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**Subject: Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report  
Sunrise Powerlink Project  
Central East Substation and Top of the World Substation Alternatives**

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Vista Irrigation District (District) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the alternatives presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) relating to substation alternatives on or near the District's Warner Ranch properties.

Consistent with our letter to Billie Blanchard of April 24, 2008, the District prefers those options that place the least burden District lands, and hence supports the Central East Substation site already owned by SDG&E.

Nevertheless, if the Top of the World Substation prevails in the alternatives evaluation process, the District would support the Alternative Revision presented in the RDEIR (Fig. 3-3). In comparison to the original alternative presented in the DEIR (Section 4.7.1 of Appendix 1), the 230 kV transmission line alignment of the Alternative Revision has less impact on the rural character of Mataguay Valley. By routing the ingress and egress lines and maintenance roads along parallel alignments, the Alternative Revision also concentrates impacts to District lands in an area that is least likely to impact future District plans and that is already burdened with other infrastructure developments, including State Route S-2 and an existing 69 kV transmission line.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don A. Smith".

Don A. Smith  
Director of Water Resources

cc: Roy Coox, General Manager

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