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SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT EIR/EIS
SECOND ROUND of PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS, Wynola, California 2/06/07

We submit the following as comments:

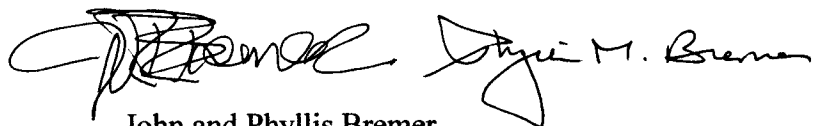
1. We agree with the Non-Wires Alternatives which do not require a major new transmission line to be built. There are alternatives with the Encina and South Bay powerplants already in existence and intention to repower with cleaner turbine engines (SDG&E has the option to contract long-term energy production from these 2 plants but continues to insist it is the destructive Sunrise Powerlink that they prefer.) Inland, a new Miramar power plant proposal, with ultraclean generators, is getting closer to becoming a reality.
2. Regarding the Future Phases of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project, it disturbs us that SDG&E was not forthcoming about the proposed Central East Substation construction capacity design for six 230kV circuits until data requests from your EIR/EIS team. Having attended numerous SDG&E informational community meetings since November 2005, the first revelation of this came from SDG&E during a Santa Ysabel property owners meeting in December 2006 when SDG&E was asked by an attendee if a 300 foot right of way was proposed for SRPL because additional lines were planned for the future from the new Central East Substation. Such omissions by the utility continues to foster suspicions about the actual parameters of the SRPL and associated interconnections. This piecemeal approach to transmission projects may be designed to keep the public from realizing how monstrous the end result will be for the area.
3. The Central Link includes beautiful Mesa Grande, where we happen to have property under the Williamson Act. Please refer to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 which encourages landowners to enter into a contract with the county whereby land is under restricted use as open space, for agricultural purposes or recreational use that benefits the public. Many of us who live on Mesa Grande are under the Williamson Act in an Agricultural Preserve. These large tracts of land also protect many species and trees from habitat elimination. The Lake Henshaw valley, just north of Mesa Grande, will be impacted by the proposed SRPL. We thought it might be of great interest to you to include the annual Christmas Bird Count figures so you can appreciate the many types of birds that inhabit our area and soar over Mesa Grande. Some of the 120' foot 230 kV towers are planned to run over the top of one of the highest soaring ridges on Mesa Grande (Cauzza/Batchelder property line).

The Central Link also contains thousand of acres of woodlands and forests which have not burned in decades and where volatility to fire remains extreme. The proposed Sunrise Powerlink increases the risk of fire during construction and patrol and from the high Santa Ana wind threat on the towers. Winds through the Santa Ysabel valley have been recorded in excess of 100 mph. Aerial fire fighting in the vicinity of transmission lines is severely hampered because of the associated wind direction and maneuvers of the air tankers to target the fireline.

4. Concerning the Imperial Valley renewable resources, how can Sunrise Powerlink be approved based on something that does not exist? We are referring to the Stirling Engine Systems Solar Two facility to be located on approximately eight square miles in Imperial Valley. The mirrored array in this windy, earthquake prone, desert environment has not yet been constructed. Six prototypes are being tested in the Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico for engine reliability. But will 12,000 - 36,000 solar dishes be reliable in this desert environment? Reportedly, the test units were experiencing engine seal leakage. How can this technology be touted as "proven" at this point by SDG&E? Their renewables component of SRPL appears to be a baseless marketing ploy for duping "green-minded" Californians.

5. Under G.1, where SDG&E has presented eight objectives in its PEA, siting concern seems to exist for the taking and relocation of homes and businesses (#7), but not for the negative affect on property values of those impacted by the blight of substations, transmission lines and access roads. Already we are hearing of property offers cancelled due to the possibility of the Sunrise Powerlink routing in certain areas. People's lives and pocketbooks are on hold while the need for this unpopular and unnecessary transmission line is being decided.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signatures of John and Phyllis Bremer in black ink. The signature on the left is more stylized, while the one on the right is more legible and includes the name 'Phyllis M. Bremer'.

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Lake Henshaw [CALH] 33.2 degrees North x -116.6833 degrees West Christmas Bird Count Count Year: 107				
	Number	Number / Party Hr.	Flags	Editorial Flags
Canada Goose <i>(Branta canadensis)</i>	90	1.0876		
American Wigeon <i>(Anas americana)</i>	310	3.7462		
Mallard <i>(Anas platyrhynchos)</i>	63	0.7613		
Northern Shoveler <i>(Anas clypeata)</i>	170	2.0544		
Green-winged Teal <i>(Anas crecca)</i>	15	0.1813		
Redhead <i>(Aythya americana)</i>	2	0.0242		
Ring-necked Duck <i>(Aythya collaris)</i>	47	0.568		
Lesser Scaup <i>(Aythya affinis)</i>	6	0.0725		
Bufflehead <i>(Bucephala albeola)</i>	5	0.0604		
Hooded Merganser <i>(Lophodytes cucullatus)</i>	1	0.0121	US	
Common Merganser <i>(Mergus merganser)</i>	5	0.0604		
Ruddy Duck <i>(Oxyura jamaicensis)</i>	4	0.0483		
Wild Turkey <i>(Meleagris gallopavo)</i>	321	3.8792		
Mountain Quail <i>(Oreortyx pictus)</i>	27	0.3263		
California Quail <i>(Callipepla californica)</i>	207	2.5015		
Eared Grebe <i>(Podiceps nigricollis)</i>	5	0.0604		
Western Grebe <i>(Aechmophorus occidentalis)</i>	507	6.1269		
American White Pelican <i>(Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)</i>	125	1.5106		
Double-crested Cormorant <i>(Phalacrocorax auritus)</i>	50	0.6042		
Great Blue Heron (Blue form) <i>(Ardea herodias)</i>	8	0.0967		
Great Egret <i>(Ardea alba)</i>	5	0.0604		

<u>Black-crowned Night-Heron</u> (<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>)	3	0.0363
<u>Turkey Vulture</u> (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	4	0.0483
<u>White-tailed Kite</u> (<i>Elanus leucurus</i>)	4	0.0483
<u>Bald Eagle</u> (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	2	0.0242
<u>Northern Harrier</u> (<i>Circus cyaneus</i>)	10	0.1208
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk</u> (<i>Accipiter striatus</i>)	3	0.0363
<u>Cooper's Hawk</u> (<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>)	5	0.0604
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo lineatus</i>)	38	0.4592
<u>Red-tailed Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)	87	1.0514
<u>Ferruginous Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo regalis</i>)	11	0.1329
<u>Golden Eagle</u> (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)	4	0.0483
<u>American Kestrel</u> (<i>Falco sparverius</i>)	51	0.6163
<u>Merlin</u> (<i>Falco columbarius</i>)	1	0.0121
<u>Prairie Falcon</u> (<i>Falco mexicanus</i>)	1	0.0121
<u>Sora</u> (<i>Porzana carolina</i>)	1	0.0121
<u>American Coot</u> (<i>Fulica americana</i>)	408	4.9305
<u>Killdeer</u> (<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>)	29	0.3505
<u>Greater Yellowlegs</u> (<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>)	1	0.0121
<u>Least Sandpiper</u> (<i>Calidris minutilla</i>)	75	0.9063
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher</u> (<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>)	35	0.423
<u>Wilson's Snipe</u> (<i>Gallinago delicata</i>)	9	0.1088
<u>Bonaparte's Gull</u> (<i>Larus philadelphia</i>)	425	5.136
<u>Ring-billed Gull</u> (<i>Larus delawarensis</i>)	100	1.2085
<u>California Gull</u> (<i>Larus californicus</i>)	101	1.2205
<u>Band-tailed Pigeon</u> (<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>)	221	2.6707

Mourning Dove (<i>Zenaida macroura</i>)	216	2.6103	
Barn Owl (<i>Tyto alba</i>)	3	0.0363	
Western Screech-Owl (<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>)	0	0	CW
Great Horned Owl (<i>Bubo virginianus</i>)	3	0.0363	
Spotted Owl (<i>Strix occidentalis</i>)	1	0.0121	
Northern Saw-whet Owl (<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>)	1	0.0121	
Lewis's Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>)	1	0.0121	
Acorn Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>)	269	3.2508	
Red-naped Sapsucker (<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>)	1	0.0121	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker (<i>Picoides scalaris</i>)	2	0.0242	
Nuttall's Woodpecker (<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>)	53	0.6405	
Hairy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides villosus</i>)	4	0.0483	
White-headed Woodpecker (<i>Picoides albolarvatus</i>)	2	0.0242	
Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker (<i>Colaptes auratus</i>)	64	0.7734	
Black Phoebe (<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>)	31	0.3746	
Say's Phoebe (<i>Sayornis saya</i>)	26	0.3142	
Loggerhead Shrike (<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>)	10	0.1208	
Hutton's Vireo (<i>Vireo huttoni</i>)	3	0.0363	
Steller's Jay (<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>)	92	1.1118	
Western Scrub-Jay (<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>)	267	3.2266	
American Crow (<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>)	611	7.3837	
Common Raven (<i>Corvus corax</i>)	108	1.3051	
Horned Lark (<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>)	217	2.6224	
Mountain Chickadee (<i>Poecile gambeli</i>)	152	1.8369	
Oak Titmouse (<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>)	140	1.6918	

Bushtit (<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>)	295	3.565	
White-breasted Nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>)	55	0.6647	
Brown Creeper (<i>Certhia americana</i>)	1	0.0121	
Bewick's Wren (<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>)	46	0.5559	
House Wren (<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>)	2	0.0242	
Winter Wren (<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>)	1	0.0121	US
Marsh Wren (<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>)	6	0.0725	
Golden-crowned Kinglet (<i>Regulus satrapa</i>)	8	0.0967	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (<i>Regulus calendula</i>)	122	1.4743	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>)	1	0.0121	
Western Bluebird (<i>Sialia mexicana</i>)	259	3.1299	
Mountain Bluebird (<i>Sialia currucoides</i>)	26	0.3142	
Hermit Thrush (<i>Catharus guttatus</i>)	8	0.0967	
American Robin (<i>Turdus migratorius</i>)	70	0.8459	
Wrentit (<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>)	25	0.3021	
Northern Mockingbird (<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>)	3	0.0363	
California Thrasher (<i>Toxostoma redivivum</i>)	23	0.2779	
European Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	932	11.2628	
American Pipit (<i>Anthus rubescens</i>)	62	0.7492	
Phainopepla (<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>)	15	0.1813	
Orange-crowned Warbler (<i>Vermivora celata</i>)	6	0.0725	
Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler (<i>Dendroica coronata</i>)	91	1.0997	
Common Yellowthroat (<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>)	7	0.0846	
Spotted Towhee (<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>)	136	1.6435	
California Towhee (<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>)	87	1.0514	

Chipping Sparrow (<i>Spizella passerina</i>)	3	0.0363		
Vesper Sparrow (<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>)	17	0.2054		
Lark Sparrow (<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>)	197	2.3807		
Savannah Sparrow (<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>)	218	2.6344		
Fox Sparrow (<i>Passerella iliaca</i>)	22	0.2659		
Song Sparrow (<i>Melospiza melodia</i>)	30	0.3625		
Lincoln's Sparrow (<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>)	4	0.0483		
White-crowned Sparrow (<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>)	1664	20.1088		
Golden-crowned Sparrow (<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>)	5	0.0604		
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>)	1115	13.4743		
Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>)	1	0.0121		
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>)	1	0.0121		
Red-winged Blackbird (<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>)	165	1.994		
Western Meadowlark (<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>)	320	3.8671		
Brewer's Blackbird (<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>)	290	3.5045		
Brown-headed Cowbird (<i>Molothrus ater</i>)	3	0.0363		
Purple Finch (<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>)	1	0.0121		
House Finch (<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>)	1062	12.8338		
Lesser Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>)	80	0.9668		
Lawrence's Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis lawrencei</i>)	1	0.0121		
House Sparrow (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	17	0.2054		