San Diego County's need for such a line, and would urge the PUC to consider that all routes would have a dramatically negative impact on the environment of the communities. We oppose any and all of the alternatives. However, if the PUC determines that there is in fact a need for such a line, and proposed project (alternative A) is not chosen, we would strongly oppose alternative route D due to the adverse impacts to the environment, residents and communities. Motion did not carry: Yes, 7; No 1 (Johnston); 0 abstentions.

Dan Kjonggaard moved that we oppose the Sunrise Powerlink Project in its totality. Motion carried unanimously.