

Comment Set A0007  
California State Senate - Senator Christine Kehoe of 39th Senate District

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February 22, 2008

Commissioner Dian Grueneich  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioner Grueneich,

On behalf of the San Diego region, thank you for adding a Public Participation Hearing on February 25<sup>th</sup> within the City of San Diego, in addition to the hearings being held in the East County. From the beginning, the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project has generated a significant amount of interest not only along the proposed route for the transmission line but within the entire region. That's because the alignment preferred by San Diego Gas and Electric threatens the very heart of California's largest park - Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

In recent years, we in San Diego County have found that our state parks are under ongoing and potentially devastating threats by big, major infrastructure projects proposed at every level of government.

Earlier this month the Coastal Commission took a courageous stance in rejecting a proposed toll road that would have forever changed the world renowned San Onofre State Beach and its famed Trestles surf beach. The federal government continues to work on a triple border fence that will damage a unique natural preserve rich with a rich archaeological and cultural heritage at Border State Park.

It is time for the state to place our parks and open space preserves off limits for major infrastructure projects. Too often, our parks seem to have become the path of least resistance. I will continue to lend my voice to those who oppose any route that damage's our state's legacy to future generations - our state parks.

Thank you again for conducting an open process that is responsive to the public in gathering information about the proposed transmission line.

Sincerely,

  
CHRISTINE KEHOE  
Senator, 39<sup>th</sup> District

CK:ds

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A0007-1        The commenter's opposition to a route across a State Park has been acknowledged.

Comment Set A0008  
Pala Band of Mission Indians



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**PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS**  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
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March 7, 2008

CPUC/BLM  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, California 94104

Re: **Comments: Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and proposed Land Use Amendment, SDG&E Project No. 2006091071, DOI DES-07-58**

Ladies/Gentlemen,

The Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office has received your notification of the project as above. This letter constitutes our response on behalf of Robert Smith, Tribal Chairman.

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We have consulted our maps and have determined that the project as described is neither within the boundaries of the recognized Pala Indian Reservation, nor is it within the territory that the Tribe considers its Traditional Use Area. Portions of it are, however, situated in close proximity to the Reservation and information generated would likely be useful in better understanding the regional cultural sequence(s). Therefore, we request as a courtesy to be kept in the information loop as the project progresses and would appreciate being maintained on the receiving list for project updates, reports of investigations and/or any documentation that might be generated regarding previously reported or newly discovered sites.

Further, if the project boundaries are modified to extend beyond the currently proposed limits, we do request updated information and the opportunity to respond to your changes.

Finally, we recommend that Approved Cultural Monitors be present on site during all survey and all ground disturbing activities. If you do not have access to an Approved Cultural Resource Monitor, contact us and we will work with you to identify appropriately trained individuals.

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We appreciate involvement with your initiative and look forward to working with you on future efforts. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph M. Nixon at 1 (760) 891 3592 or at e.mail [jnixon@palatribe.com](mailto:jnixon@palatribe.com).

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Nixon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph M. Nixon, Ph. D., RPA  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
Pala Band of Mission Indians

Cc: Leroy Miranda

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**PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS**  
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June 25, 2008

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San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Comments: Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and proposed  
Land Use Amendment, SDG&E Project No. 2006091071, DOI DES-07-58

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter constitutes an addendum to comments made in a previous response from this office  
dated March 7, 2008, on behalf of Robert Smith, Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Chairman.

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We wish to note that a portion of the proposed northern route of the Sunrise Powerlink passes  
through an area of significant traditional import to the people of Pala. Specifically, the section of  
the line stretching along County Road 2, north of the Santa Ysabel reservation, just south of  
Warner Springs, and south around the eastern shore of Lake Henshaw should be considered part  
of the Traditional Use Area of the Cupeño people and their descendants at Pala. As such, we  
request Native American monitors be present during any and all construction activities through  
this area. We also request copies of any investigations, reports, records, or surveys that pertain to  
this area.

Please be aware that the Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
responds only to concerns regarding the cultural, archaeological, and historical aspects of the  
project. This letter should not be considered a comprehensive tribal response to the entire  
EIR/EIS.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 760-891-3591 or  
[sgaughen@palatribe.com](mailto:sgaughen@palatribe.com).

Sincerely,

Shasta C. Gaughen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

CC: Leroy Miranda, Vice Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Alan Colton, Project Manager, SDG&E  
Trish Mitchell, Senior Project Archaeologist, KP Environmental

## Responses to Comment Set A0008

### Pala Band of Mission Indians

- A0008-1      The commenter's request to remain on the project mailing list and be notified if the project boundaries change has been acknowledged.
- A0008-2      The Tribe's recommendation that Approved Cultural Monitors be involved in the project is addressed within Mitigation Measure C-1e (Monitor construction at known ESAs) in Section D.7 of the Draft EIR/EIS, as follows:
- A Native American monitor may be required at culturally sensitive locations specified by the BLM following government-to-government consultation with Native American tribes. The monitoring plan in the HPTP [Historic Properties Treatment Plan] shall indicate the locations where Native American monitors will be required and shall specify the tribal affiliation of the required Native American monitor for each location. The Applicant shall retain and schedule any required Native American monitors.
- A0008-3      The commenter's concern about the area of significant traditional import to the people of Pala is acknowledged. Please refer to Section D.7 of the Draft EIR/EIS for a discussion of cultural resources impacts from the northern routes. The commenter's referenced area is specifically discussed within the Central Link in Section D.7.11 (for the Proposed Project) and Section D.7.20 (for alternative routes in the area) of the Draft EIR/EIS. Please refer to Response to Comment A0008-2 regarding Approved Cultural Monitors.