

# **APPENDIX A**

## *Notices*

# **APPENDIX A-1**

## ***Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration***



## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**TO:** All Interested Parties

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application with CPUC for a Permit to Construct the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project (Application No. A. 12-02-012).

**Project Background:** PG&E proposes to construct and operate the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project, which involves three components:

- **Northern Alignment:** Converting an existing 7.1 miles of existing single-circuit, 115-kV power line into a double-circuit, 115-kV power line by:
  - Replacing existing wood transmission poles with an average height of 60 feet tall with new tubular steel poles (TSP) with an average height of 90 feet tall
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  - Installing 4 new TSPs averaging 98 feet tall
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The project is located in unincorporated southern Santa Cruz County, California, between the cities of Watsonville and Aptos. Construction is targeted to start in July 2015 and finish in late 2016.

**Information Available:** The CPUC Energy Division prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it was determined that the proposed project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment. CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

**CPUC Energy Division**  
505 Van Ness, 4th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

**Santa Cruz Public Library, Aptos Branch**  
7695 Soquel Drive  
Aptos, California 95003

**Watsonville Public Library, Freedom Branch**  
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For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, please go to CPUC's website:

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A public information meeting will be held at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6, 2013**, at

**Corralitos Grange Hall**  
165 Little Corral Way  
Watsonville, California 95076

**Public Review:** This IS/MND will undergo an extended 45-day public review period from October 18, 2013, through December 2, 2013. Comments must be received in writing by **5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2013**, at the following address:

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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## **APPENDIX A-2**

### *Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report*

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

**From:** Lisa Orsaba, Environmental Project Manager

**Subject:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING: Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project (A-12-01-012)

**Date:** January 17, 2014

**Introduction**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application A. 12-01-012 for a Permit to Construct (PTC), , with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on January 25, 2012, for the proposed Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project. The CPUC released a Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a 49-day public review period on October 18, 2013. After a review of comments received on the Draft IS/MND, the CPUC determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be prepared in accordance with CEQA. The CPUC is serving as the lead agency for preparation of the EIR. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is being sent to interested agencies and members of the public to inform the recipients that the CPUC is beginning preparation of the EIR. Comments from the public on the scope of the EIR are being requested.

The Draft IS/MND and other project documents are available for public review on the CPUC's project website:

([http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz\\_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz\\_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html)).

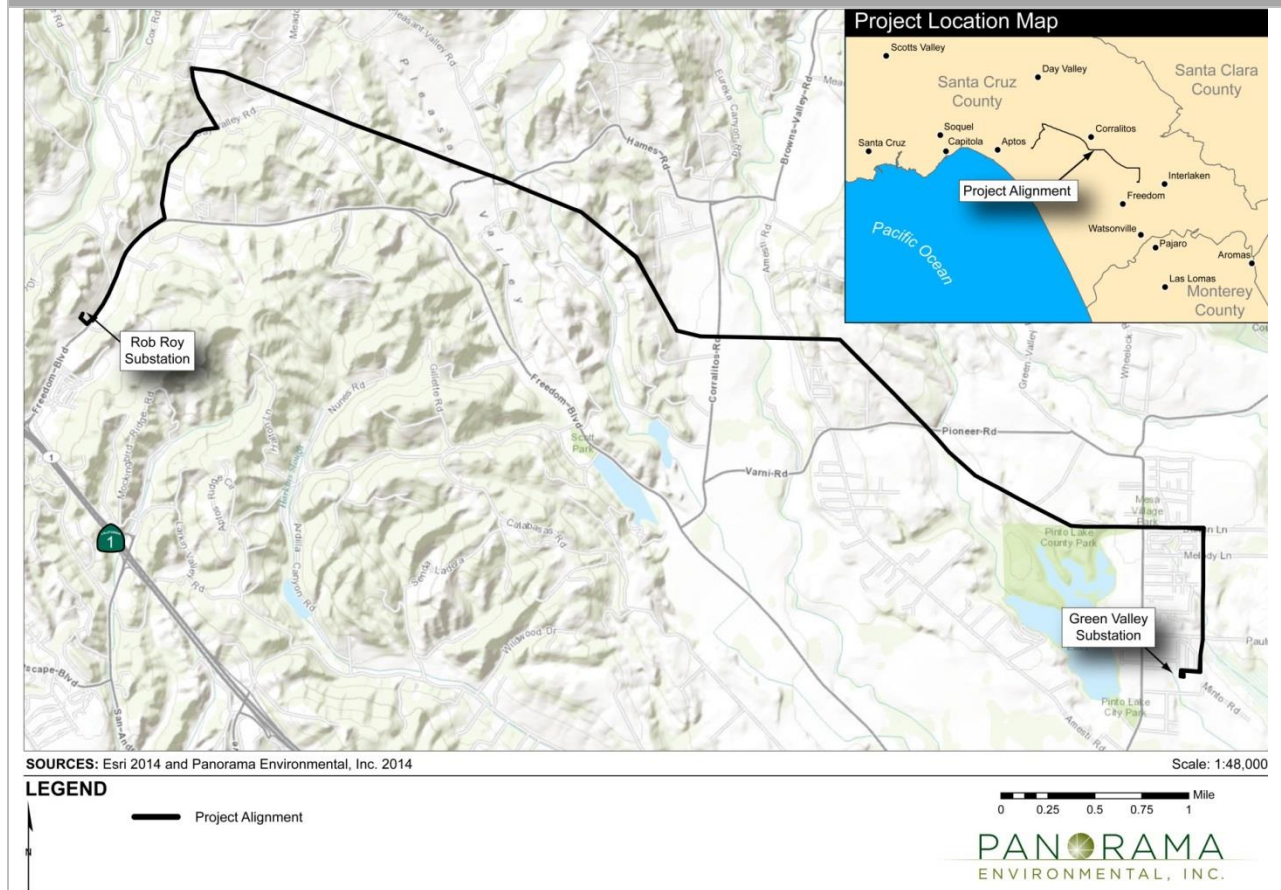
**Project Location**

The project is located in southern Santa Cruz County, California (Figure 1). The project corridor extends from near Watsonville to near Aptos. The project corridor travels through the communities of Amesti, Corralitos, Aptos Hills-Larkin Valley, and Day Valley.

**Project Purpose**

The proposed project would improve the reliability of the transmission system in the Santa Cruz area and thereby prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are outages in the existing local electricity supply system. The existing 115-kV system serving the Santa Cruz area was constructed and put into service in the 1970s. Since the system was built it has been upgraded once by adding voltage support equipment at an area substation in 1997. Rob Roy and Green Valley Substations and associated power lines have not been upgraded, though the population and demand in the service area has increased substantially since 1970. Current peak winter demand has reached 175 megawatts, which is almost 60 percent higher than the demand recorded in 1970. Additional information regarding the purpose and need of the project will be included in the EIR.

Figure 1: Project Alignment



## Project Description

The Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project includes the following major elements. Additional details on the proposed project are provided in the Draft IS/MND.

- **Northern Alignment:** Converting an existing 7.1 miles of single-circuit, 115-kV power line into a double-circuit, 115-kV power line by:
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## Potential Environmental Effects to be Addressed in the EIR

The EIR will address impacts of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project, including impacts identified as being potentially significant prior to mitigation as well as impacts for which there were public comments on the Draft IS/MND that may warrant further discussion in the EIR. Table 1 provides a brief summary of potential impacts by resource area.

PG&E has proposed measures (termed “Applicant Proposed Measures”) that could reduce or eliminate potential impacts of the proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the effectiveness of these measures, and will develop mitigation measures to further reduce impacts where a potentially significant impact has been identified. The CPUC will establish and define mitigation measures to be adopted as a condition of project approval and will require implementation of a mitigation monitoring program should the CPUC approve the project.

The EIR will also address potential cumulative impacts of the proposed project on these resource areas, when considered in context with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future projects in the area.

Table 1: Potential Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Project	
<i>Environmental Parameter</i>	<i>Potential Impact</i>
Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in visual character of project area</li> </ul>
Agriculture and Forestry Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary and permanent conversion of agricultural and forest land to non-agricultural and non-forest use</li> </ul>
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emission of criteria pollutants</li> </ul>
Biological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury and/or mortality to special status plants and animals</li> <li>• Tree removal</li> <li>• Habitat degradation</li> <li>• Nest failure</li> </ul>
Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage or destruction of known and unknown cultural and historic resources and paleontologic resources</li> </ul>
Geology and Soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposure of people to adverse effects due to seismicity or other ground instability</li> <li>• Soil erosion</li> </ul>
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenhouse gas emissions</li> </ul>
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accidental release of hazardous materials</li> </ul>
Hydrology and Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alterations of runoff patterns</li> <li>• Degradation of surface water quality</li> </ul>
Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact</li> </ul>
Mineral Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact</li> </ul>
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise generation</li> </ul>
Population and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact</li> </ul>
Public Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased demand for fire and police services</li> </ul>
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in use of other recreational facilities</li> </ul>
Transportation and Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic increases</li> <li>• Traffic and safety hazards</li> </ul>
Utilities and Service Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interruption of other services</li> </ul>

Resource areas anticipated to be addressed in the EIR include:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems

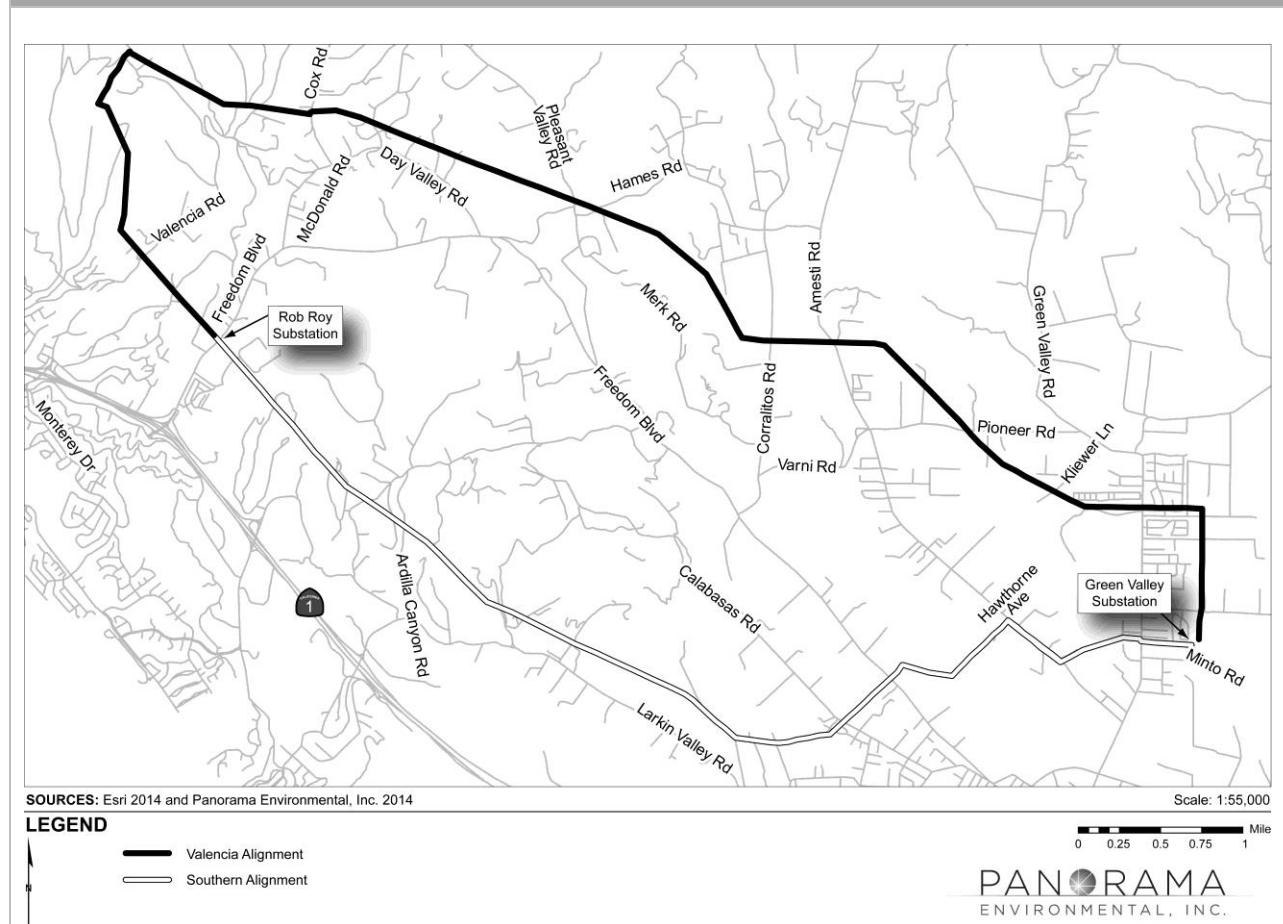
## Alternatives

The EIR will analyze a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project, including the No Project Alternative, in accordance with CEQA. Alternatives to the proposed project may include, but may not necessarily be limited to, those listed in Table 2. Table 2 also includes a brief overview of the potential impacts from each alternative. The Southern Alignment and the Valencia Alignment are shown in Figure 2. Public comments on alternatives are requested.

**Table 2: Potential Alternatives to be Discussed in the EIR**

<b><i>Alternative</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Potential Environmental Impacts</i></b>
Underground portions of the Cox-Freedom Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the proposed project, except underground portions of the Cox-Freedom Segment</li> <li>• Wider easements needed</li> <li>• Two 100-plus foot tall steel transition structures would be required at each end of the underground segments</li> <li>• Existing distribution lines would not be undergrounded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trenching would result in road closures, dust, noise, limited emergency and local access, and greater area of ground disturbance than the proposed project</li> <li>• Impacts would last longer due to an extended construction period (five to ten times greater than that of an overhead line)</li> <li>• Additional property/right-of-way may need to be required for staging and permanent facility installation which may require tree, fence, and landscaping removal and would generate noise, dust, and traffic impacts</li> <li>• Repairs may require excavation and take weeks to months to complete and require similar traffic impacts as original installation</li> </ul>
Valencia Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebuild Northern Alignment from Green Valley Substation to Day Valley</li> <li>• Construct new single circuit 115-kv line from Day Valley to the Southern Alignment</li> <li>• Rebuild Southern Alignment with two circuits to Rob Roy substation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater level of impacts overall than the proposed project due to longer length (10.5)</li> <li>• Greater loss of coastal oak woodland vegetation</li> <li>• Additional impacts to robust spineflower critical habitat</li> <li>• Similar visual impacts as proposed project</li> </ul>
Southern Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebuild Southern Alignment from a single circuit to a double circuit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of coastal oak woodland vegetation due to the need for greater right-of-way and avoidance of a gas pipeline</li> <li>• High risk of take of Santa Cruz long-toed salamander due to higher quality habitat along this alignment (federal endangered species; state fully protected, endangered species)</li> </ul>

Figure 2: Southern Alignment and Valencia Alignment Potential Alternatives



## Scoping Meeting

The CPUC is holding a public meeting during the EIR scoping period in order for the public and regulatory agencies to become informed about and submit comments on the scope of the EIR. Comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit written comments at the scoping meeting. Commenters may also hand deliver prepared written comments at the scoping meeting. The scoping meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Corralitos Grange Hall  
165 Little Corral Way  
Watsonville, California 95076**

## Scoping Comments

The CPUC is soliciting information regarding the environmental topics and project alternatives that the EIR should address. **All comments for the CPUC's CEQA scoping period must be received or, if by U.S. mail, postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.** Please include a name, address,



and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject. You can submit comments in several ways: (1) U.S. mail, (2) e-mail, (3) fax, (4) making a verbal statement or handing in a written comment at the scoping meeting. Send comments on the scope and content of the EIR to:

**Ms. Lisa Orsaba**  
**Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**  
**c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.**  
**One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740**  
**San Francisco, CA 94111**  
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### **Issuance of NOP**

The California Public Utilities Commission hereby issues this Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

# **APPENDIX B**

## *Newspaper Advertisements*

# **APPENDIX B-1**

## *Notice of Availability*

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I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that, the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This 1st day of November, 2013, at Santa Cruz, California.

JACKIE WHITE

**Notice of Availability of a  
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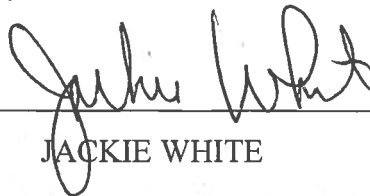
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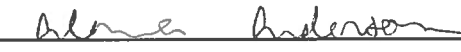
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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, at Watsonville, California, on the

January 21, 2014

  
Alanna Anderson, Legal Clerk

**Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project in the County of Santa Cruz, California**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) must consider whether or not to approve Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) application for a Permit to Construct the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project. The CPUC released a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for a 49-day public review period on October 18, 2013. After a review of comments received on the Draft IS/MND, the CPUC determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft IS/MND and other project documents are available on the CPUC's project website: ([http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz\\_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz\\_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html)). As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CPUC is requesting comments on the scope of the EIR.

**Project Summary.** PG&E proposes to construct and operate the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project, which involves three components:

**Northern Alignment:** Converting an existing 7.1 miles of existing single-circuit, 115-kV power line into a double-circuit, 115-kV power line by replacing existing wood transmission poles with an average height of 60 feet tall with new tubular steel poles (TSP) with an average height of 90 feet tall.

**Cox-Freedom Segment:** Constructing a new, approximately 1.7-mile-long, single-circuit, 115-kV power line along an existing distribution alignment by installing 4 new TSPs averaging 98 feet tall and replacing existing distribution wood poles averaging 39 feet tall with new wood poles averaging 89 feet tall.

**Rob Roy Substation:** Modifying the Rob Roy Substation and existing power lines into the substation to accommodate the new circuit and install 1 new TSP and replace existing wood structures with 3 new TSPs with an average height of 84 feet tall within the substation area. Construction is targeted to start in July 2015 and finish in late 2016.

**Project Location.** The project is located in unincorporated southern Santa Cruz County, California, between the cities of Watsonville and Aptos.

**Environmental Effects of Proposed Action.** The EIR will describe the potential project impacts on the environment caused by the project and will identify possible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate those impacts, pursuant to CEQA.

**Alternatives.** The EIR will address alternatives to the project. Alternatives may include, but are not limited to, undergrounding portions of the Cox-Freedom Segment, a Valencia Alignment, or a Southern Alignment. The No Project Alternative will also be addressed, pursuant to CEQA.

**Public and Agency Comments.** The NOP is being circulated for a 30-day review period. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014. Please send your comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR, along with the name and address of an appropriate contact person, to:

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California Public Utilities Commission  
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Fax: (650) 373-1211  
[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

A public scoping meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at:

Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Corralitos Grange  
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Watsonville, California 95076

January 18, 21, 2014  
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## *Draft IS Public Meeting Materials*

# **APPENDIX C-1**

## *Draft IS Meeting Agenda*



**SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT  
DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Time - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

<b>Meeting Commences</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>6:00 – 6:05</b>
<b>CPUC Presentation of Project Description and CEQA Review</b>	<b>6:05 – 6:35</b>
<b>Open Floor to Public Comments</b>	<b>6:35 – 7:55</b>
<b>Closing and Meeting End</b>	<b>8:00</b>

## **APPENDIX C-2**

### ***Draft IS Meeting Comment Card***



## **SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT**

**Name:**

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

# **APPENDIX C-3**

*Draft IS Meeting Presentation*

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**Pacific Gas & Electric Company's  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**  
Application No. 12-01-012

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**California Public Utilities Commission**  
November 6, 2013



# Meeting Agenda

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1. Purpose of the Meeting
2. Overview of the Proposed Project
3. California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Role and Review Process
4. Environmental Review
5. Public Participation During Environmental Review
6. Public Comments



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# Purpose of Meeting

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- To provide information to the public and responsible agencies about the proposed Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project
- To provide information to the public about the environmental document and review process
- To explain how the public can participate in the CPUC decision-making process
- To collect public comments



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# Roles

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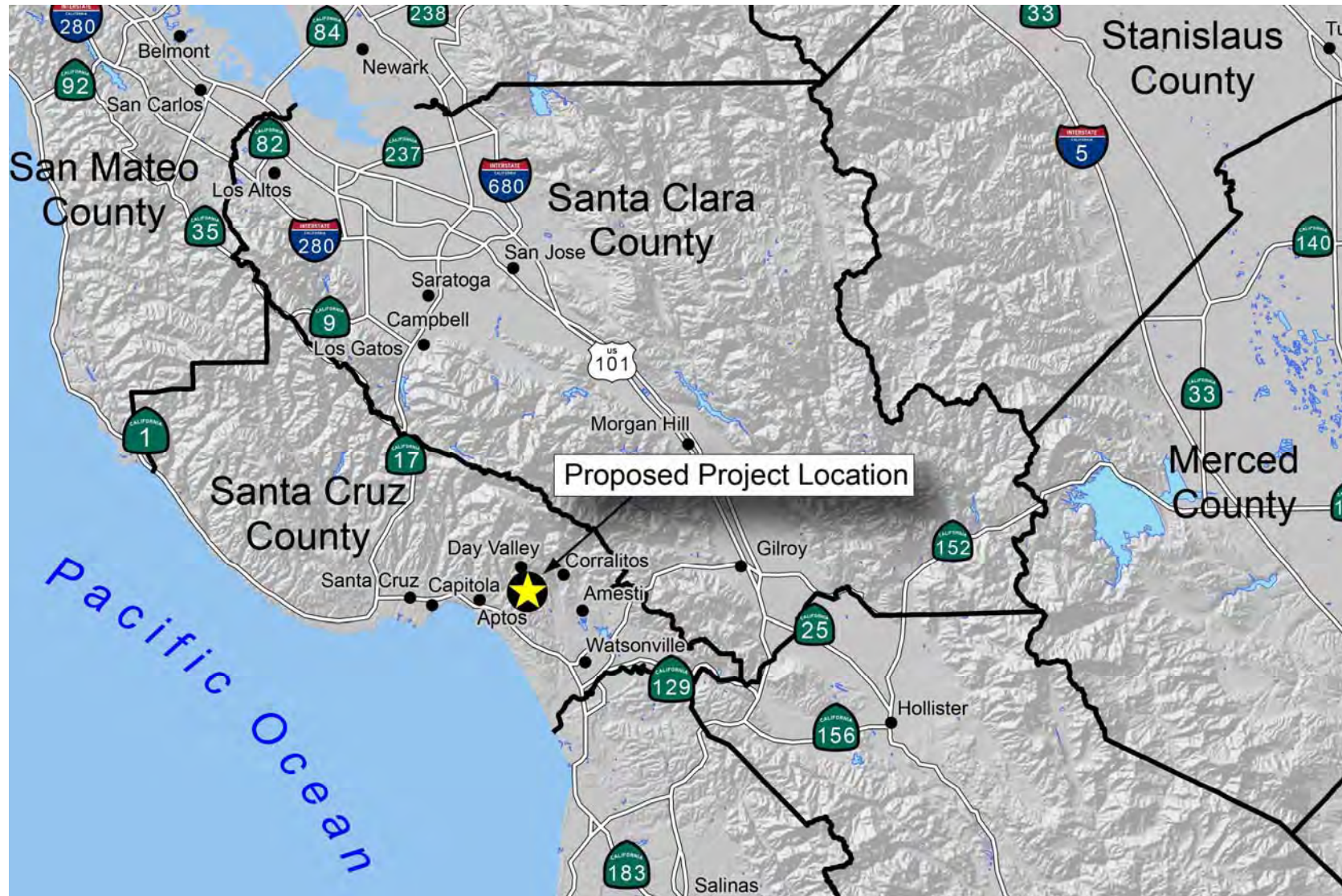
- CPUC:
  - Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E):
  - Project Applicant
- Panorama Environmental, Inc.
  - CPUC Environmental Contractor
- Other agencies
  - Several permitting/review agencies consulted for input



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# Project Location



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# Overview of Proposed Project

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- Add a second 115-kV circuit between Green Valley Substation and Rob Roy Substation



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# Overview of Proposed Project



# Project Elements

## Northern Alignment

- Convert 7.1 miles single-circuit 115 kV to double-circuit
  - Replace ~60 ft wood poles to ~90 ft tubular steel poles (TSP)

## Cox-Freedom Segment

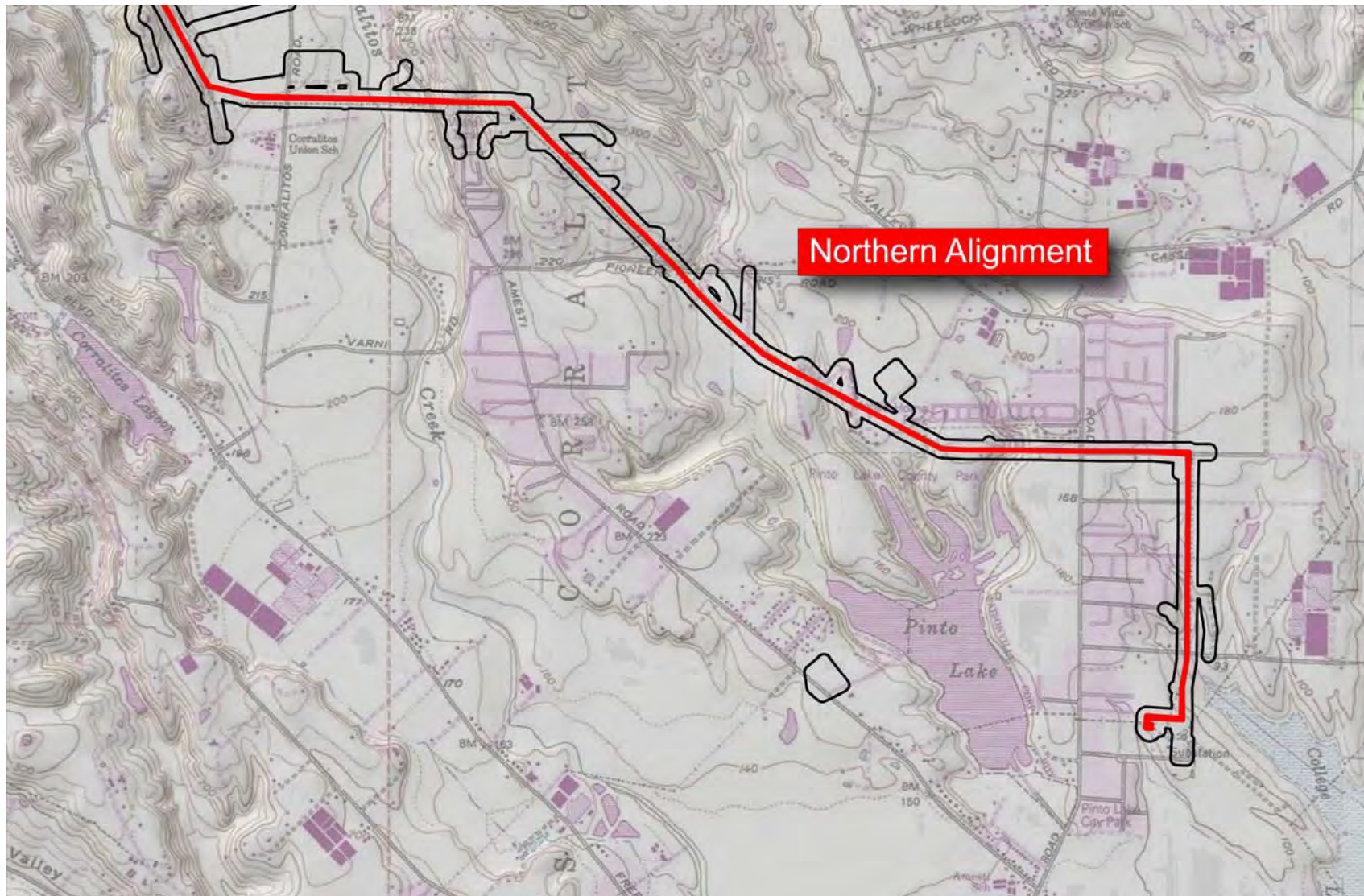
- Build 1.7 miles new single-circuit 115kV along existing distribution alignment
  - Replace ~ 39 ft wood distribution poles with ~89 ft wood transmission poles
  - Install four new ~98 ft TSPs

## Rob Roy Substation Modifications

- Modify substation and existing power lines
  - Changes to accommodate line
  - Install 4 new ~84 ft TSPs replacing 3 wood poles



# Site Map (Eastern Project Corridor)

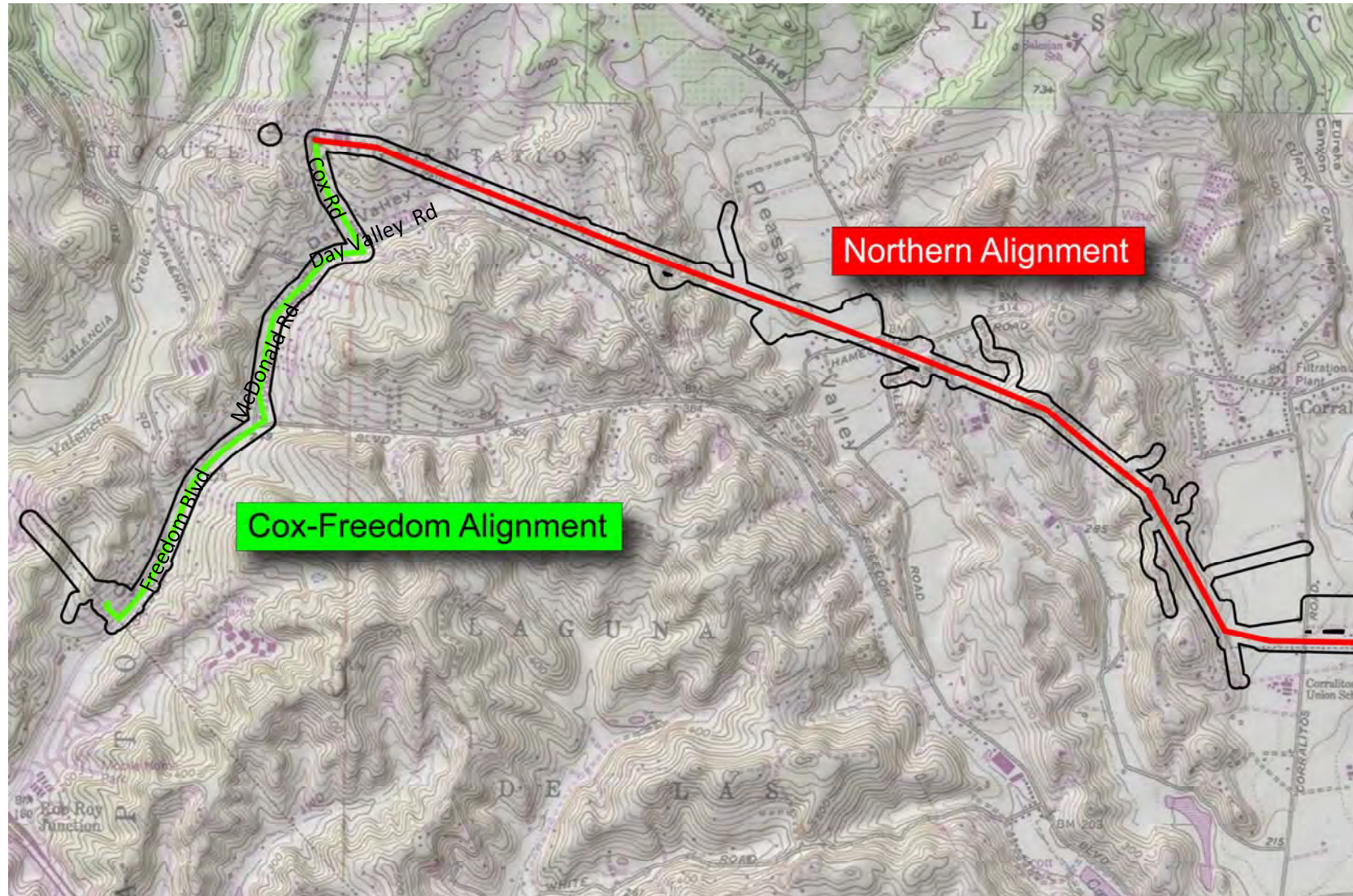


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# Site Map (Western Project Corridor)

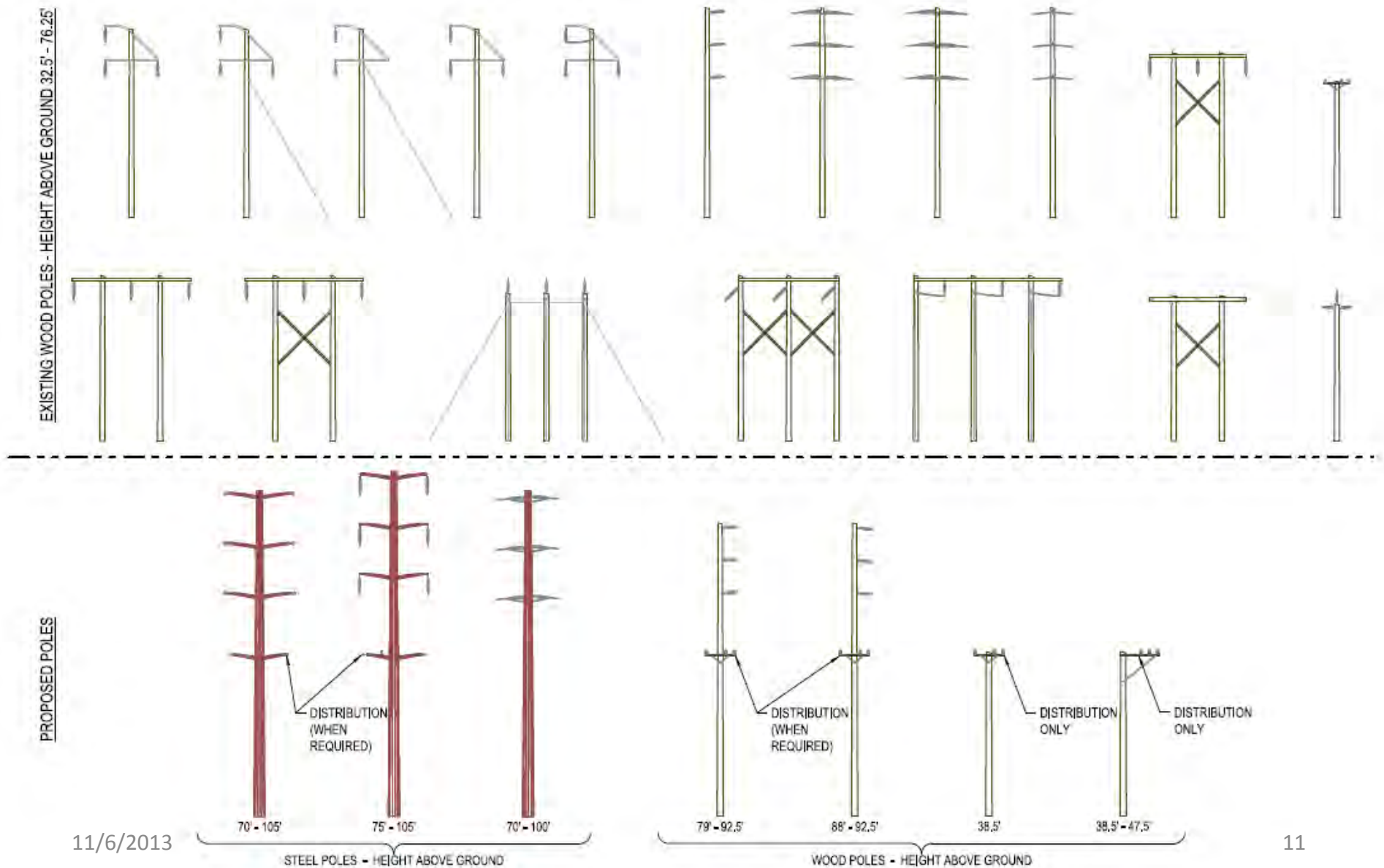


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# Typical Pole Drawings



# Project Purpose

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- Improve the area electrical system's capacity and reliability
  - Population and demand has increased substantially since the system was built in the 1970s
  - Rob Roy Substation and associated power lines have never been upgraded

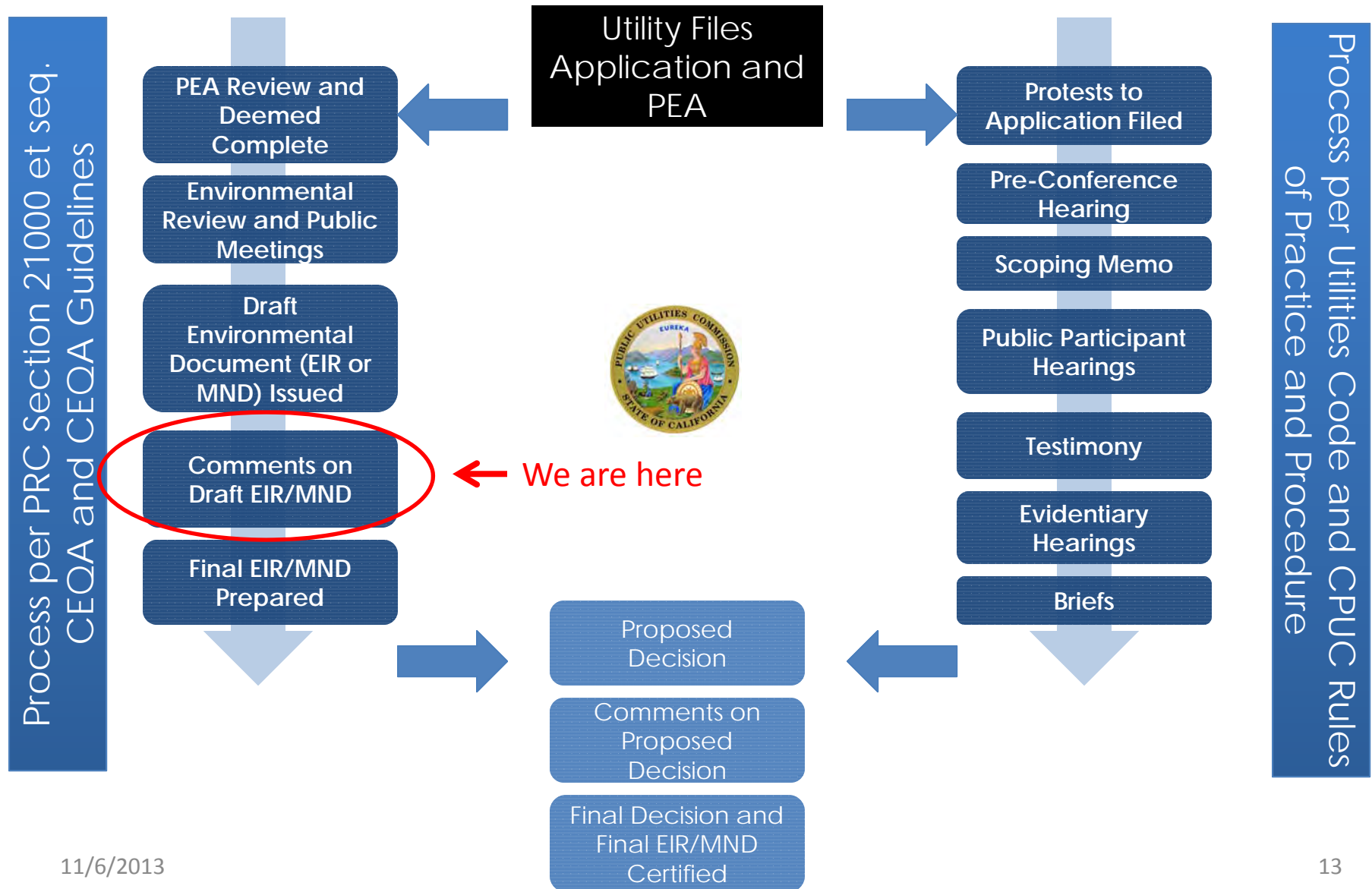


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# CPUC Review Process



# Environmental Review Topics

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- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and forestry resources
- Air quality/greenhouse gas emissions
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology and soils
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Hydrology and water quality
- Land use and planning
- Mineral resources
- Noise
- Population and housing
- Public services (fire, police, schools, and parks)
- Recreation
- Transportation and traffic
- Utilities and service systems (water, wastewater, and solid waste)

*\*\*Per CEQA Guidelines App G.*



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# Potential Environmental Impacts

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## Impact Determination

- Determined during review under CEQA
- Based on information from applicant and CPUC's additional research

## Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs)

- Proposed by PG&E
- Considered part of the project
- Revised through process

## Mitigation Measures (MMs)

- Developed by CPUC
- Mitigate potentially significant impacts



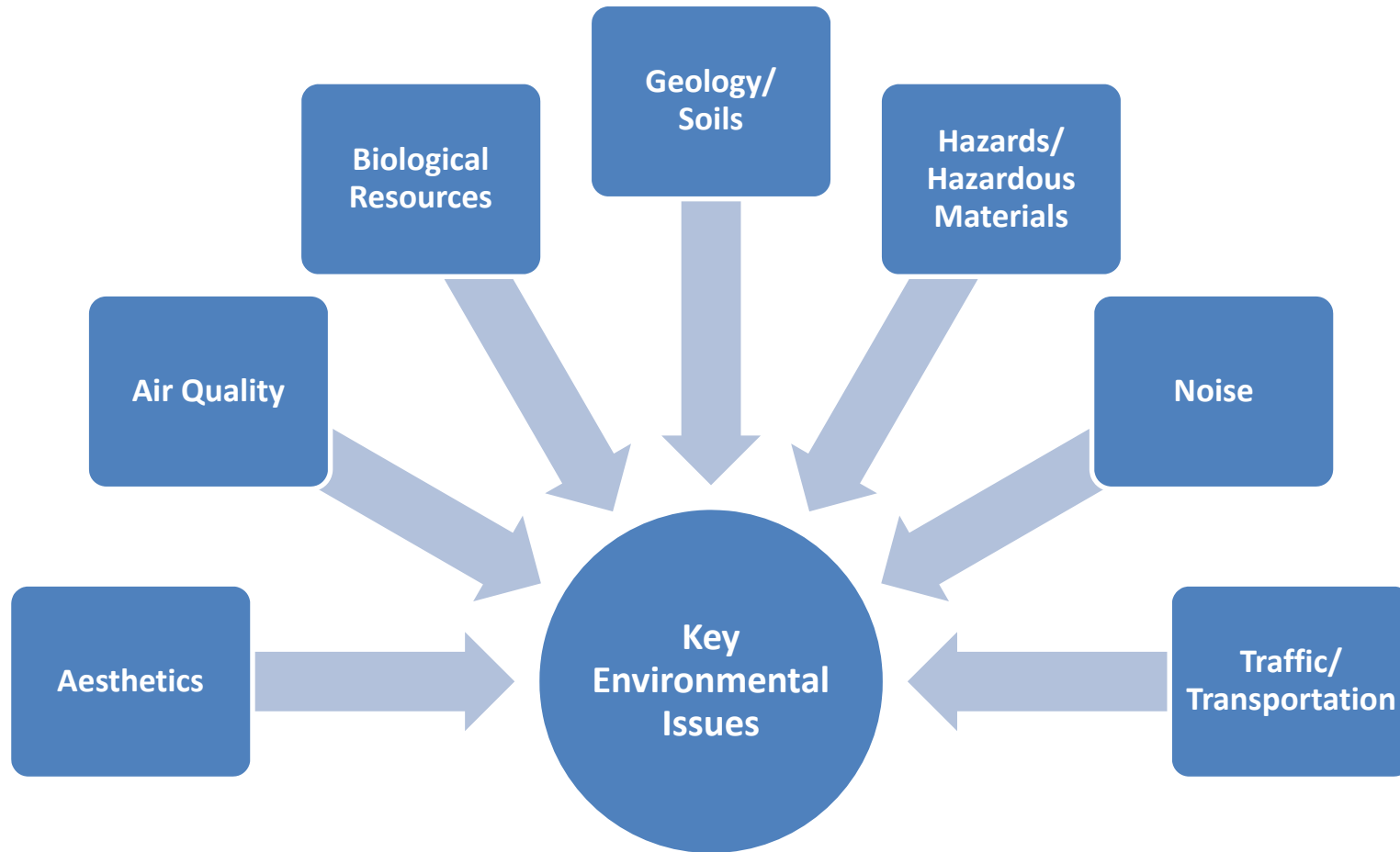
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# Key Environmental Issues

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# Key Environmental Issues

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- **Issues:** Changes to visual character from changes in pole types and heights and tree removal
- **Studies:** A series of visual simulations by landscape unit were prepared to assess the visual impacts of the project
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts*
  - New power line similar to existing power lines in character and configuration in existing ROW
  - TSPs rust colored to look like wood and blend with surroundings
  - Other utility infrastructure in project corridor
  - No view obstruction
  - Incremental change but less than significant
  - Loss of trees along current alignment – will not significantly change tree density and patterns in area



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# Corralitos Road near Skylark Lane, Looking North (Corralitos: Before Proposed Project)

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# Corralitos Road near Skylark Lane, Looking North (Corralitos: Visual Simulation)

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# Arroyo Drive at Mark Avenue Looking Southwest (Green Valley: Before Proposed Project)

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# Arroyo Drive at Mark Avenue Looking Southwest (Green Valley Visual Simulation)

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# Pinto Lake County Park Looking East (Green Valley: Before Proposed Project)

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# Pinto Lake County Park Looking East (Green Valley: Visual Simulation)

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# Hames Road near Pleasant Valley Road Looking North (Pleasant Valley/Day Valley: Before Proposed Project)

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Figure 3.1-10<sub>24</sub>

# Hames Road near Pleasant Valley Road Looking North (Pleasant Valley/Day Valley: Visual Simulation)

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# Jingle Lane near Day Valley Road Looking Southeast (Pleasant Valley/Day Valley: Before Proposed Project)

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# Jingle Lane near Day Valley Road Looking Southeast (Pleasant Valley/Day Valley: Visual Simulation)

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Figure 3.1-11<sub>27</sub>

# Intersection of Day Valley Road and Cox Road (Cox-Freedom: Before Proposed Project)

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# Intersection of Day Valley Road and Cox Road (Cox-Freedom: Visual Simulation)

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Figure 3.1-12<sub>29</sub>

# Intersection of Freedom and McDonald Boulevards (Cox-Freedom: Before Proposed Project)

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# Intersection of Freedom and McDonald Boulevards (Cox-Freedom: Visual Simulation)

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# Freedom Boulevard (Cox-Freedom: Before Proposed Project)

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# Freedom Boulevard (Cox-Freedom: Visual Simulation)

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# Key Environmental Issues - Biology

## Biological Resources

- **Issues:** Monterey spineflower, other special status plants, sensitive habitats, and Monterey pine and oaks
- **Studies:** Surveys in project corridor – locations for tree removal identified
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
- **Mitigation**
  - No work in designated Critical Habitat
  - Avoid plants/habitat or implement Revegetation, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan
  - Replacement of Monterey pine and oaks
    - trees replaced off-site



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# Key Environmental Issues - Biology

## Biological Resources

- **Issues:** Special status animals – dusky-footed woodrat, bats, birds (including white-tailed kite and bald eagle)
- **Studies:** Habitat assessments for project corridor
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
- **Mitigation**
  - Woodrat - Pre-construction survey for woodrat houses; avoid woodrat houses or disassemble unavoidable woodrat houses
  - Bats - Assessment of suitable habitat; establishment of no-work exclusion area around roosting habitat
  - Birds - Tree removal preferred outside of nesting season; no removal of trees with active nests; no-work buffers around active nests; monitoring of nests



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# Key Environmental Issues-Biology

## Biological Resources

- **Issue:** Santa Cruz long-toed salamander
- **Studies:** Detailed habitat assessment of all project work areas around and west of Corralitos Creek
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
  - USFWS/PG&E study will result in relocation of salamanders prior to start of project
- **Mitigation:**
  - Seasonal ground disturbance windows and fencing requirements
  - Limitations on vegetation and tree removal
  - No work in areas where salamanders have not been previously excluded
  - Surface barriers over burrows along access roads
  - Habitat restoration



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# Key Environmental Issues -Geology

## Geology and Soils

- **Issues:** Site stability on slopes and during seismic events; erosion
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
- **Mitigation:**
  - Stability - Geotechnical investigation and implementation of recommendations
  - Erosion – Implementation of construction best management practices and a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP)



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# Key Environmental Issues-Hazards

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## Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- **Issues:** Release of fuels and other hazardous materials; increased fire risks
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
- **Mitigation:**
  - Hazardous material release: Environmental Training and Monitoring Program; Spill Prevention, Countermeasure and Control Plan; Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan; Health and Safety Plan
  - Fire risks: Smoking is restricted; fire suppression equipment in construction vehicles; brush clearing from roads; lines would be maintained to minimize risk of breakage



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# Key Environmental Issues-Noise

## Noise

- **Issues:** Noise from construction equipment including helicopters
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts with mitigation*
  - Temporary and intermittent
  - Activities generally between 7am and 5pm, Monday through Saturday
  - Helicopter flight altitude restrictions
- **Mitigation:**
  - Noise barrier for stationary equipment within 50 feet of residences



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# Key Environmental Issues-Traffic

## Transportation and Traffic

- **Issues:** Traffic congestion during construction; traffic and pedestrian safety hazards during construction and operation
- **Analysis:** *Potentially significant impacts with mitigation on traffic congestion during construction; Less than significant impacts on traffic safety during operation*
  - Replacement poles in same locations as existing poles
  - TSPs set back a minimum of 20 feet from roads
  - Some wood poles set back on Cox Road from current locations
- **Mitigation:**
  - A Traffic Management Plan will be prepared



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# Key Environmental Issues- Air Qual.

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## Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases

- **Issues:** Generation of exhaust emissions, fugitive dust, and greenhouse gases
- **Studies:** Air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions were modeled using CalEEMod 2011
- **Analysis:** *Less than significant impacts*
  - Criteria pollutant, greenhouse gas, and fugitive dust emissions below significance thresholds
  - Watering or stabilizing active construction areas, unpaved access roads, parking areas, and staging areas



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# Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)

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- Public interest regarding health effects from exposure to electric and magnetic fields from power lines
- Per CPUC policy, the IS/MND does not consider magnetic fields in the context of CEQA
  - Disagreement among scientists that EMF creates a potential health risk
  - No defined or adopted CEQA standards for defining health risk from EMF
- The CPUC requires utilities to incorporate “low-cost” or “no-cost” measures to mitigate EMF from new or upgraded electrical utility facilities up to approximately 4 percent of total project cost.



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# Public Participation

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- A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was published and distributed for review beginning on October 18, 2013.
- *The review period has been extended from required minimum 30 days to 45 days.*
- The public review period ends on December 2, 2013.
- The Final MND will address public comments.
- CPUC Commissioners will consider the Final MND in deciding whether to grant the PTC.



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# Ways to Comment

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- Oral comments and questions tonight
- Fill out a comment card to submit comments and questions tonight
- Submit comments after this meeting by mail, fax, or email

Mail	Fax	Email
Lisa Orsaba CPUC c/o Panorama One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740 San Francisco, CA 94111	(650) 373-1211	santacruz115kvproject@ panoramaenv.com

- Comments due by 5:00 p.m. on **December 2, 2013**



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# For More Information

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- Check website (digital IS/MND, other documents)
  - [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz\\_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz\\_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/SantaCruz_115kVReinforcement/SantaCruz_115%20Reinforcement%20Project.html)
  - Search for “cpuc santa cruz reinforcement” online
- Project email
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  - Aptos Branch Library  
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Freedom, CA 95019



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# Comment Guidelines

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- State name and affiliation
- One person speaks at a time
- Avoid side conversations
- Keep input concise (to maximize participation)
- Respect others' opinions/interests



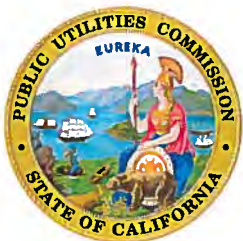
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## **APPENDIX C-4**

### ***Draft IS Meeting Sign-in Sheets***



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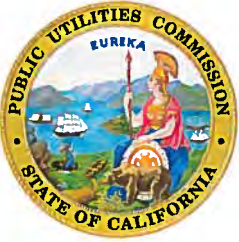
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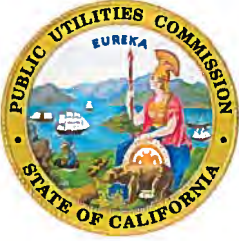
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# **APPENDIX D**

## *Scoping Meeting Materials*

# **APPENDIX D-1**

## ***Scoping Meeting Comment Card***



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

You may also submit comments to:  
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c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

## **APPENDIX D-2**

### ***Scoping Meeting Presentation***



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Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Pacific Gas & Electric Company's  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Application No. 12-01-012

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**California Public Utilities Commission**  
January 29, 2013



# Presentation Overview

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1. Project History
2. CEQA and the EIR Process
3. Overview of the Proposed Project and Alternatives
4. Environmental Topics
5. Public Comment Period



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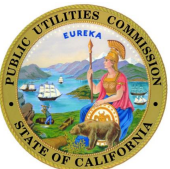
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# Project History

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- PG&E submitted a Proponents Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Application for a Permit to Construct to the CPUC in Jan. 2012
- The CPUC initially prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND); MND circulated for a 45+ day public review in October and November 2013.
- CPUC determined an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is appropriate based on review of comments/public feedback,
  - NOP Issued January 17<sup>th</sup> for 30+ day public review
  - Purpose to receive public input on issues to address in the EIR



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# Purpose of an EIR

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## *What is an EIR?*

- Identifies potentially significant environmental effects
- Identifies ways to minimize or eliminate the significant effects
- Evaluates a reasonable range of alternatives

## *How is it Different than the IS?*

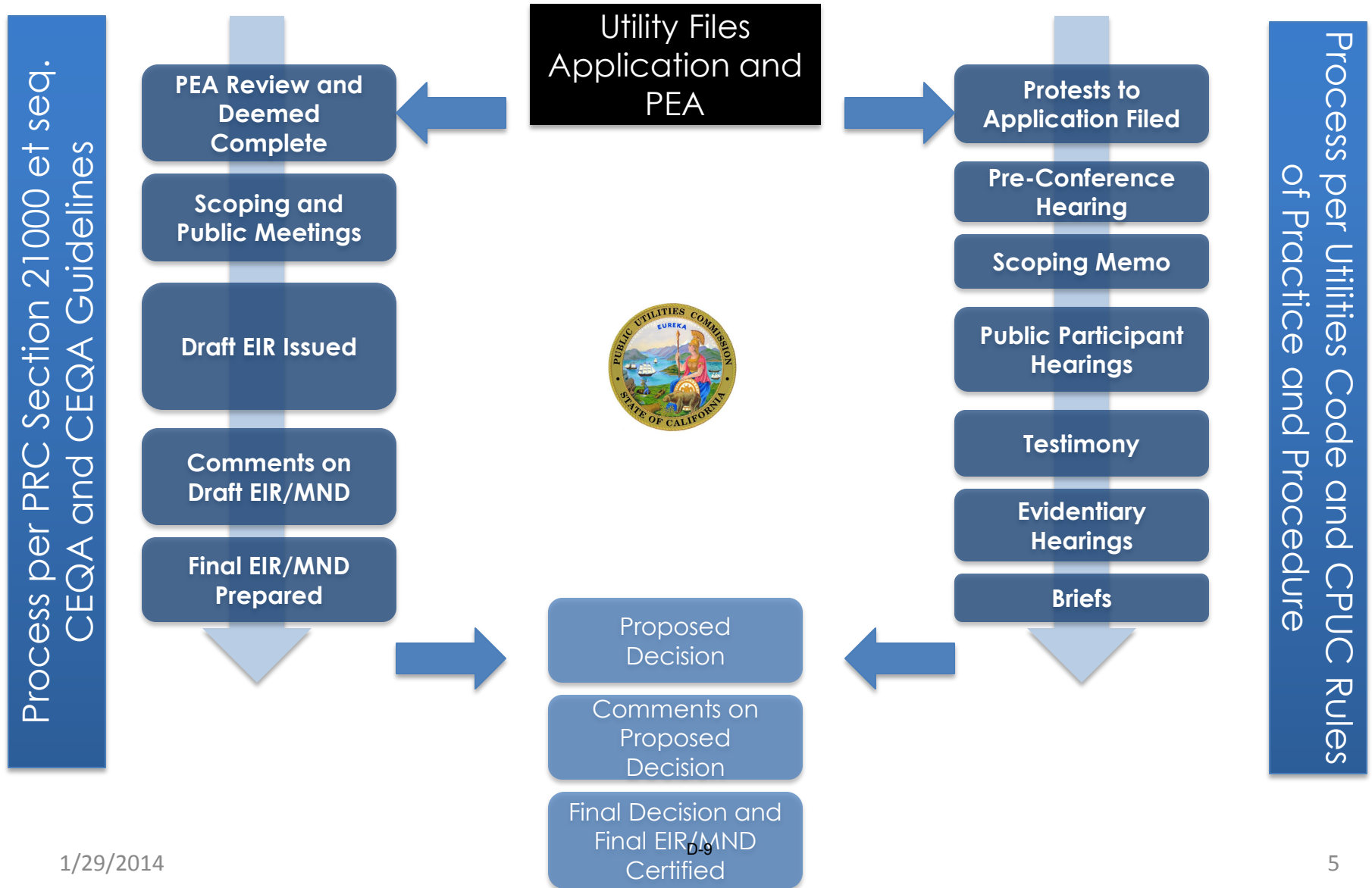
- Provides additional environmental analysis
- Provides an evaluation of alternatives
- Additional opportunities for public review and input



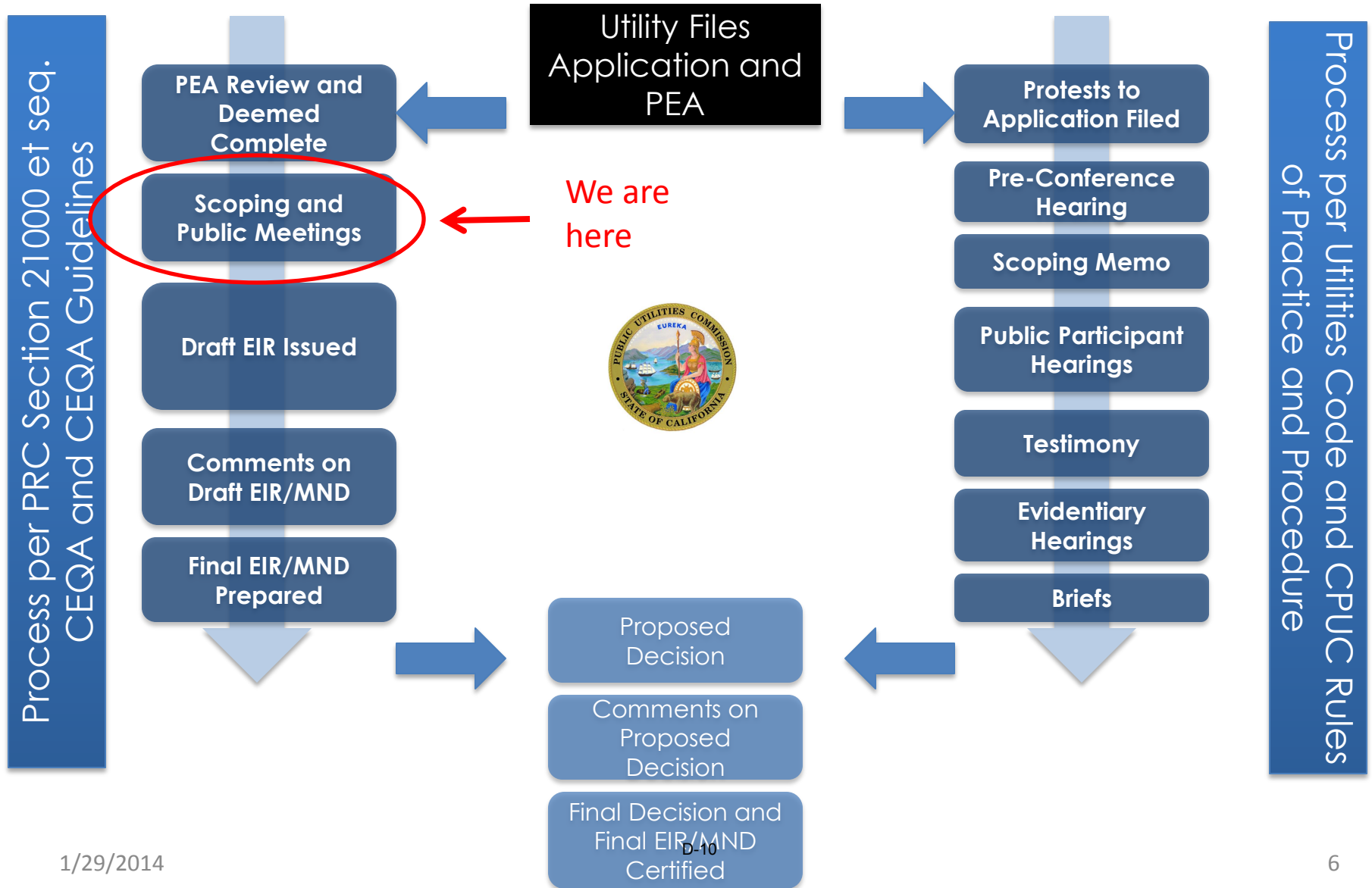
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# CPUC Review Process



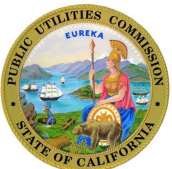
# CPUC Review Process



# Next Steps in EIR Process

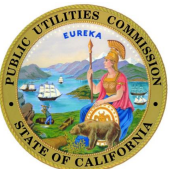
Activity	Purpose	Estimated Timeframe
**Scoping Period	To collect comments from the public	30+ days to Feb. 18th
Prepare Draft EIR	Complete the analysis of environmental effects – develop and analyze alternatives	~June 2014
**Public Review of Draft EIR	Public reviews the analysis and provides comments - - Additional public meetings	45 day review period June – July 2014
Response to Comments and Final EIR	Respond to public comments and make any changes to the EIR	~October 2014

**\*\* Opportunities for public input**



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# Questions on Process?



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# Project Purpose

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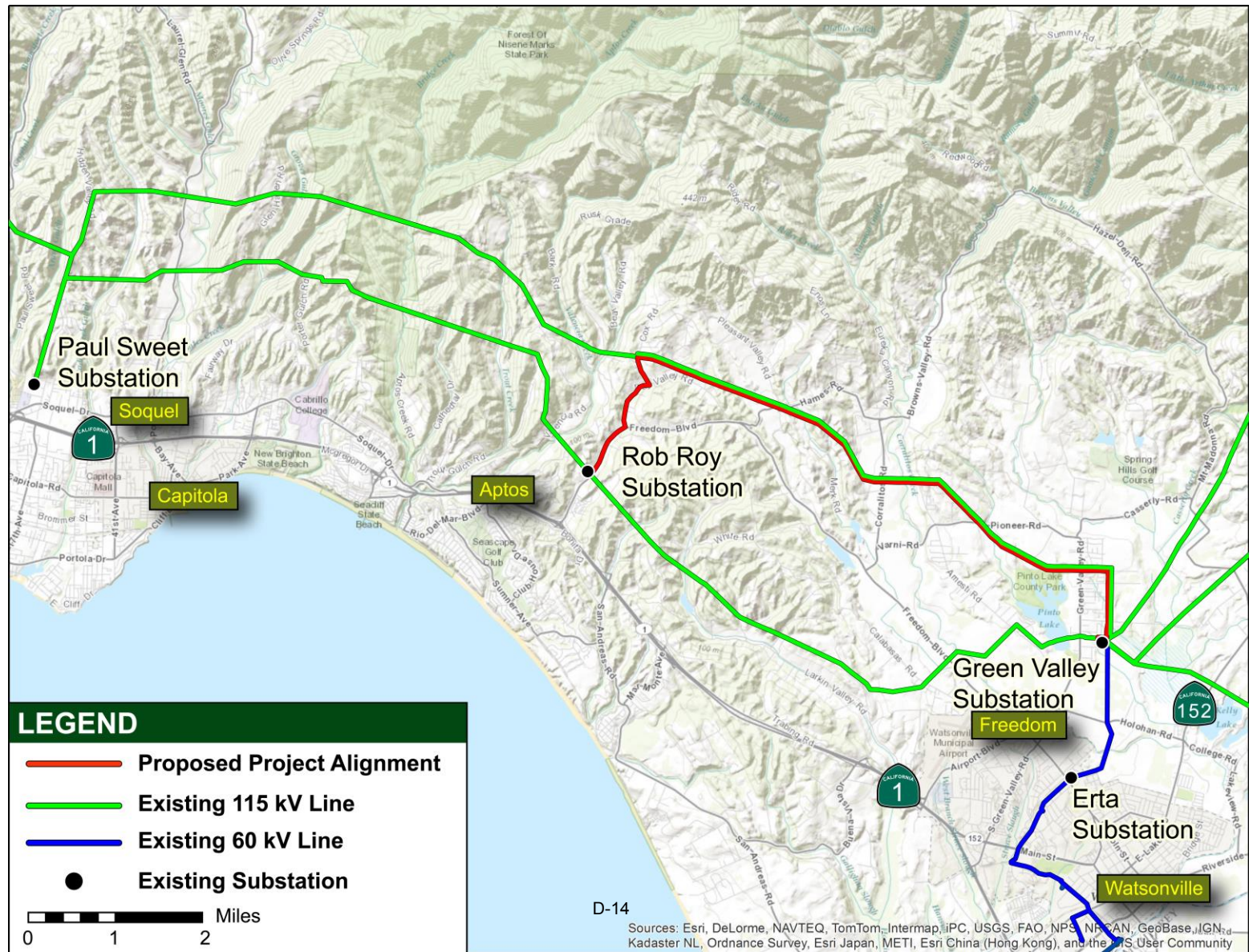
- Improve the area electrical system's capacity and reliability
  - Population and demand has increased substantially since the system was built in the 1970s
  - Rob Roy Substation and associated power lines have not been upgraded
- EIR will expand on the purpose and need for the project



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# Proposed Project



# Proposed Project

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- Add a second 115-kV circuit between Green Valley Substation and Rob Roy Substation



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# Project Elements

## Northern Alignment

- Convert 7.1 miles single-circuit 115 kV to double-circuit
  - Replace ~60 ft wood poles to ~90 ft tubular steel poles (TSP)

## Cox-Freedom Segment

- Build 1.7 miles new single-circuit 115kV along existing distribution alignment
  - Replace ~ 39 ft wood distribution poles with ~89 ft wood transmission poles
  - Install four new ~98 ft TSPs

## Rob Roy Substation Modifications

- Modify substation and existing power lines
  - Changes to accommodate line
  - Install 4 new ~84 ft TSPs replacing 3 wood poles

# CEQA Alternatives

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- CEQA requires consideration of Alternatives
  - Meet project objective
  - Reduces environmental effects
  - Substantially obtain the objectives of the proposed project
- Alternatives - types
  - No Project Alternative
  - Alternatives considered but eliminated
  - Feasible alternatives – carried forward for analysis
- CEQA Guidelines (Section 15126.6(e)(2)) requires identification of the “environmentally superior alternative”

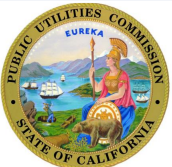


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# Preliminary Alternatives

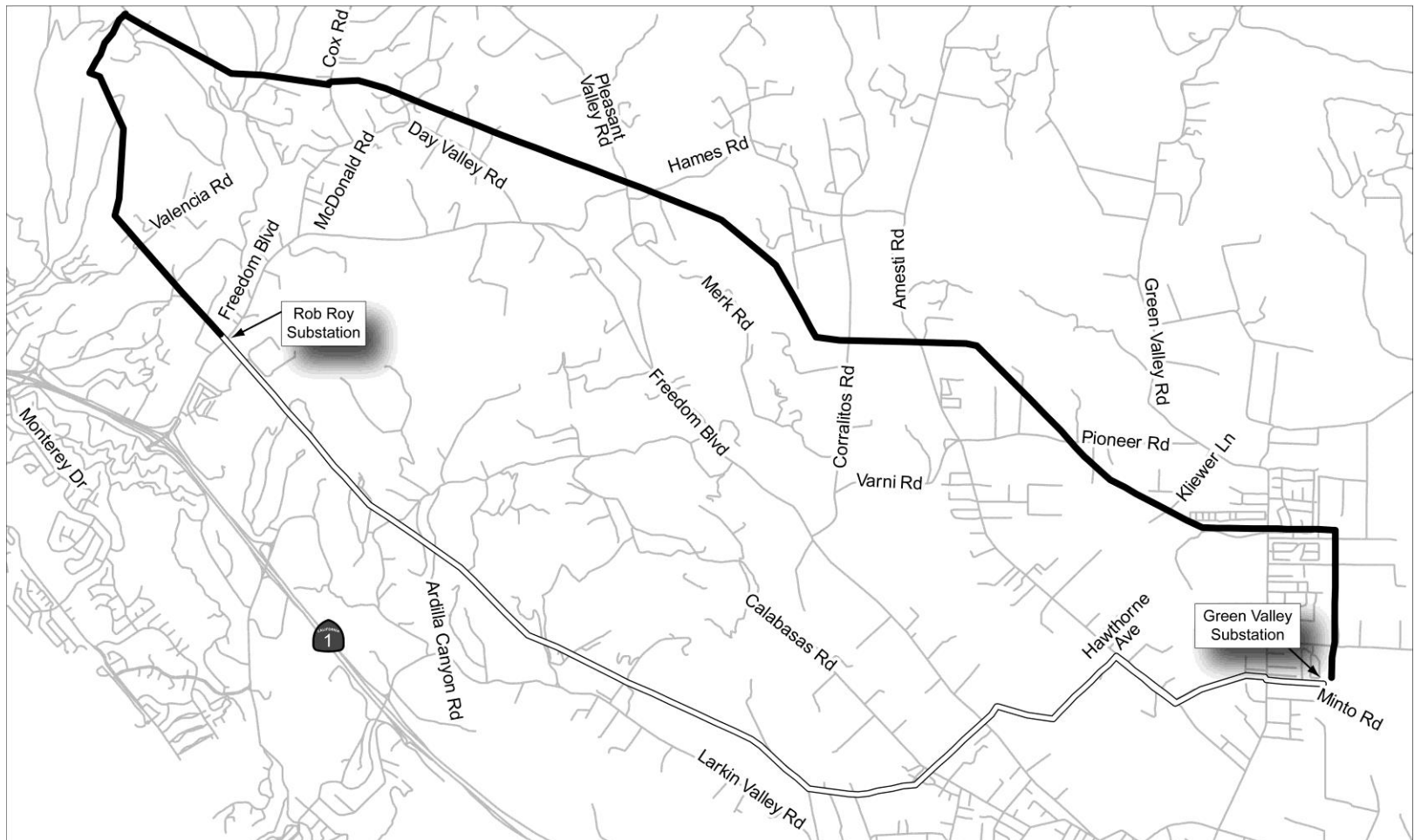
Alternative	Description
<b>Alternative: Underground Portions of the Cox- Freedom Segment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Still evaluating feasibility</li><li>• Wider easements needed</li><li>• Two 100-plus foot tall steel transition structures would be required at each end of the underground segments</li><li>• Existing distribution lines would not be undergrounded</li></ul>
<b>Alternative: Valencia Route Alternative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebuild Northern Alignment from Green Valley Substation to Day Valley</li><li>• Construct new single circuit 115-kv line from Fern Flat Road to the Southern Alignment</li></ul>
<b>Alternative: Southern Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebuild Southern Alignment from a single circuit to a double circuit</li><li>• New easements required to move alignment away from gas line</li></ul>



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# Preliminary Alternatives



SOURCES: Esri 2014 and Panorama Environmental, Inc. 2014

Scale: 1:55,000

## LEGEND

- Valencia Alignment
- Southern Alignment

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Mile

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# Questions?



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# Environmental Review Topics

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- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and forestry resources
- Air quality/greenhouse gas emissions
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology and soils
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Hydrology and water quality
- Land use and planning
- Mineral resources
- Noise
- Population and housing
- Public services (fire, police, schools, and parks)
- Recreation
- Transportation and traffic
- Utilities and service systems (water, wastewater, and solid waste)

*\*\*Per CEQA Guidelines App G.*

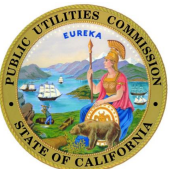


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# Potential Impacts Proposed Project

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- **Aesthetics** – change in visual character
- **Agriculture** – impacts to existing agricultural land and uses
- **Air Quality** – emissions during construction
- **Biological Resources** – special status plants and animals; impacts from tree removal; impacts to nesting birds
- **Cultural Resources** – impacts to known and unknown resources
- **Geology and Soils** – effects of seismicity on safety; soil erosion
- **Hydrology and Water Quality** – degradation of water quality during construction from runoff
- **Noise** – helicopter noise; noise during construction
- **Transportation and Traffic** – safety hazards during and after construction; traffic delays during construction
- **Utilities** – Central Water District lines; disruption of service



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# Potential Impacts of Alternatives

Alternative	Potential Impacts (Compared to Proposed Project's Impacts)
Underground portions of Cox-Freedom Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trenching, resulting in road closures, dust, noise, limited emergency and local access, and greater ground disturbance</li><li>• Longer construction period</li><li>• Need for additional property/right-of-way and removal of trees, fences, and landscaping</li><li>• Potentially reduces visual impacts</li></ul>
Valencia Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greater loss of coastal oak woodland vegetation</li><li>• Additional impacts to robust spineflower critical habitat</li><li>• Potentially reduces visual impacts</li></ul>
Southern Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loss of coastal oak woodland vegetation due to need for greater right of way and avoidance of a gas pipeline</li><li>• High risk of take of Santa Cruz long-toed salamander due to higher quality habitat along this alignment</li><li>• Potentially reduces visual impacts</li></ul>



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# Ways to Comment

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- Oral comments tonight
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- **Comments due by 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014**



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# What is an effective scoping comment?

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- The EIR should address noise impacts from the use of helicopters for construction
- I would like the EIR to address traffic safety hazards during and after project construction.
- The EIR should explain and provide support for why the project is needed.



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# What are less effective scoping comments?

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- The EIR should examine aesthetic impacts.
- The project should be located somewhere else.
- The project is not needed.
- I am against the project.
- The analysis in the EIR will be biased and untrustworthy.



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# Comment Guidelines

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- State name and affiliation
- Only speak at the podium
- Avoid side conversations
- Keep input concise (to maximize participation)
- Respect others' opinions/interests



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# Environmental Resource Areas

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- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and forestry resources
- Air quality/greenhouse gas emissions
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology and soils
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Noise
- Hydrology and water quality
- Population and housing
- Land use and planning
- Mineral resource
- Public services (fire, police, schools, and parks)
- Recreation
- Transportation and traffic
- Utilities and service systems (water, wastewater, and solid waste)
- Alternatives
- Cumulative Impacts



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## **APPENDIX D-3**

### ***Scoping Meeting Sign-in Sheets***



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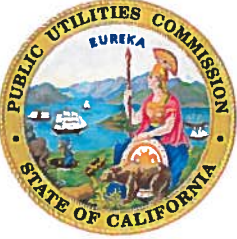
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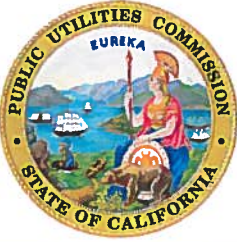
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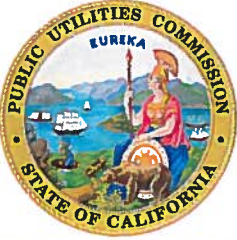
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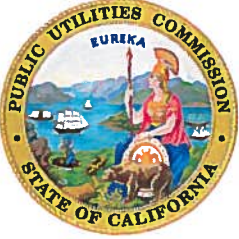
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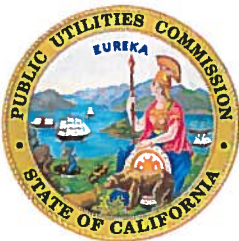
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# **APPENDIX E**

## *Scoping Meeting Transcript*

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Application No. 12-01-012**

**January 29, 2014**

**at**

**CORRALITOS GRANGE HALL  
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1 (On the record at 6:07 p.m.)

2 MS. ORSABA: My name is Lisa Orsaba. I'm the  
3 project manager for the California Public Utilities  
4 Commission. California Public Utilities Commission is  
5 the permitting authority for PG&E's Santa Cruz 115-kV  
6 Reinforcement Project.

7 Can you all hear me, first of all? Can you  
8 hear me? Okay. Let me know if you can't. I have a  
9 bit of a cold tonight, so please forgive me and bear  
10 with me.

11 First of all, again, I want to welcome you and  
12 thank you for your interest in this project and for  
13 your involvement in the project so far. I'd like to  
14 begin by letting you know that there are  
15 representatives from Pacific Gas and Electric in the  
16 room. I'd like them to raise their hands to identify  
17 themselves so that you can see. So PG&E is here, but  
18 this is not PG&E's meeting. This is the California  
19 Public Utilities Commission's meeting.

20 I just want to say a few things about the roles  
21 of the various parties here. So PG&E files an  
22 application, and, as you know, in this project, they  
23 filed an application for a permit to do this project.  
24 They can't do the project unless the Public Utilities  
25 Commission grants the permit. Under California

1 Environmental Quality Act law, we can't grant that  
2 permit unless the project complies with CEQA.

3 So what the California Public Utilities  
4 Commission does is we hire consultants; in this case,  
5 it's Panorama Environmental. Tania Treis is the  
6 project manager for Panorama Environmental. And they  
7 conduct the environmental analysis.

8 So you're going to hear a lot about this. And  
9 I just want to briefly tell you that PG&E, when they  
10 file their application, they give us a lot of  
11 information. All of this information, by the way, is  
12 on the website. We take their information. It's a  
13 large document that they file with their application.  
14 And we conduct our own independent analysis. And from  
15 that analysis, we determine, the CPUC, determines what  
16 kind of environmental document should be prepared. We  
17 did that in this proceeding.

18 Part of the requirements of CEQA are that the  
19 public has an opportunity to comment and that we hold  
20 public meetings. You did comment. We reviewed your  
21 comments. And we determined subsequently that an EIR  
22 should be our next step. And that's what we're here to  
23 talk about tonight.

24 Tonight, we have Nicholas Dewar, who's going to  
25 be facilitating the meeting. Tania will be talking

1 about the environmental processes. I'm here also to  
2 answer any questions. We have an agenda and we have a  
3 process. Nicholas will speak to that. So I'm going to  
4 hand it over to Nicholas. And again, thanks all of you  
5 for coming.

6 MR. DEWAR: Thank you, Lisa. So this evening  
7 really -- although you've just had a few minutes of  
8 Lisa talking with you and you'll have a few minutes  
9 next from Tania talking with you -- this is really all  
10 about you talking to the CPUC.

11 Almost all of the meeting is going to be  
12 dedicated to comments from you. We're going to start  
13 with a presentation from Tania about the project, so  
14 you're all on the same base in terms of information.

15 We reckon that the presentation will probably  
16 take less than a half an hour. So by about 20 minutes  
17 of 7:00, we'll be getting to the comments. When we get  
18 into the -- even during the presentation, there will  
19 probably be opportunities for you to ask questions to  
20 make sure you understand what's being told to you.

21 I normally ask you to tell me what kinds of  
22 ground rules you'd like me to help you follow. I don't  
23 know if you have anything where you in your community a  
24 kind of set of ground rules that you're used to  
25 following. Does anybody have any ground rules that

1 you'd like me to help you follow? I'll prompt you to a  
2 few that might help.

3 One of them is, like, one person talks at a  
4 time. Another would be speak respectfully. One of the  
5 things that's going to help, I expect you'll be hearing  
6 from people who have different opinions. So you may  
7 hear somebody making a comment you don't agree with.  
8 I've been at meetings where the group actually said  
9 that they wanted there to be no cheering, which  
10 surprised me. But as the meeting went on, I could see  
11 why. They all disagreed with each other. And if there  
12 was cheering and hissing and booing, before you know  
13 it, the person speaking feels uncomfortable about  
14 saying what they need to say.

15 So these are ideas. I leave it up to you to  
16 decide what you want me -- I'll try to keep the peace,  
17 but I'm not -- I don't have a badge or anything, so I'm  
18 only able to do what you want me to do. Yes, sir?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You know, be respectful and  
20 one person speak at a time.

21 MR. DEWAR: Speak respectfully.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The last meeting, we were  
23 concerned that our comments and questions were not  
24 recorded. Can we have our comments and questions --

25 MR. DEWAR: Let me explain that. There is a

1 stenographer, Heather. When you make a comment, you're  
2 to come up here. I'll give you a kind of -- yes,  
3 Heather is going to get the whole thing. You're going  
4 to have a transcript. I'm sure it'll go up on a  
5 website somewhere at some time quite soon. At the same  
6 time, Bridget is going to keep a non official record.  
7 This one is not official.

8 Just so you know, you can keep track of what  
9 you're saying and what other people have said. We'll  
10 keep what we call -- we'll rip off a page and put them  
11 on the wall, so that, if we want to, we can refer back.  
12 So that will take care -- that takes care of that.

13 Other ground rules that you'd like me to  
14 follow?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Keep it short and sweet.

16 MR. DEWAR: Keep it short and keep it sweet.  
17 You know, normally, sometimes we have a little light  
18 that comes on at three minutes. We don't have a light  
19 tonight. How many of you are expecting to make a  
20 comment? Just raise your hand. So there's probably  
21 going to be time for us to kind of get through comments  
22 without making you sort of complete it in two minutes  
23 or three minutes. But I think you, at the same time,  
24 want to respect the other people who might have  
25 something to say. If it gets to -- if I feel that



1 you're kind of taking longer than people in the room  
2 might have expected, I'll start walking towards you.  
3 That will be your clue. So if I'm walking towards you,  
4 it means think about maybe wrapping up. Yes, sir?

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can we ask -- during the  
6 comments, can we ask a question and get an answer after  
7 our comment?

8 MR. DEWAR: Generally, it's a good idea to kind  
9 of keep the comments coming. We've got until 9:00  
10 o'clock tonight. So perhaps what we should do, if  
11 you've got questions that you aren't able to address  
12 during the presentation, then we'll have a kind of a  
13 question time at the end. Does that sound okay? So at  
14 about 8:00 o'clock maybe, we'll have an hour to go, and  
15 we'll sort of take stock of things and see if there are  
16 questions. Can we try that? Yes, ma'am?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So this meeting is different  
18 from last meeting because we can ask questions and they  
19 might get answers?

20 MR. DEWAR: This meeting is different from last  
21 meeting. Questions and answers -- there's going to be  
22 a presentation. The focus of this meeting really is on  
23 getting the best comments that we can get out of --  
24 from all of you. That's what this is all about.

25 During the presentation, we've broken down the

1 presentation into sort of three segments. At the end  
2 of the segment, we'll take a break and take questions  
3 about that piece of the presentation. General  
4 questions, I think, you're going to find are already --  
5 we don't know yet. Certainly, we can -- this is  
6 different from the last meeting. This is a scoping  
7 meeting for an EIR. Tania is going to explain that.

8 In fact, I'm beginning to feel that I'm getting  
9 into Tania's things. Any other ground rules that you  
10 want to help stick to? And then we'll move on. So be  
11 respectful; one person speaks at a time; short and  
12 sweet. And we can add to that if it turns out we need  
13 another rule. It'll be obvious. We'll go on to the  
14 presentation. Tania?

15 MS. TREIS: So I'm Tania Treis. Lisa had  
16 introduced me. I'm with Panorama Environmental. We  
17 are the environmental consultants who are preparing the  
18 EIR. We also worked on the initial study. Many of you  
19 saw me last time at the meeting a couple months ago.

20 So really quickly, I'm going to give a brief  
21 overview of what I'm going to cover in the  
22 presentation. Like Nicholas said, we'll have some  
23 break points for some questions about the material I  
24 just presented.

25 So I've got a brief project history. A little

1 bit of this will be a brief repeat of what Lisa had  
2 just gone over. We'll talk a little bit about CEQA and  
3 the EIR process that we're going to embark on now. And  
4 then we'll give a little break so that you can ask  
5 questions about the process.

6 We'll continue on with an overview of the  
7 proposed project and the alternatives. And I'll talk a  
8 little more about alternatives, because this is  
9 something that's very different from the last time.  
10 I'll introduce you to the environmental topics of an  
11 EIR. And again, this is to give you an introduction to  
12 what the EIR is going to look at and where you can give  
13 input and feedback. And then we'll open it up to the  
14 comment period. Before we open up to the comment  
15 period, I'll pass it back to Nicholas and he'll get us  
16 all set up for how we're going to do the comments and  
17 the comment period.

18 MS. ORSABA: Can I just interrupt? Tania, will  
19 you remind them of the close of the formal comment  
20 period that is February 18th? That's a date to keep in  
21 mind.

22 MS. TREIS: Yes. A date to keep in mind for  
23 the scoping comments is February 18th. We have it a  
24 few times in the presentation as well. That's the  
25 cutoff for submitting your comments. And again, you

1 can submit them via e-mail, via mail, at this meeting.  
2 Again, we'll have a record of comments that are  
3 provided orally at the meeting. We'll reiterate that  
4 again. And we have a final slide that has the date as  
5 well.

6 So a little bit of history. As Lisa had  
7 mentioned, PG&E submitted an application and a  
8 Proponents' Environmental Assessment for this project  
9 in early 2012. CPUC reviewed that application, and it  
10 was deemed complete in about April of 2012.

11 After that point, we had put all the  
12 information up on the CPUC website and we embarked on  
13 an initial study. And initially we thought that a  
14 Mitigated Negative Declaration would be the appropriate  
15 decision document for this project. We circulated that  
16 initial study, the MND, for a 45-day plus review, which  
17 was beyond the CEQA requirement of 30 days, to allow  
18 the public to have a little more time to review and  
19 digest the information. And that occurred in October  
20 and November of 2013. We also did a public meeting in  
21 November of 2013, where we were able to hear a lot more  
22 of your concerns.

23 And again, through early December, we received  
24 many of your concerns over e-mail in the close of the  
25 comment period. We received many, many comments, as

1 I'm sure many of you know. Many of you submitted  
2 comments. And we looked at those comments and decided  
3 that it was appropriate, based on the feedback from the  
4 public and what you guys have said, that we should do  
5 an EIR for this project.

6 And once that decision was made, under CEQA, we  
7 were required to issue a notice of preparation for an  
8 EIR. That's where we are right now. That was issued  
9 on January 17th, for a 30-day public review period.  
10 And the purpose of the NOP is really to get your  
11 feedback again on what your concerns are with this  
12 project, what you want to see in the EIR, what issues  
13 you think are significant, may need mitigation, to give  
14 input, so that we can look at that and make the EIR  
15 address your concerns.

16 So what is an EIR? Environmental Impact  
17 Report. This is an informational document. And its  
18 purpose is to inform the public, as well as the  
19 decision makers, of what a proposed project is and what  
20 are the potential environmental effects. Document  
21 looks at the effects and it looks at and presents ways  
22 where there could be significant effects, ways to  
23 minimize those effects, with mitigation measures.

24 Another purpose of the EIR is to look at a  
25 range of alternatives. And this is one area that is



1 different from the initial study that we had sent out  
2 before. So again, it'll provide some additional  
3 environmental analysis. It'll go beyond what we did in  
4 the initial study. We'll look at the comments received  
5 from the public, during the scoping period, as well as  
6 the comments we received on the draft IS. We'll do  
7 some initial analysis and do some additional analysis  
8 and mitigation in the EIR. We'll include a robust  
9 evaluation for alternatives as required by the CEQA and  
10 many opportunities for public review and input in this  
11 process.

12 So this slide just shows the process. It's a  
13 process flow diagram. What this shows is, on the left  
14 hand side, is the CEQA process. This is what we're  
15 focused on here tonight. At the same time, there's the  
16 administrative process with the CPUC. And as we get  
17 through the CEQA process, the information from the CEQA  
18 process will be provided to the administrative law  
19 judge, who will make a decision on this project.

20 So the EIR will be one piece of information  
21 given to the judge in terms of whether or not to  
22 approve this project. And again, we're early again  
23 here. We're at the scoping and public meeting phase.

24 The next step will be issuing a draft EIR.  
25 That will go out for a 45-day public review period.

1 And we'll look at the comments and respond to comments  
2 and issue a final EIR at the end of that. The next  
3 steps -- again, we're in the scoping period from here  
4 through February 18th.

5 We're going to be collecting comments from the  
6 public based on the Notice of Preparation that many of  
7 you received. It's also available on the website.  
8 We're going to take that input. And over the next  
9 several months, we're going to work on the analysis and  
10 prepare the draft EIR.

11 We anticipate the draft EIR will be out for  
12 public review around June. This is really tentative.  
13 There's a lot of things that can change the schedule.  
14 But that's our target right now for the release of the  
15 draft EIR. June, July, will be the public review  
16 period. And then we expect and will need a couple  
17 months to go through those comments and to prepare  
18 meaningful responses and to adapt or edit the EIR as  
19 appropriate. So we're looking at around maybe October  
20 to have a final EIR.

21 Again, the website will be updated as things  
22 change, as new information comes in. We're constantly  
23 updating the website, so that's a good place to look to  
24 find out where we are on the schedule. You can also  
25 contact us if you have questions about the progress of

1 the project or the schedule on the project.

2 MS. ORSABA: This presentation will be on the  
3 website also this week probably.

4 MS. TREIS: Yes.

5 MR. DEWAR: Questions about the process? This  
6 is one of the three little moments we have to really  
7 ask questions about what we just heard from Tania.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You give all the information  
9 to a judge, one person, who then makes the decision?  
10 And who is that person.

11 MS. ORSABA: There's an administrative law  
12 judge assigned to every proceeding at the California  
13 Public Utilities Commission. This proceeding, by the  
14 way, has a number. It's 12-01 -- anyway, it has an  
15 administrative number, And there's a law judge  
16 assigned. And the law judge takes the information from  
17 those of us who are doing the CEQA review and he makes  
18 the final right to --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What's his name?

20 MS. ORSABA: His name is Robert Mason.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What jurisdiction is he in?

22 MS. ORSABA: He's an administrative law judge  
23 at the California Public Utilities Commission.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He works for you?

25 MS. ORSABA: He works for the Commission.

1           MR. DEWAR:   You in the back, ma'am?

2           AUDIENCE MEMBER:   So going back, Panorama  
3 originally made a study and gave a negative mitigated  
4 declaration to the Public Utilities Commission saying  
5 we don't need an EIR.   What changed that?   And if  
6 you're doing the study again, it's the same agency that  
7 already said we don't need an Environmental Impact  
8 Report.   Why is the PUC still staying with Panorama?

9           MS. TREIS:   It's actually a CPUC document.  
10 Panorama is a third party.   We're actually considered  
11 one with the CPUC in terms of the preparation for this  
12 document.   We work under their guidance.   Again, this  
13 is part of the CEQA process.

14           The reason why we're going to an EIR now is  
15 there's a step where the document goes out for public  
16 review, and the public can provide us with input that  
17 maybe we didn't have feedback in terms of your concerns  
18 that we didn't have before that point.   You can provide  
19 us with evidence of what you think may be in effect.  
20 And that's what happened in this case.   We received a  
21 lot of comments, a lot of concerns about visual  
22 impacts.   So under the law, we determined that, based  
23 on that review, there's new evidence and, therefore, we  
24 should prepare an EIR.

25           MR. DEWAR:   We have a few questions.   I'm

1 hesitant about doing a lot of questioning now. We'll  
2 do --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a couple really good  
4 questions. Just for clarification. I understand that  
5 number that's linked to this study. I've been on the  
6 CPUC website. The commissioner who's assigned to  
7 monitor this is the head commissioner. And I'm just  
8 clarifying. This Robert Mason, administrative law  
9 judge, is not the same as the head CPUC commissioner,  
10 or is he?

11 MS. ORSABA: I'll answer that question. Can  
12 you hear me? So any proceeding that comes to the  
13 California Public Utilities Commission is assigned to a  
14 commissioner's office. So there are five  
15 commissioners. Any proceeding is assigned to one of  
16 those commissioners.

17 Commissioner Peevey is the president of the  
18 commission. The proceeding is also assigned to an  
19 administrative law judge, and the administrative law  
20 judge writes a proposed decision at the end of this  
21 process. This is true for any proceeding, all  
22 proceedings, all kinds of things.

23 Administrative law judge writes a proposed  
24 decision. And the commission, the full commission,  
25 votes on that decision. They can either adopt the

1 decision that the judge writes, or they can decline to  
2 adopt it.

3 So the commission is the final authority. The  
4 judge writes a decision, making basically a  
5 recommendation, a reasoned decision, as decisions are  
6 supposed to be, and judicial proceedings. And that's  
7 how this, as all other proceedings, make their way  
8 through the California Public Utilities Commission.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just to clarify really  
10 quickly. So who vets the judge? Is there anybody who  
11 vets the judge, or is that the last judge?

12 MS. ORSABA: I don't understand what you mean  
13 vets the judge?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is that the last step? So  
15 once it gets to the administrative law judge, there is  
16 no more room for development? He writes it, and that's  
17 the final document and it goes to the CPUC, right?

18 MS. ORSABA: That's not the final document.  
19 The final document is the final decision, not the  
20 proposed decision. The final decision that is voted on  
21 by the full California Public Utilities Commissioner.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Five commissioners. Who  
23 received the January 17th notice for 30-day public  
24 review? Because I'm kind of surprised. I never knew  
25 about this project until after the first meeting was



1 held. I was never on that list.

2 MS. ORSABA: There are noticing requirements  
3 for all applications of this kind at the CPUC. They're  
4 governed by General Order 131-D. So PG&E has to send  
5 out notices. They did that in compliance with 131-D.  
6 I know that, because I had to find their application  
7 complete. I couldn't have done that if their notices  
8 weren't adequate. They were adequate.

9 In addition, CEQA has notice requirements. And  
10 in both, with the first round of the Initial Study,  
11 Mitigated Negative Declaration, we noticed according to  
12 CEQA. And again, this Notice of Preparation for the  
13 EIR, we again noticed. If you're not within a certain  
14 distance of the proposed distance --

15 MR. DEWAR: Hang on a second.  
16 Go ahead.

17 MS. ORSABA: If you're not a property owner  
18 within 300 feet of those alignments, you're not  
19 required -- we're not required to notice you. This is  
20 also -- this project, as you know, has also received  
21 press attention. I'm sorry if you didn't hear about  
22 it. But I do know that we exceeded the noticing  
23 requirements. This is a big project. Already a lot of  
24 people interested in it. We went to lengths to make  
25 sure that you were adequately noticed.

1           MR. DEWAR: We've got a line here.

2           (Brief pause.)

3           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are our previous comments  
4 considered, or are we starting all over again?

5           MS. ORSABA: The comments that you've already  
6 submitted were taken into account, getting to this  
7 decision to move forward with an EIR. They will most  
8 certainly be taken into account in our analysis in the  
9 EIR. So you don't have to reiterate them, write them,  
10 resubmit them. If you have anything new, please do  
11 submit those questions. But be assured that the  
12 comments you've already given us, we have. And we have  
13 a record of them. And we heard you.

14           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Could you go back to slide  
15 two? One more. That one. So in bullet number two and  
16 bullet number three, what's the process for those?  
17 Identifying ways to minimize the effects and also  
18 evaluating the range of alternatives. What's the  
19 process?

20           MS. TREIS: So the -- yeah. The process is,  
21 again, looking at the project as it's proposed, looking  
22 at the requirements under CEQA. CEQA identifies  
23 several environmental parameters to be looked at. And  
24 it identifies what are thresholds of significance in  
25 terms of effects. And then we look at the project --

1 we may have to do some studies, things like visual  
2 simulations. We'd done those in the draft, and I know  
3 there was a lot of concern about them, so those were  
4 revisited, and do biological studies. And we take the  
5 outcome of the studies and we prepare an analysis.

6 And if we find that there is a significant  
7 threshold tripped, then we try to find mitigation to  
8 reduce below that threshold. It varies by parameter.  
9 Sometimes it's a little more subjective. Sometimes  
10 something like air quality, you have strict standards  
11 and you can do an emissions model and look at how much  
12 the project is going to emit and you can say it's less  
13 than the threshold or it's more than it, therefore we  
14 have to do something to make this less than  
15 significant.

16 Sometimes it's a little more subjective and we  
17 use experts to make the call in terms of whether that's  
18 going to be a significant effect or what can be done to  
19 reduce the effect.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So Panorama identifies the  
21 ways to minimize or eliminate the effects?

22 MS. TREIS: Our technical specialists, yes.  
23 These are people who have qualifications and  
24 credentials in this area. For example, we have a  
25 biologist who has good a background in biology, many

1 years of experience. The biologist we have is actually  
2 permitted in the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander. So  
3 he's an expert in the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander  
4 area. He's a recognized expert. He's worked with the  
5 agencies. He's done these surveys before. He's going  
6 to be the person who's going to go through and look at  
7 and say what is this project and what effects could it  
8 have, and, based on his knowledge of the biology, what  
9 can we do to reduce those effects.

10 MR. DEWAR: Ma'am, go ahead. Actually, before  
11 you start, we're getting -- this is longer than we  
12 anticipated. What I propose is we take these three  
13 questions and move on to the next topic.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My questions touch on the  
15 subjects already discussed. This will be quick. On  
16 the administrative judge's decision, how often is his  
17 decision not abided by by the five commissioners?

18 MS. ORSABA: I couldn't tell you.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do they usually take his  
20 suggestions?

21 MS. ORSABA: I really can't answer that  
22 question. I don't think it's knowable.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sure it's knowable.

24 MS. ORSABA: I don't have statistics on how  
25 often a proposed decision is accepted by the

1 commission. It really depends.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I've had a doctor's  
3 appointment, so I was really late coming in. Are you  
4 with Panorama?

5 MS. ORSABA: I'm with the California Public  
6 Utilities Commission. Just so that you know, the  
7 contract that we have with Panorama requires them to  
8 provide resumes for all of the specialists and all the  
9 various CEQA Appendix G, all those areas. So all of  
10 the people that work for Panorama or the contractors  
11 that we do have to -- we have to hire somebody who  
12 knows about air quality. We see their resumes. We  
13 have to approve them.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: To follow up on, since you  
15 are with the Public Utilities Commission, there are no  
16 statistics, there's no public records showing when the  
17 judge, the administrative judge, gives his decision to  
18 the commissioners? Isn't that part of public record  
19 someplace, all of those decisions?

20 MS. ORSABA: I don't even know if that's been  
21 compiled. It might be, historically.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let's just say in the last  
23 five years.

24 MS. ORSABA: I'm sure it's something that  
25 someone could --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But you don't have access --

2 MS. ORSABA: I'm not saying I don't have  
3 access.

4 MS. TREIS: Just hasn't been done.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is it typical, atypical? Is  
6 it typical that the commissioner follows the judge's  
7 report? We have no idea whether it's half the time or  
8 80 percent of the time.

9 MS. ORSABA: I wouldn't want to say.

10 MR. DEWAR: I think that's the most  
11 satisfaction you're going to get. You're not finished?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No. Another issue was the  
13 public notice. I called and spoke with somebody at  
14 Panorama. She was very, very helpful. But I received  
15 the letter last week. I did not realize that it  
16 affected our property -- literally, in front of our  
17 house -- until the neighbor called up and said, "Did  
18 you get the letter?" And so then I called Panorama to  
19 find out what roads specifically were involved and the  
20 various alternative routes, and I was told that wasn't  
21 available, even though the letters had been sent out.

22 I asked if they could please post it to the  
23 website before this meeting. This was just the end of  
24 last week. I said it seemed like this meeting was  
25 rather premature, since a lot of the people involved



1 did not receive the letter or did not realize it  
2 literally affected their homes.

3 Now, the alternative routes, I've gone through  
4 the last several pages of your document -- I didn't  
5 read it all because there wasn't time -- but I did read  
6 the alternative routes. We're Aptos Ridge Circle in  
7 the Aptos hills. I don't know if we're the southern  
8 route or are we part of the flight road route. It  
9 seems like, if we're having a public meeting, you're  
10 supposed to review and have the public know about it,  
11 and if the public hasn't been informed fully, it seems  
12 like this is going to be a little bit premature. Those  
13 that are going to have their lives dramatically  
14 impacted by this project, a lot of them don't know  
15 about it yet.

16 MS. ORSABA: Thank you for the comment. We've  
17 done the Notice of Preparation, which is required by  
18 CEQA, and went out on January 17th. The comment  
19 period -- this is a CEQA requirement -- is 30 days. We  
20 strive to have a meeting somewhere on the early side,  
21 giving people enough opportunity to look at the  
22 information and then come to the meeting and still have  
23 enough time on the other side of the meeting to provide  
24 comments.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you post on the website

1 all of the roads for the specific alternative routes,  
2 so that people that are involved --

3 MS. TREIS: We don't necessarily have that  
4 information.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The letters have gone out to  
6 the --

7 MS. TREIS: So, again, this is early in the  
8 process. If you notice, the posters, we call them  
9 preliminary alternatives. It has not been ironed out  
10 what these are to the level of detail of the proposed  
11 project. Part of this meeting is to get your input in  
12 order to help us further develop those. The chance  
13 where you're going to get to see what those  
14 alternatives are will be on the draft EIR. Again,  
15 there's a big comment period on the draft EIR, where  
16 you have more information, you've got the alternatives  
17 fully flushed out, and you can go through it and look  
18 at that and provide feedback and comments.

19 Under CEQA, once the lead agency determines  
20 that an EIR is going to be prepared, they're obligated  
21 to send out the NOP immediately. We actually have a  
22 lot more information than most EIRs have at this phase.  
23 Usually it's a very early step in the process, where  
24 you're just getting feedback and input from the public.

25 MR. DEWAR: I'm kind of anxious to move on.

1           MS. ORSABA:    Let me just say one thing.   This  
2   is for everyone here, and especially for you.   Please  
3   make sure that your name and your e-mail address is on  
4   the list at the door.   We have a distribution list,  
5   apart from property owners, and we will make sure that  
6   you are notified of everything going forward.   You can  
7   always check the website.   But you can get on the list.  
8   Your neighbors can get on the list.   People in other  
9   counties can get on the list.   Anybody who wants to say  
10   something about this project can do that by getting on  
11   our distribution list, whether or not you have property  
12   in the area.   So please make sure your name is on the  
13   list.

14           AUDIENCE MEMBER:   I am on the list.   But I'm  
15   just curious --

16           MR. DEWAR:   Hang on a second.   We're going to  
17   make another ground rule.

18           AUDIENCE MEMBER:   I'm curious what roads are  
19   actually involved, and you're saying you don't know at  
20   this point.

21           MR. DEWAR:   Please keep quiet so we can hear  
22   the question.

23           AUDIENCE MEMBER:   One of your comments actually  
24   mentions a resident on Bens Way, two residents on White  
25   Road, that would be displaced.   Now, in another

1 document --

2 MR. DEWAR: You know what? I want to  
3 interrupt. That's not what we've been discussing. So  
4 let's move on. There's another ground rule that I want  
5 to propose, and it's up to you whether you want it or  
6 not. Just ask one question. And then we come back to  
7 you if there's time for your subsequent questions.  
8 Would anyone object to that?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Turn off cell phones, please.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can we do a single follow-up  
11 on a question?

12 MR. DEWAR: Any objections? With a single  
13 follow up? Okay. Go ahead. With a single follow-up.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is the judge's decision  
15 appealable by other courts?

16 MS. ORSABA: Decisions -- not the judge. The  
17 judge's decision goes to the full commission. The  
18 commission makes a final decision. The final decisions  
19 at the California Public Utilities Commission and CEQA  
20 can be appealed to the California Supreme Court.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just want to make a  
22 statement that we were not notified, and it's within 26  
23 feet of our home. And our notification was to  
24 occupant.

25 MR. DEWAR: Thank you.

1 MS. ORSABA: I'd like to -- give us your name  
2 after, and we'll try and figure out what happened.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I actually have the same  
4 question as that woman did about whether the  
5 commissioners ever vote against the judge's decision.

6 MS. ORSABA: Oh, yes, they do vote against the  
7 judge's decision. She asked how often and what the  
8 statistics are. And that, I don't know. But yes, they  
9 do vote against them. Often.

10 MR. DEWAR: Thank you, everyone. Let's move  
11 on. We'll come back for questions at the end of the  
12 presentation. Go ahead.

13 MS. TREIS: So this next section is about the  
14 proposed project. Again, a lot of you are probably  
15 aware of what the proposed project was from the  
16 previous meeting and Initial Study.

17 Just to reiterate, the purpose of the project  
18 is to improve the electrical reliability of the system.  
19 The population and demand has increased substantially.  
20 This line was put in in the 1970s and has not been  
21 upgraded since, or has had only minor upgrades since.  
22 The demand has increased 30 to 60 percent. And  
23 therefore, there's regional reliability issues. The  
24 purpose of this project is basically to address those  
25 issues.

1           Now, I will say that we did receive a lot of  
2       comments about the purpose and need that, it was too  
3       brief from the Initial Study. So one of the things  
4       we'll put in the EIR is more information for you on why  
5       this project is needed. That's going to be addressed  
6       with a more robust section on the purpose and need in  
7       the EIR.

8           This graphic just shows the project location.  
9       So the project includes two segments. There's the  
10      Northern Alignment, which follows an existing 115-kV  
11      power line. What that section includes is doing two  
12      circuits where there's one circuit now.

13           MR. DEWAR: I can point. This is the Northern  
14      Alignment.

15           MS. TREIS: This is the Northern Alignment  
16      here. Again, we have some posters up over in the  
17      corner after if you want to take a look. They're more  
18      detailed. The Northern Alignment, like I said, there's  
19      an existing 115-kV single-circuit line. Proposed  
20      project is going to place a second line, a second  
21      115-kV circuit on that line.

22           And then there's the Cox-Freedom Segment, which  
23      is this segment here, which will include a  
24      single-circuit new 115-kV power line that's going to be  
25      installed along an existing distribution line.



1           So just a summary of what I just said. It's  
2 adding a second 115-kV circuit and a single-circuit  
3 along Cox-Freedom into the Rob Roy Substation. The  
4 project elements include the Northern Alignment, the  
5 Cox-Freedom Segment, the Rob Roy Substation  
6 modifications.

7           The Northern Alignment is roughly 7.1 miles  
8 long. As many of you know, this section includes pole  
9 replacement. So existing 60-foot approximately wood  
10 poles are going to be replaced roughly one for one by  
11 90-foot tubular steel poles that will be a rust color.

12           The Cox-Freedom Segment is 1.7 miles long and  
13 roughly 39-foot tall wood poles will be replaced with  
14 transmission poles, 89-foot transmission poles. This  
15 is a large size jump. This is something we know is of  
16 concern to the community. It includes four steel poles  
17 along the alignment; two on the ends and two in the  
18 middle.

19           Rob Roy Substation is some minor modifications  
20 with poles and some equipment there. That's a little  
21 bit less of a concern.

22           So as part of this process, the EIR process,  
23 which was not required under the Initial Study, is to  
24 look at alternatives. We may have some new people in  
25 the room, because we did -- though it's not required

1 under CEQA, we did try and notify people roughly along  
2 the preliminary alternative routes. And CEQA requires  
3 under an EIR that alternatives are looked at. We  
4 looked at alternatives that meet the project objective.

5 Our objective generally here is to improve the  
6 reliability and upgrade the system. Alternatives are  
7 looked at to reduce environmental effects. What other  
8 routes can you use, what other methods can be done to  
9 reduce the effects of the proposed project.

10 Again, under CEQA, we're only required to look  
11 at alternatives that substantially meet the objectives  
12 of the proposed project. You know, putting the  
13 transmission somewhere else, or building a new power  
14 plant, is not necessarily meeting the objectives of the  
15 proposed project and, therefore, doesn't have to be  
16 considered in detail.

17 There's a couple different types of  
18 alternatives. We're obligated to look at the no  
19 project alternative, feasible alternatives -- there's  
20 three different types of alternatives. One is a no  
21 project alternative. This is if the project is not  
22 constructive, what does that look like, what are the  
23 effects, is that possible. We look at alternatives  
24 considered but eliminated. So some alternatives may be  
25 looked at, but they may be determined to be infeasible,

1 for engineering reasons, for various reasons they may  
2 be determined infeasible. We describe those  
3 alternatives, we describe how we came to the conclusion  
4 that they're infeasible, and we present that in a  
5 document. And then we look at feasible alternatives.  
6 So these are carried forward for analysis. These are  
7 ones that meet the objective and reduce the  
8 environmental effects and are feasible.

9 Under CEQA guidelines, we'll be required to  
10 identify what's the environmentally superior  
11 alternative. Again, here are three preliminary  
12 alternatives. As has been noted, these have been  
13 described in the proponent's environmental assessment  
14 by PG&E. They're going to be refined.

15 There may be additional alternatives. This is  
16 area the public may comment. If you think you have an  
17 alternative that will work nicely, you can present that  
18 as a comment during this process to be considered. Or  
19 if there's adjustments in the alternatives, you can  
20 present those in your comments. We're still looking at  
21 it.

22 One of the alternatives we're going to look at  
23 is undergrounding. We're looking at, in particular,  
24 portions of the Cox-Freedom Segment and whether  
25 portions of that segment can be undergrounded.

1 The feasibility is still being evaluated. So we don't  
2 know at this time that it's feasible. PG&E is out  
3 there. I think you're going to see some people out in  
4 the streets doing some studies to try and determine if  
5 this is an option along the alignment and, if it is,  
6 what portions is it feasible. It will require some  
7 wider easements. It will also require some additional  
8 tall steel poles on either end of the underground  
9 segment. So you don't get completely away from the  
10 visual facts. You're going to have some poles to  
11 transition to underground. And just of note is, with  
12 undergrounding, the existing distribution lines would  
13 not be undergrounded.

14 So another alternative is the Valencia Route.  
15 This basically follows the Northern Alignment, but it  
16 shoots down to Green Valley Substation along a  
17 different road. So it crosses that Fern Flat Road, so  
18 that the segment of the new 115-kV is shorter.

19 And then there's the Southern Alignment, which  
20 includes rebuilding the southern and existing 115-kV  
21 line along the south between the substations. So this  
22 one requires new easements, and there's also some  
23 issues with gas lines that are located in that area.

24 So this figure just quickly shows -- this is  
25 the Southern Alignment here. It's a little hard to see

1 without color. It goes between Green Valley and Rob  
2 Roy, and it basically follows an existing 115-kV line  
3 the whole way. But there are some technical issues  
4 with this alignment. And then this is the Valencia  
5 Alternative. It follows the Northern. But instead of  
6 coming down Cox and freedom, it goes a little further  
7 to Fern Flat and goes this way.

8 MR. DEWAR: Okay. So now we'll take questions  
9 on this segment. We're a -- we're quite far behind our  
10 schedule. We'll see how it goes.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm wondering if this is just  
12 one section of a larger project? Because on those  
13 maps, it goes to Rob Roy, but then there's a green line  
14 that goes out to Highway 17.

15 MS. TREIS: That map shows the overall -- the  
16 whole system. This is a contained project in and of  
17 itself, and the purpose is to upgrade between the Green  
18 Valley and the Rob Roy Substation.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just this section needs  
20 upgrading? It's not like, okay, we're gonna do that,  
21 and then we're gonna do that?

22 MS. TREIS: Right now, this is the section  
23 that's proposed.

24 MS. ORSABA: Let me just -- I can answer that  
25 question as well. This is an application for this

1 project. PG&E cannot construct another project without  
2 another application and another round of public  
3 hearings. So this is for this project only.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I used to live right by the  
5 high power lines on Cox Road and moved away from them  
6 after I read this book. And I want this included. The  
7 Great Power-Line Cover-Up; How the Utilities and the  
8 Government Are Trying to Hide the Cancer Hazard Posed  
9 by Electromagnetic Fields, Paul Brodeur's book.

10 MR. DEWAR: Ma'am, this is a comment.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I am making a comment.

12 MR. DEWAR: This is a question and answer  
13 period.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The question is, will you put  
15 this in the record? I want this in the record on the  
16 environmental and health impact.

17 MR. DEWAR: What I'd like you to do, ma'am, so  
18 that we get it in the record, is come up and make a  
19 comment during the comment period and/or do a written  
20 comment. Is that okay?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And PG&E is not interested.  
22 Think of Erin Brockovich.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How are costs factored into  
24 the decisionmaking process and the alternatives chosen?

25 MS. ORSABA: Under CEQA, which is what we're



1 doing, we don't take into account costs. The  
2 commission may review costs. The judge may review  
3 costs. But that's not what we're doing. Yes, ma'am?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Gas lines; where are they?

5 MS. ORSABA: I don't know where the gas lines  
6 are. This is something --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They're right under the  
8 existing lines.

9 MS. ORSABA: These are all questions that you  
10 can write down and we can ask PG&E.

11 MR. DEWAR: You, sir?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The question is, the original  
13 Mitigated Negative Declaration was five alternatives,  
14 and we notice in the letter this time around there was  
15 three alternatives. It's interesting that we're kind  
16 of decreasing, rather than looking at more.

17 MS. TREIS: Again, those were preliminary.  
18 We're at the early stage. As we're developing  
19 alternatives, we may add those in. It could be that it  
20 didn't reduce an environmental effect to the degree  
21 that we would need to consider this feasible  
22 alternative. We could add those back in, if you think  
23 one of them should be submitted as a comment. This  
24 just what we presented here are the preliminaries, so  
25 it could give you something to comment on.

1           MR. DEWAR:   Yes, sir?

2           AUDIENCE MEMBER:   Why was the possibility of  
3 the existing lines being put underground not  
4 considered, as long as they're putting the new lines  
5 there?

6           MS. ORSABA:   Are you talking about the  
7 distribution lines?   Let me answer that question,  
8 because it's governed by a CPUC rule.   It's CPUC  
9 Electric Rule 20.   It requires that existing overhead  
10 power lines, they can be underground, but generally --  
11 it's a little confusing, and bear with me.   I  
12 understand it, but it's a little hard to explain.

13           All new distribution lines are underground.  
14 This isn't a new distribution line, the one at  
15 Cox-Freedom.   It's an existing overhead distribution  
16 line.   So Rule 20 governs that.   And it would  
17 require -- it can be underground, but all of the  
18 facilities on those poles, the cable, the  
19 telecommunications, fiber optics, those have to be  
20 underground, and the companies that own those  
21 facilities also have to underground their facilities.

22           And the costs are borne by you basically, by  
23 customers.   Your yards would have to be trenched  
24 through, because the line that is now overhead would  
25 have to be underground.   That would be your expense.

1 It's an expense borne by the rate payers of the state  
2 for distribution facilities. I know in some ways you  
3 wonder why PG&E -- should this alternative be adopted,  
4 they're undergrounding 115-kV, why they don't  
5 underground distribution. It's because of the cost  
6 involved. So the cost would be borne by property  
7 owners.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What if the neighborhood  
9 agreed to bear those costs?

10 MS. ORSABA: It can be done.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How would we do that?

12 MS. ORSABA: Look at Rule 20. It's on the  
13 website. It's not on this website. CPUC. Not Google.  
14 Use your search engine to look at CPUC Electric Rule  
15 20.

16 I think localities also -- for instance, a  
17 downtown area, in Santa Cruz, for instance, may decide  
18 that they want to underground the existing overheads.  
19 For instance, in San Francisco, full of ugly overhead  
20 distribution lines, but to underground them is very  
21 expensive. So San Francisco would float a bond to  
22 underground those facilities. So it's a big process.

23 MR. DEWAR: You, ma'am?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm from Old Adobe Road. I'm  
25 a road secretary. We have 20 homes on that road that

1 are affected. It's an alternative, which I just  
2 learned tonight. I didn't understand that. And the  
3 idea of submitting comments, it's unclear to us what it  
4 is you're planning to do. We do have high-powered gas  
5 lines running alongside the electrical lines.

6 And I'm sure that you that we would have  
7 comments if we understood what it was that maybe you're  
8 going to do. If you can help us out on that, I'm sure  
9 that we can get some comments in to you.

10 MS. TREIS: So, again, as we said earlier,  
11 there's going to be two comment periods. Now, these  
12 alternatives aren't entirely flushed out. We're going  
13 to work on developing them in more detail. You can  
14 submit a comment saying there are high-powered gas  
15 lines, this is a concern to us, please address that in  
16 the EIR.

17 When the draft EIR comes out, there's going to  
18 be more information for you to comment on. Once we  
19 issue the draft EIR, you're going to have an  
20 alternative analysis with more information.

21 That being said, the next part of this slide  
22 show is going to go over the environmental parameters,  
23 things that could be affected that the EIR will  
24 address. That will give you some more guidance on  
25 comments you want to make. For example, that Southern

1 Alignment has more Santa Cruz long-toed salamanders, so  
2 there could be more effect. Biology is a topic covered  
3 in the EIR.

4 MR. DEWAR: Let's switch to this side of the  
5 room.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Some of the stuff in the  
7 letter and in your presentation says different or  
8 larger easements might be required. What sort of  
9 authority and process is used when new easements are  
10 required?

11 MS. ORSABA: If we're talking specifically  
12 about the Cox-Freedom Segment -- because we received a  
13 lot of comments about that segment, most of the  
14 comments were about the Cox-Freedom Segment -- we did  
15 receive a lot of comments asking that underground be  
16 considered. In order for undergrounding to be  
17 considered, it might be the case that PG&E needs  
18 greater easements. We don't know. These questions are  
19 all things that we'll be looking at in the next round  
20 in the analysis. So we don't know now how much larger  
21 easements, if they would need to be enlarged at all.

22 MS. TREIS: That's a good comment to submit,  
23 saying, "Please indicate in the description of the  
24 alternatives of the EIR what additional easements and  
25 what size they may be for undergrounding." That's a

1 great comment to submit at this stage of the process,  
2 so we know to look at it and include it.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My question was really what  
4 do you do if you think you need different easements,  
5 then what happens? You don't just send us a letter  
6 saying, "We're taking a bigger easement."

7 MS. ORSABA: No, no. The utilities and the  
8 state work with property owners to come to agreements  
9 about extending easements and right-of-ways.  
10 Generally, that's what happens. It's not something  
11 that is under the purview of the CEQA document. We can  
12 get you information in the end, if they need additional  
13 easements. They have to work with property owners.

14 MR. DEWAR: Gentleman in the blue shirt.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: In the beginning, you  
16 mentioned 1970s, this line was installed. That's 40  
17 years ago. Going from three lines to six lines. What  
18 happens in 30 years when the population doubles in  
19 Santa Cruz County, is it going to 12 lines? That's why  
20 people are bringing up the idea of underground. Who  
21 wants to be looking at this 30 years from now, or even  
22 next year, when they start? You see?

23 MS. TREIS: I don't think we really have an  
24 answer to that one. It's noted. And that would be,  
25 again, something you can submit as a comment in terms



1 of addressing what are related actions to this project.

2 MR. DEWAR: The lady in the white hat, and then  
3 the lady with the glasses.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It looked in the Green Valley  
5 section that part of the lines are going -- or are  
6 around Pinto Lake. If that's correct, is the Army  
7 Corps of Engineers involved? And then are the Feds  
8 involved then?

9 MS. TREIS: No. The proposed alignment does  
10 not go through Pinto Lake. It goes through the park,  
11 but it doesn't touch the water. There are a couple  
12 small wetland areas, really small wetland areas.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are the Army Corps of  
14 Engineers involved in that?

15 MS. TREIS: Yes. PG&E will have to obtain a  
16 permit from them for those specific areas.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does that mean, even if it's  
18 really small, doesn't that mean, under law, that the  
19 National Environmental Policy --

20 MS. TREIS: They'll have to comply with those  
21 permits specifically, but not for the overall project.

22 MR. DEWAR: We're going beyond the follow-up  
23 question rule. Do you want to be really brief?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does that mean that the Feds  
25 trump the state act? Should we then be following the

1       **Feds guidelines?**

2               **MS. ORSABA:**     Actually, no.

3               **MS. TREIS:**   That's just specific to the permit  
4       for those little wetland areas.

5               **MR. DEWAR:**   I want to make sure we move on.  
6       Let's take a question from the lady with the glasses,  
7       and then the lady with the red shirt.

8               **AUDIENCE MEMBER:**   It seems like the focus has  
9       really been shifted away from the Northern Alignment.  
10      I didn't see any alternatives proposed to that. That's  
11      right out here in the apple orchard and the whole  
12      Corralitos scenic view corridor. I live right next  
13      door to the poles. And I just haven't heard anything  
14      about alternatives to that.

15              **MS. TREIS:**   So the Southern Alignment is an  
16      alternative to it. It doesn't touch the Northern and  
17      the Corralitos area at all. The Southern Alignment --  
18      you're asking about, is there an alternative to the  
19      Northern Alignment, and that is the Southern Alignment.

20              **AUDIENCE MEMBER:**   Oh.

21              **MS. TREIS:**   The whole thing. There's a map  
22      over there after that probably will make it a little  
23      more clear. It was a little hard to see on the map.

24              **MR. DEWAR:**   Yes, ma'am?

25              **AUDIENCE MEMBER:**   Who pays for the EIR? Who

1 pays Panorama? Who writes the check to Panorama?

2 MS. ORSABA: All of these proceedings are  
3 billed into the rates.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's not an answer. Who  
5 pays?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Rate payers. Rate payers.

7 MS. TREIS: Our contract is with CPUC.

8 MS. ORSABA: Let me understand the question.  
9 The EIR is paid for the same way that everything else  
10 having to do with the electric system in the state is  
11 paid for. They're paid for through rates. That's how  
12 it's paid for.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Who writes the check?

14 MS. ORSABA: The California -- the State of  
15 California writes a check to our contractors.

16 MS. TREIS: Our contract is with CPUC; not  
17 PG&E. Our obligation is to California Public Utilities  
18 Commission. We're third party contractors to CPUC.  
19 We're contracted with them and --

20 MS. ORSABA: The Department of General  
21 Services. I took the question in a broader way than  
22 you meant it. The State of California pays for that.

23 MR. DEWAR: We're going to move on now to the  
24 next and the last part of the presentation. And we're  
25 about half an hour behind.

1           MS. TREIS: We'll keep this brief. This slide  
2 here just identifies the environmental topics that are  
3 covered in an EIR. And these are according to the CEQA  
4 guidelines Appendix G. We've listed out all the topics  
5 that are covered. Because we did an Initial Study,  
6 some of these topics that have no effects may be worked  
7 out of the EIR, because there's no effects to those  
8 areas. But again, anything that we get feedback from  
9 the public, anything with potential effect, will be  
10 addressed.

11           So this is just a really brief summary based on  
12 what we know now. Again, we're going to do additional  
13 analysis, looking at them in more depth. This is a  
14 brief summary of some of the topics where we found some  
15 potential environmental effects.

16           Aesthetics, everyone knows; agricultural, we  
17 received some comments from the public about potential  
18 organic farms; air quality, both the alternative in the  
19 proposed project, during construction, could release  
20 emissions. And we'll look at that. Biological  
21 resources, there's several potential effects to  
22 biological resources along the proposed routes and the  
23 alternative routes; cultural resources; geology;  
24 hydrology and water quality, again, we received some  
25 comments about water quality and runoff, effects to

1 streams.

2 Noise is an issue. We'll address helicopter  
3 noise. The project does include some use of  
4 helicopters for construction. Transportation and  
5 traffic was another area where we received a lot of  
6 comments. That will be addressed in the EIR in terms  
7 of safety during and after construction. And utilities  
8 will be addressed. The Central Water District lines,  
9 there may be some disruption in service. This is not  
10 an exhaustive list.

11 This is just a summary of some of the potential  
12 impacts of the alternatives for undergrounding.  
13 Trenching would be required, which requires road  
14 closures. Could require more dust, more noise, and a  
15 disruption of emergency access. Obviously, greater  
16 ground disturbance. This obviously needs to be looked  
17 at. Longer construction periods. It takes a longer  
18 time to underground than an overhead line. Need for  
19 additional property and right-of-ways. It also reduces  
20 the visual effects. Valencia Alignment could have a  
21 greater loss of oak woodland vegetation. Also some  
22 additional impacts to robust spineflower. And then the  
23 visual impacts.

24 The Southern Alignment, it would also involve  
25 greater tree removal and woodland and vegetation

1 effects. And the proposed project may, because the  
2 route may have to be moved due to the location, gas  
3 pipelines. There's more Santa Cruz long-toed  
4 salamanders, which is a state and federally endangered  
5 species, so the potential effect on that species may be  
6 higher on the Southern route than the proposed  
7 alignment. It could reduce visual impacts. But again,  
8 we'll do that analysis.

9 Ways to comment. Again, just to reiterate, you  
10 probably already know we're going to take oral comments  
11 right after the presentation. We have the  
12 stenographer, who will record. You're going to state  
13 your name. And all of those comments will go into the  
14 record. You can fill out a comment card in the back of  
15 the room tonight if you don't feel like coming up here  
16 and speaking. You can write your comment down and  
17 deposit it with the ladies in the back. And then you  
18 can also submit your comments by mail, e-mail or fax.  
19 This is the contact information. If you're going to  
20 fax, we've got a fax number, an e-mail address. Most  
21 people e-mailed last time on the draft EIR. You can  
22 also mail as well. And they're due by 5:00 p.m.  
23 on February 18th.

24 So as we move into the scoping comment period,  
25 we have a couple slides here that just help to give you



1 guidance on what are comments that will help us that  
2 can give meaningful impact to how we write the EIR. I  
3 understand that many people have concerns. The idea  
4 here is just to give you some guidance. If you want to  
5 see your comment effectively addressed in the EIR,  
6 here's some guidance on what you can do. This is just  
7 an example of some effective comments that we'd be able  
8 to look at the comment, be able to directly address it  
9 in the EIR.

10 "The EIR should address noise impacts from the  
11 use of the helicopter construction."

12 "I would like the EIR to address traffic safety  
13 hazards during and after project construction." Again,  
14 that's addressing the traffic impact. That's one of  
15 the sections we look at in the EIR.

16 "The EIR should explain and provide support for  
17 why the project is needed." That addresses the  
18 project's purpose and needs.

19 These comments are less effective. What I mean  
20 by less effective is it's just not a comment that's  
21 easy for us to look at and address in the EIR. Again,  
22 if you have a comment for the record, we can't stop you  
23 from making it, but you may not see that addressed  
24 directly in the EIR.

25 "The EIR should examine aesthetic impacts."

1 Too general. It's hard for us to know exactly what you  
2 want. We're obviously going to address aesthetics.  
3 Try and be more specific.

4 "The project should be located somewhere else."  
5 It's hard to address without specific information. We  
6 can understand you may not want it here.

7 "The project is not needed."

8 "I am against the project."

9 "The analysis in the EIR will be biased and  
10 untrustworthy." Again, you are entitled to your  
11 opinion, but it's hard for us to address that  
12 meaningfully in preparing the EIR.

13 Comment guidelines. We have speaker cards.  
14 We'll call people up in order that they submitted the  
15 speaker cards. It's important for you to please state  
16 your name and affiliation, if you want. You're going  
17 to be speaking to the stenographer. So that she can  
18 record you, speak clearly and slowly. Only one speaker  
19 at a time. If someone is at the podium, respect them  
20 and do not speak over them. Keep your input concise.  
21 This is following some of the ground rules that we laid  
22 out earlier. And respect other people's interests and  
23 opinions. We're going to leave this slide up just to  
24 help you out. We'll leave this up so you can state the  
25 category. With that, I would pass it to Nicholas, I

1 guess, if anyone has any questions.

2 MR. DEWAR: Let's do questions.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have questions and maybe  
4 other people do that are beyond the scope of the EIR,  
5 but are relevant to the project. Economic. There  
6 could be other factors. When and where should those  
7 comments be directed and to whom?

8 MS. ORSABA: Well, I'd need to know the  
9 nature --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Economic. I'm a property  
11 owner. It may affect the property value of my  
12 property. Residents may be concerned about that. They  
13 may be concerned about how long this project -- not  
14 just this piece -- but other pieces that may be  
15 necessary for Santa Cruz to get the power they want.  
16 They go beyond the scope of the EIR, but they're  
17 relevant to the project overall.

18 MS. ORSABA: You can send those to the judge,  
19 Judge Robert Mason.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do we have an address for  
21 him? I don't see contact information for that judge.

22 MS. ORSABA: I'll give you that. It's the  
23 CPUC in San Francisco.

24 MR. DEWAR: Yes, ma'am? Go ahead.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just have a quick question.

1 I was wondering how the environmental impact of these  
2 various bullet points are evaluated and if there is a  
3 hierarchy between them. In other words, if you would  
4 consider one kind of aesthetics over noise, and, if so,  
5 that would be very important to know. If not, that  
6 would be very important to know.

7 MS. TREIS: So there isn't a hierarchy. Right  
8 now, they're largely listed alphabetically. But there  
9 really is -- we're looking at, along any of these  
10 parameters, is the effect going to be significant or  
11 less than significant. Less than significant. That's  
12 what we're looking at in any of these parameters, is  
13 there a topic that could have a significant  
14 unmitigatable effect.

15 Say you had unmitigatable effect for land use  
16 and cultural resources. We just identified that  
17 there's an effect that can't be mitigated.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's a very interesting  
19 approach, I must say. But I was wondering, for obvious  
20 reasons, there are areas in which people have really  
21 pushed the parameters of the particular area in the  
22 environmental concerns, such as a biological resources.  
23 And if that were proven to be an exceptionally  
24 important thing, it might shut the whole project down.  
25 And do we know about these things?

1 MS. TREIS: I guess I'm not entirely clear on  
2 the question. The EIR is going to address biology.  
3 And that is an area from the IS-MND, there's a lot of  
4 resources. Again, we need to identify where there's  
5 potentially significant effects. So long-toed  
6 salamanders, for example, may need to include  
7 mitigation. If we can include mitigation that reduces  
8 that effect to less than significant levels, then that  
9 is the goal in that particular analysis.

10 MS. ORSABA: I just want to say that the  
11 California Environmental Equality Act is also something  
12 you can use your search engine on. It's a body of law.  
13 It's not something we make up. It's not arbitrary. It  
14 prescribes a lot of things just about what you're  
15 talking about.

16 MR. DEWAR: You raised your hand a while ago.  
17 Go ahead.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there a threshold --

19 MR. DEWAR: I called on you by mistake. I  
20 missed the order. The gentleman over here had his hand  
21 up.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Earlier, you gave a  
23 photograph of the existing 60-foot wood power poles.  
24 Is there a rendering of the proposed 90-foot tower  
25 structures?

1 MS. TREIS: That's in the analysis. We didn't  
2 present it here in the scoping meeting. Again, this is  
3 the scoping period. You'll see that after the analysis  
4 is complete. We're not yet at that stage. There are  
5 some existing simulations from the IS-MND. But again,  
6 everything will be -- they're on the website.

7 MR. DEWAR: Yes, sir?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there a threshold of  
9 number of unmitigatable areas on the list or a degree  
10 of them, one that shuts the project down?

11 MS. TREIS: If you haven't -- again, this is --  
12 it's a larger complex question. CEQA is a very complex  
13 law. If you find an impact that is potentially  
14 significant and not mitigatable, the decision makers  
15 have to write overriding considerations in order to  
16 approve the project. So they have to say, "We  
17 acknowledge that there's an effect that can't be  
18 mitigated. However, X-Y-Z reasons, it should be  
19 overridden and approved anyway." So that's where you  
20 have less than significant or less than significant and  
21 unavoidable. And there's not a weighing of noise is  
22 more important than aesthetics or biology is more  
23 important than traffic.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What would be an example of  
25 an override?

1           MR. DEWAR: I don't know. It happens.

2           MS. TREIS: It does happen. There could be --  
3 anything, Jeff? There could be a noise threshold that  
4 you just can't mitigate the noise levels down to below,  
5 say, a local jurisdiction's ordinance or standard, but  
6 the project is needed because it serves outages --  
7 depending on what the project is -- the decision is,  
8 even though this project is going to have a significant  
9 unmitigatable effect, it's needed because of this  
10 reason.

11          MR. DEWAR: We'll take a couple more questions.  
12 You, ma'am?

13          AUDIENCE MEMBER: How do you measure  
14 significance or say that something is less than  
15 significant? How is that measured? Who measures it?  
16 Is it opinion? Is it measurable?

17          MS. TREIS: I touched on this briefly earlier.  
18 There are some parameters that are more quantitative.  
19 Like, air quality, where there's a standard. If you  
20 emit more than this amount in a jurisdiction, that's --

21          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yourself?

22          MS. TREIS: An expert in air quality would look  
23 at equipment used, they look at the emissions amount.  
24 Other parameters are a little more subjective. Again,  
25 you have resource experts, people that have worked in



1 this field and can recognize experts and have a  
2 methodology in order to say whether an impact is  
3 significant or not.

4 MS. ORSABA: The contractors that we use are  
5 contracted by the CPUC.

6 MR. DEWAR: Your question?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just wonder, if there's  
8 going to be a pole going up on Cox road that's 50 feet  
9 higher, how are you going to accommodate that? It's on  
10 a hillside. Are you going to destroy our road and  
11 hillside?

12 MS. TREIS: Again, that's part of the impact  
13 analysis that will be in the EIR. That's not something  
14 that we address right now at this phase in the scoping  
15 phase. Again, that's a type of thing to be addressed  
16 in the EIR.

17 MR. DEWAR: We're going to move on now. You  
18 really want to ask a question.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So are the poles really going  
20 to top out at 90 feet? I read everything, including  
21 the PA, which I found online, and there were a lot of  
22 statements that they were going to be 115-foot poles.  
23 Is it really topping out at 90 feet, or is the pole  
24 itself 90 feet and then a base?

25 MS. TREIS: The project description in the EIR,

1 as well as the one in the IS, identifies the heights.  
2 There's some that are, I think, 101 feet tall.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think I remember 115.

4 MS. TREIS: Then that's what it is, if that's  
5 what you saw.

6 MR. DEWAR: You want to follow up -- go ahead.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just so that everyone has the  
8 same information, PG&E also sent a letter a day before  
9 yours, and it says that, "This is including electrical  
10 service in your area." Where is this line going? Is  
11 it serving our area, or is it serving another area?

12 MS. TREIS: It's part of --

13 MS. ORSABA: The grid is the grid. It goes  
14 through your area.

15 MS. TREIS: It's yours and other areas.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So we are actually getting  
17 electricity from them? We're getting electricity from  
18 this line that crosses up all the way, or the Southern  
19 Alignment? Is it feeding Santa Cruz, or is it feeding  
20 our community here?

21 MS. ORSABA: The grid is interconnected all  
22 over the state, if not the country. I just want to  
23 make one thing clear, so that you know. Before PG&E  
24 submitted this application, they had to have the  
25 approval of the California Independent System Operator,

1 CAISO. It's an independent agency. They're the ones  
2 that say there's outages, yes, you can increase  
3 reliability. Then they come to the CPUC for this  
4 permit. The outages are a record. They're a matter of  
5 fact.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Where's the record, Lisa, for  
7 the outages?

8 MS. ORSABA: It's not -- you can ask PG&E. We  
9 can try to find it.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That'd be nice. Thanks.

11 MS. ORSABA: There's a record of the number of  
12 outages in your area.

13 MR. DEWAR: There are a lot more questions, I  
14 think, in the room. We were going to take a break.  
15 What I'd like to propose is that we take a 10-minute  
16 break. So we'll be back in 10 minutes. We need a  
17 break. Sorry. We need a break. During the break, if  
18 some people have questions that you're really burning  
19 to ask, come on up, if we're not in the bathroom.  
20 Wait, wait, wait.

21 When we come back, we're going to start the  
22 comments.

23 (Recess taken.)

24 MR. DEWAR: We're getting going now.

25 MR. KLEVINS: Hi. Good evening, everyone.

1 Richard Klevins, Aptos Ridge Circle.

2 I want to talk about the Southern Alternative  
3 first. It affects our house, literally. It's  
4 approximately 25 feet from our home, not the property,  
5 but the actual physical structure. As far as  
6 upgrading, it was upgraded in approximately 1989. I'm  
7 not sure where your information comes from. That is  
8 shortly after we built the house in 1988. With no  
9 notice that we've received. We had an existing gas  
10 line also running very close to the property underneath  
11 the wires, and we were told that initial easements  
12 would be needed, but given no indication of where you'd  
13 get those easements.

14 As the line passes through our neighborhood  
15 into the next neighborhood and the other ridges, it  
16 comes within 50 feet of our neighbors next to us and  
17 probably under a hundred feet from our neighbors who  
18 are in the next. So if PG&E needs to add a hundred  
19 additional feet next to the existing easement, they're  
20 going to have to go right through our home or through  
21 one of the neighbors' homes. Either that, or they have  
22 to zigzag. They won't be able to go straight.

23 As far as the plans that are shown, it's hard  
24 for us to comment, because, at first, I thought that  
25 you were going to remove all of the smaller poles, in

1 some cases, three or four poles in the same place, and  
2 replace it with a single pole that might have a much  
3 larger span. According to the plans I'm seeing here,  
4 in most cases, you're leaving the original poles and  
5 placing them on top of it.

6 The negatives on our route, other than the  
7 problem with the easement, which is going to be  
8 disastrous, as most of our homeowners, the biggest case  
9 is the environmental issue, which I'm not an expert on.  
10 But I know, when we built the home, it was a major  
11 issue where we could place the home, where wells could  
12 be.

13 There's also a water return area and that I  
14 didn't see here addressed at all. There were areas in  
15 our community excluded from development because they  
16 are water return areas. If lines or poles run through  
17 those -- probably even more important than the  
18 electricity.

19 Also, on our street, which is Aptos Ridge  
20 Circle -- I'm not sure if other communities have  
21 similar problems -- our roads were built with fill, and  
22 quite a bit of it is sliding down the roads now. If  
23 they put foundations for 90-foot poles -- it's hard to  
24 imagine how big that is. The tallest ones in Santa  
25 Cruz are about seven stories. We're talking about 20

1 or 30 feet higher than the buildings in Santa Cruz.  
2 And you're putting them in areas where the ground is  
3 moving continually. We just had the area repaired.  
4 And I was told that the EIR doesn't deal with the  
5 effects of personal values, the value of the property  
6 is not taken into consideration at all.

7 And also, the health issues. The company that  
8 does the EIR told me that they don't consider these  
9 lines to be any sort of health issue because they have  
10 a report dated from 1993 that tells them it's not an  
11 issue, and that it was reviewed in 2006, but they still  
12 have the 1993 information. And I think that really  
13 needs to be brought into the 21st century, using proper  
14 equipment to test the effects.

15 A question. Are we talking about 115,000  
16 volts?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kilovolts.

18 MR. KLEVINS: Is it 115,000? Yes. Well,  
19 that's for our local area. And there are probably  
20 other issues. But I'll stop at that.

21 Regarding the notice, we got our notice last  
22 week. Almost everyone I've spoken to has either not  
23 gotten a notice or considered it junk mail because it  
24 is sent in a junk mail format with no addressing on it.  
25 And apparently it doesn't look very official. That

1       should be changed.

2               Also, one person said that you sent them up to  
3       300-foot radius from the lines. Someone else told me  
4       that you made an exception to this project and sent  
5       them out to homes within a thousand feet. I talked to  
6       several of our neighbors who can see the lines, and  
7       they have no notification at all. I think 300 feet,  
8       when you're talking about a nine-story high tower, is a  
9       little shortsighted.

10              When we built our houses up on the hillside, we  
11       were prohibited from using certain colors. We had to  
12       plant trees to block views. I believe those are still  
13       in effect. There's some sort of law having to do with  
14       the view corridor off of Highway 1. And the proposed  
15       line for the Southern Alternative would come right  
16       across the ridges and be very highly visible from the  
17       highway. The new lines would be well above the tree  
18       line. In this case, it would actually be above the  
19       ridge lines, and it'll be the highest spot in that area  
20       in Santa Cruz. Thank you.

21              MS. BENSON: My name is Nancy Benson. I've  
22       lived on Cox Road for over 38 years. They currently do  
23       not have 115-kV lines. Cox Road, Day Valley, and  
24       McDonald Road are very narrow, country roads and were  
25       designed and planned for 22-kV distribution power lines



1 with ten-foot easements, not the 40-foot to 60-foot  
2 easements that accompany the 115-kV lines on the  
3 Northern Alignment or the Southern Alignment.

4 Adding the easements that PG&E will need to  
5 complete this project encompasses placing poles and  
6 115-kV lines dangerously over and near houses that  
7 currently do not have this issue now. This project  
8 will make our rural residential area look like San  
9 Jose, without the infrastructure needed to serve the  
10 residents of the area.

11 Our roads do not have adequate shoulders for  
12 pedestrians, bike lanes, and for bicyclists, and  
13 existing distribution lines and wood power poles are  
14 dangerously located on the edge of the narrow roadways  
15 and many are up against steep banks. There are places  
16 on Cox Road where the northbound and southbound lane is  
17 only nine feet wide. Pedestrians have to jump into a  
18 ditch or onto a steep bank out of the way of oncoming  
19 cars.

20 It's scary. I just walked the road the other  
21 day. I was petrified, I tell 'ya. There have been  
22 three serious car accidents on Cox Road in the proposed  
23 area, numerous car versus bicycle accidents, and two  
24 separate incidences where children were hit and killed  
25 by a car in our neighborhood.

1           Furthermore, the proposed 100-foot wood and  
2 steel poles would prevent future widening and future  
3 improvements of our road. Our country is already  
4 developed. This is not a third world country. PG&E  
5 already has easements and right-of-ways. Why invade an  
6 established neighborhood?

7           I've studied the route on the Southern  
8 Alignment and alternate B and C is routed around  
9 neighborhoods and heavily populated communities, yet  
10 PG&E insists on slicing right through our populated  
11 neighborhood. PG&E employs an army of engineers that  
12 should be figuring out how to use existing easements,  
13 rather than overrunning our neighborhood.

14           With the Southern alignment and the Northern  
15 Alignment, in our little neighborhood, we all have  
16 endangered species. We have all kinds of things. We  
17 have plants, animals. We have the same problems.  
18 Okay? The lines need to be kept in existing easements  
19 and right-of-ways where the project impacts the least  
20 amount of people and traffic.

21           Look at all the alternatives. Look at more new  
22 alternatives. Underground all utilities when needed to  
23 make our neighborhood whole. You know, you're talking  
24 about a neighborhood that doesn't have these lines.  
25 They're putting them in our neighborhood. And it's not

1 like we're not accepting it, but with the  
2 undergrounding, they're not going to put all the lines  
3 underground, and it seems like those rates that keep  
4 everybody in Santa Cruz County pay should be paying to  
5 put all of our poles and everything and utilities  
6 underground.

7 According to CEQA, a hundred more trees are  
8 going to be eradicated in our neighborhood. Cutting a  
9 hundred more trees is not acceptable. We do not want  
10 to see the natural beauty along our roadway further  
11 destroyed by PG&E. The Santa Cruz 115-kV reinforcement  
12 project proposed in the Day Valley corridor will create  
13 a visual blight and will destroy the wooded rural area  
14 that we now enjoy. Don't rape and pillage our  
15 neighborhood and leave us there to suffer the losses of  
16 our beautiful tree-lined country roads.

17 MR. BRACAMONTE: My name is Ralph Bracamonte.  
18 I'm the district manager for Central Water District,  
19 and I'd like to thank CPUC for this forum. It's great  
20 to see some of the people from the forum here.

21 You already have our letter with our main  
22 concerns. I'd just like to go over a few of our  
23 concerns with you. There's three main concerns we  
24 have.

25 One is the utilities are sharing easements, and

1 the new poles that are going in and the setbacks that  
2 are going to be required. The District has World War  
3 II pipes, and they need to be upgraded. The easements  
4 we share are not very large easements. We know that  
5 will be addressed in the draft EIR.

6 Our second concern is the wooden poles that  
7 will be installed have preservatives that are going to  
8 potentially leach into the ground water. And Central  
9 Water District, the five square miles that our district  
10 is in, is a primary ground water recharge. We know  
11 those will be addressed in the EIR.

12 The third issue that we have is -- those are  
13 the three. The three issues is the setbacks, how it's  
14 going to affect those steel pipes we have in the  
15 ground, and then also the contaminants that could be  
16 leeching into the ground water. Thank you very much.

17 MS. GLEATON: Katherine Gleaton, 1703 Cox Road.  
18 We've been there for three or four years. PG&E hired  
19 Panorama Environmental Corporation to write up --

20 MS. ORSABA: Slow down.

21 MS. GLEATON: Oh. Okay. The CPUC, acting as  
22 the lead agency, and based on the initial report's  
23 findings, declared a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
24 with the perception that the projected environmental  
25 impact could be reduced to less than significant levels

1 mitigation measures.

2 Now that the lead agency has changed their  
3 consensus on the findings of the Initial Study in  
4 relation to the significance of the environmental  
5 impact that proposed project would have which is clear  
6 as an Environmental Impact Report is now warranted.

7 My question is, how do we know that the EIR  
8 report as prepared by Panorama will not overlook  
9 significant environmental effects from the project and  
10 it appeared that they fell short during the Initial  
11 Study. And if the contracted company Initial Study is  
12 not to blame, how do we know that the lead agency, the  
13 CPUC, will not overlook the potential significant  
14 impact pact addressed by the public.

15 MR. CASALE: Thank you. I'm Rich Casale. I'm  
16 with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.  
17 I'm also president of the Marthas Way Homeowners  
18 Association. The lines go right through our property  
19 in Valencia Valley. The Valencia Alternative will  
20 obviously impact me personally.

21 I'm here as much in my official capacity and  
22 also as a certified professional. And our agency has a  
23 history of working with land owners and with agencies  
24 and helping them control erosion and manage natural  
25 resources on their properties. I'm hoping and inviting

1 the writers of the EIR to contact our agency for soils  
2 information, for erosion control consultation, for  
3 revegetation, or anything that's disturbed for soils  
4 management, for the reduction and possibility and  
5 potential for slip and stability, runoff from soil  
6 compaction and from the decreased amount of vegetative  
7 cover.

8 From what I've read so far, there is some  
9 inappropriate plant choices and mitigation measures.  
10 And I'm just suggesting that the writers and the CPUC  
11 use the professional expertise our agency and other  
12 agencies that can assist and make sure that the  
13 environmental impacts of a project like this are  
14 considered in a scientific way. I'm with the USDA  
15 Natural Resources Conservation Service. It's a federal  
16 agency.

17 MS. KRISTICH: I'm Margaret Kristich. I'm a  
18 resident of 420 Aptos Ridge Circle, Watsonville. I'm a  
19 neighbor of Richard Klevins, who was the first speaker.  
20 And I learned a little bit of information tonight from  
21 his presentation that -- we're the neighbor across the  
22 road that it's going to affect on the alternative on  
23 the Southern Route.

24 What I was hoping to get answers on tonight, I  
25 spoke with the CPUC representative, and she said the

1 questions will be answered in the draft EIR. I will  
2 write those questions.

3 It was mentioned that the resource experts use  
4 a methodology that is acceptable regarding all of the  
5 environmental sensitive areas. In some cases, you  
6 can't use and be a judge strictly intellectually. I  
7 think some of the best resources are those who live in  
8 an environmentally sensitive area.

9 When we built our houses -- you have to know  
10 exactly where our home is from Highway 1. And if you  
11 look up at exactly the right time, you've got a  
12 two-second window to see the house. Yeah, we were told  
13 we had to plant more redwoods, so that they couldn't  
14 view the house from our freeway. Those redwood trees  
15 we planted had no effect. We're in the scenic  
16 corridor. Originally, they weren't allowing houses to  
17 be built on the ridge.

18 When you live in not just a scenic corridor,  
19 but like everybody in this area, we have the natural  
20 habitats and golden eagles. There's the raptors. You  
21 can list one after the other. We live in an  
22 incredible, beautiful area that has a lot of  
23 environmentally sensitive life.

24 And reading -- I haven't had a chance, because  
25 we just got the letter last week -- and the documents



1 are quite lengthy -- but just briefly, what I have gone  
2 over, I have concerns that need to be answered. And  
3 everybody that's involved in one of the alternative  
4 routes or even the original routes -- they've had two  
5 years to have the answers to this, but all of us don't  
6 have the answers.

7 The question about easement was brought up  
8 earlier. Somebody wanted to know what happens with an  
9 easement. Well, on the website that was mentioned  
10 that's their main website, you can go to one of their  
11 pages, and it does deal with easements. This original  
12 White Road Alternative was discarded on the original  
13 plan, so it might be reinstated for this in dealing  
14 with the alternatives.

15 And specifically, in this document, which is  
16 what is really of concern to me, is the easement  
17 expansions which allows for resolution through  
18 negotiation and/or condemnation. Eminent domain. In  
19 the White Road Alternative that is listed, it  
20 specifically says that one residence on Bens Way, two  
21 residences on White Road would be displaced.  
22 Displaced, in my mind, means eminent domain. Then  
23 reading in another document, I found it didn't say  
24 eminent domain, but it did say condemnation.

25 I don't think that any type of project that's

1 going to be done for the betterment of us here should  
2 be done if some of us lose our home. And that's not  
3 being addressed. And I think that is one of the most  
4 essential things.

5 Now, the lady from -- I'm sorry. I came in  
6 late. I don't remember your name. You had mentioned  
7 that the Southern Route had a lot more easements.  
8 Well, in one of the documents, it mentioned that around  
9 the poles they were going to increase the easement 40  
10 feet, 60 feet, to 150 feet on either side. Like  
11 Richard Klevins mentioned, that includes our house. It  
12 includes several houses.

13 We have five and a half acres. But yet we have  
14 high voltage lines right on the corner of our lot. On  
15 a clear day, you can hear the wires just from our  
16 house. This is a big, big concern that I don't feel  
17 that we have had information given to us.

18 Now, when I called and spoke with Susan at  
19 Panorama, she did say that letters had been sent out.  
20 So I had asked -- I thought this was a fair question  
21 and a fair request -- and if somehow you could see to  
22 it, it would be a great, great help and a great service  
23 to everybody here that's involved in it, and not only  
24 us, but those that aren't here -- to know the  
25 alternative routes. They were discarded initially, but

1 now they're being reevaluated. But those alternative  
2 routes, you know which roads are involved in it. So  
3 we, the people that live here, need to know exactly  
4 where those are. And if those could be added to the  
5 website, for everybody's knowledge, so they know how  
6 this is going to impact their lives directly and their  
7 property.

8 I had to cross out a lot of this. A lot of it  
9 isn't relevant. Some of the questions I have concerns  
10 about that I found in one of the documents is regarding  
11 the alternative routes, or, I guess, the original route  
12 as well. And this is going to be the loading zones,  
13 staging area, helicopter loading zones, the noise  
14 threshold. But we didn't talk about how many loading  
15 zones there were going to be for the helicopters, pipe  
16 work areas, pole work areas, pole sites, which are  
17 approximately nine, averaging approximately one and a  
18 third acres each, subsection repair. Then we have the  
19 tree and shrub removal. For us, the shrubs is our  
20 home and the trees. It's not just shrubs. It's  
21 defined as shrubs.

22 Now, what I have a question about is these  
23 items that I just mentioned that are all the loading  
24 zones and PG&E is going to need to have land for that.  
25 Are these what's going to be considered the easements?

1 Are there going to be easements for this? Are they  
2 taking some of the property of the residents? How is  
3 this going to be accomplished?

4 This is such a massive, massive undertaking.  
5 It's going to last 15 to 18 months, conservatively, if  
6 it runs on schedule, six days a week, from 7:30 in the  
7 morning until 4:30 or 5:00 every evening, possibly  
8 Sunday, and possibly going into the night, six days a  
9 week, possibly seven sometimes. So my concern -- and I  
10 don't want to wait until the EIR draft is written up --  
11 but what land is going to be used? Are these easements  
12 concerned with all these loading zones, the helicopter  
13 zones? If you've got a helicopter loading zone next to  
14 you, that's a large easement, plus the noise that's  
15 involved in it. They're going to be destroying all of  
16 the environmentally sensitive areas in those places.

17 Just think of what it was like in the  
18 earthquake. All the animals took off. If you hear  
19 helicopters and massive noises, it's going to be  
20 devastating.

21 Also a concern, since we already have it, is  
22 the EMF and the ELF, the high voltage magnetic fields,  
23 and the easement. Are all of them going to be 150 on  
24 each -- 150 feet on each side, or will there be some  
25 others? Since Panorama already mentioned that the

1 Southern Route does have to have more easements, then  
2 Panorama must know where these easements are. And I  
3 think that this should be posted on the website for the  
4 public information, since it involves all of us  
5 directly.

6 Also, the insulators, which, according to your  
7 document, doesn't conform to the guidelines that are  
8 set. Power line conductors, bird safety. And what are  
9 the feasible alternatives? Those are a few of my  
10 concerns.

11 Also, I think, in 2014, it's tragic that  
12 something that's supposed to be for the improvement of  
13 all of us would result in somebody losing their home.

14 Also, in the 1970s, technology was much  
15 different than it is now. But yet, PG&E is using  
16 antiquated methods with all of the overhang  
17 distribution poles.

18 And I think, instead of adding to the problem,  
19 that they might learn from Europe, since Europe, they  
20 have -- and Ireland -- wind gales, and they are never  
21 without electricity. And here, if a tree falls over or  
22 hits a line, we lose our electricity.

23 Well, this is just a few of my concerns. And I  
24 feel that this has been brought on us really suddenly.  
25 And I hope these questions can be addressed somehow.

1 And I would greatly appreciate if, on the website, it  
2 would list what roads are concerned and alternative  
3 routes and where the easements are, since, evidently,  
4 that information is nowhere.

5 MR. FRIEND: Good evening. My name is Zach  
6 Friend. I'm the county supervisor for this area. I  
7 wanted to first, obviously, thank the 500 people that  
8 sent letters. This really created this process in the  
9 CPUC to take those comments really seriously. We are  
10 here.

11 I think it's pretty self-evident this isn't a  
12 very popular project. That's probably an  
13 understatement of the year. People look to regulatory  
14 agencies to regulate. I think that the Public  
15 Utilities Commission needs to take these comments into  
16 very serious consideration. When you have a project in  
17 an area that undoubtedly would have so many impacts, a  
18 rural area, a mega cultural area, people live there not  
19 to experience these kinds of things. I think we have a  
20 significant responsibility to insure that the  
21 mitigation is taken very seriously.

22 I think a lot of the emotional response is  
23 simply because people are afraid that the life that  
24 they came out here for is being taken apart. I think  
25 there's nothing wrong with improving transmission. You

1 just have to do it within a size and scope and scale  
2 that meets the needs of the communities. I think  
3 things like undergrounding -- if we come through this  
4 process -- and, realistically, nothing is really  
5 proposed that's different -- you can have a lot of  
6 angry villagers out here, and I'm going to be standing  
7 with them, because they deserve to hear more than that.

8 We're both from a governmental agency. We're  
9 from the government. We're here to help. But the  
10 regulatory agencies are the last effort that we turn  
11 to. This is out of my purview completely, as we know.  
12 I appreciate the relationship that you have that you've  
13 been very responsive to my office. The regulatory  
14 agencies are the last thing that this community has to  
15 have their concerns, their way of life, addressed, that  
16 they want to preserve within the context of this whole  
17 situation.

18 So my comment is, quite simply, that the PUC  
19 take it to that level of seriousness that I expect and  
20 know that you will.

21 You may not know my district. But we don't get  
22 a hundred people out to anything. I tell you this. I  
23 can't get a hundred people to agree on anything in my  
24 district. And we had 500 people write letters that all  
25 said the exact same thing that. That actually says a



1 lot, a lot, a lot about how strong people feel about  
2 this and how much they want to make sure that, if  
3 something were to change, from the transmission side,  
4 that the mitigations are true and real and that they  
5 feel that their voices were heard and that process  
6 really happened. So thank you.

7 MR. ADAMSON: I've been licensed by the State  
8 of California as a real estate agent since 1980. I'm  
9 Bruce Adamson. I live on Cox Road. I'm not here to  
10 get any clients. I know that there's a California  
11 Coastal Commission. And I have several points that I  
12 would like to bring out as far as hazards.

13 Are PG&E employees going to be smoking? We're  
14 lacking so much water in our community, And if we're  
15 going to have severe fire dangers, is this electrical  
16 project a safe time to do it in? The hills are ready  
17 to go with a match. So I would like to make that  
18 comment. About a year and a half, you had the whole  
19 community of Aptos dug up, because, over by the post  
20 office, they were putting in lines for Swenson's big  
21 development that he has plans across the street from  
22 the post office. I'm not sure if Mr. Friend, if he's  
23 still here, can check with the Coastal Commission to  
24 see if you're allowed to build so high, 100-foot poles  
25 in the air, when the whole idea of having the Coastal

1 Commission is that they're not putting in high rise  
2 buildings within a coastal area.

3 And my last point is, on Cox Road, when people  
4 are going to work, that they know the lower part of Cox  
5 Road, there's -- it's a very popular bicycle walking  
6 route. And there are a lot of animals, deer, and if  
7 they're gonna get spooked and run out and hit people on  
8 the bicycle by these loud machines, helicopters,  
9 trucks. And on the very rear of Cox Road, you have  
10 these big redwood trees. And, at nighttime, you can  
11 see the headlights, but in the daytime, you can barely  
12 see around the bend. There's a couple times I've gone  
13 too fast and people are walking and I feel like I  
14 should slow down. And at the very top of Cox Road,  
15 there's another blind spot where people are coming  
16 flying around.

17 And it should go on the record that I submitted  
18 an affidavit that PG&E should be held accountable if  
19 this project goes forward if somebody gets hurt on  
20 those points at the end of Cox Road where it leads into  
21 Valencia Road.

22 And the last point I would just make would be  
23 that the real estate owners who are being affected  
24 deserve a fair market value of their property before  
25 and after. That's it.

1 MS. NICHOLS: I'm not used to talking in front  
2 of people. But I want to say there are a lot of things  
3 that can be mitigated and a lot of things that can't.  
4 The one thing that can't be mitigated is the wildlife.  
5 And the one thing that I know is on the Southern Route  
6 is the Santa Cruz salamander.

7 The salamander is on my property. Salamander  
8 cannot be mitigated. It's only in Santa Cruz. It's  
9 only in a small area. And the small area it's in is  
10 mostly populated where the Southern Routes are. There  
11 is a Federal Reserve for the salamander right under the  
12 wires. So I don't know how they're going to deal with  
13 that issue of an endangered species that's only in  
14 Santa Cruz and is right in the path of those wires.  
15 It's on my property just like the wires are. And I  
16 have seen the salamander. So besides the coyotes and  
17 the bobcats and everything else that's through there, I  
18 don't think much can be done to save the salamanders if  
19 that wire goes through.

20 MS. GARRETT: Marilyn Garrett. I see, after  
21 hearing people's comments about eminent domain, this is  
22 like a land grab of people's property. And I am very  
23 aware of PG&E's history, and I feel like PG&E is a  
24 monopoly versus democracy. The people there don't  
25 practice constructive projects, and some of PG&E's

1 history of hazards consists of the recent Smart Meter  
2 force installation that has made people ill, caused  
3 fires, bullied people, they surveillance meters, and  
4 the San Bruno fire happened from PG&E's gas lines. Tom  
5 Ammiano, who I think now is a state senator, said PG&E  
6 murdered those people. They prioritized profit over  
7 safety. And I feel like that's what's happening here.  
8 You know, the Erin Brockovich trial, that was PG&E's  
9 toxics.

10 Also, these high-powered lines get overloaded.  
11 They also have, like, a dozen cell towers put on the  
12 poles in one square mile in the area of Freedom, Day  
13 Valley and McDonald. I'll pass out some fact sheets on  
14 that.

15 This is a real overload. And it doesn't do  
16 well for the carbon footprint, which we're supposed to  
17 be reducing and saving energy. It increases that. I  
18 think of the word regulation, and something a friend of  
19 mine said, that regulation is a system of permitting  
20 and perpetuating corporate harm. In this case, PG&E.  
21 Whereas, prohibition prevents the damage. We need  
22 to -- my feeling is we need to stop this project.

23 A couple of things to enter into this, the  
24 record. This should be in the EIR, because this has to  
25 do with environmental impact very much. The book, The

1 Great Power-Line Cover-Up; How the Utilities and the  
2 Government Are Trying to Hide the Cancer Hazard Posed  
3 by Electromagnetic Fields. This is by Paul Brodeur.  
4 This was a book written 20 years ago. The leukemia  
5 incidences around these lines, the health impacts, are  
6 well documented. I think that needs to be included in  
7 the report. And we don't need upgrades or improvements  
8 that kill people with cancer and degrade our  
9 environment and kill creatures.

10 Another thing to enter into the record is a  
11 recent film by a Canadian filmmaker called Take Back  
12 Your Power; Investigating the Smart Grid. And it's  
13 about the corporate power intrusion into our lives.  
14 The PG&E Smart Meters, we see people interviewed,  
15 people that have pacemakers, who have been damaged by  
16 these pulse modulated frequencies from the Smart Meters  
17 and other technology.

18 I'm sorry. I don't trust PG&E. The history  
19 does not make me feel that you have the best interests  
20 of the public in your policies. To the contrary. So  
21 [takebackyourpower.net](http://takebackyourpower.net). And I have a few extra copies  
22 if someone wants to see any. Very instructive. Thank  
23 you. Let's halt this project.

24 MS. AUDINO: I wanted to thank Panorama, first  
25 of all, and the CPUC, for providing this forum. My

1 husband and I didn't come to the first one. I spoke  
2 with people who were at the other one, and it didn't go  
3 down like this one. I just want to thank you for this  
4 process and the report and everything and the whole  
5 civic democratic approach to it.

6 In the same vein, since the same company is  
7 sort of running the Environmental Impact Report data  
8 collection, I noticed when I read the draft Negative  
9 Impact Declaration that there were a lot of omissions.  
10 And omitting information or omitting whole angles of a  
11 project is one of the most sort of dangerous and  
12 volatile ways that you can skew information.

13 Anecdotally, and also because I'm selfish and  
14 it's my home, we live off of Bollinger Place, off  
15 Amesti. I think it's the north facing side of our  
16 street, all the neighbors there have a direct view of  
17 the lines that will go up across, but none of them were  
18 contacted. So I heard somebody say that it's not 300  
19 feet anymore, it's a thousand feet out that people are  
20 getting contacted. But I do want it to go on record  
21 that I have a grave concern that, if the same small  
22 number of people are contacted to provide comments on  
23 the Environmental Impact Report, how is that going to  
24 really provide the community with a civic possibility  
25 to participate in this? We need to increase the number

1 of people that are getting contacted about this.

2 And also, I want to speak up for our community.  
3 We heard a lot today about the Southern Route and the  
4 Cox Day Valley. But in this community, Amesti and  
5 Corralitos Road are designated by the county as  
6 aesthetic view corridors, and that was never once  
7 addressed by the draft. It was just stated once in the  
8 beginning and then dropped, and they never talked about  
9 it again. No comment at all about it.

10 And I think there are many other -- actually, I  
11 know there are many other omissions like that in the  
12 draft. I'm just pleading, please make a complete  
13 study. Thank you.

14 MR. DEWAR: Thank you very much for your  
15 comments. We, theoretically, have another half hour.  
16 Of course, we don't have to stay here. We do have  
17 everybody here to answer questions and that kind of  
18 thing.

19 First of all, does anybody have any comment  
20 they want to make sure gets into the record orally?  
21 Then are there any questions that you wanted to today  
22 ask but weren't able to ask because we wanted to get on  
23 with the comment process?

24 MS. ORSABA: I just want to say to those of  
25 you who are left, thank you for coming. And there will



1 be more opportunities for comment. We'll keep you  
2 posted. Please remember the website, the CPUC website.  
3 Thanks for coming.

4 (Off the record at 8:25 p.m.)  
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing meeting was taken at the time and place therein stated; that the testimony of said parties was reported by me, a licensed shorthand reporter and a disinterested person, and was, under my supervision, thereafter transcribed into typewriting.

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**APPENDIX :**  
*Comments Received During the Draft IS  
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# **STATE AGENCY COMMENTS**

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RE: Santa Cruz 115 KV Reinforcement Project A.12-02-012

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding a transmission line project in Santa Cruz County. Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) filed an application for a permit to construct a 115-kilovolt power line in Santa Cruz County between Green Valley Substation and Rob Roy Substation. The lines will be installed along narrow, semi-rural roads with limited sight lines and no infrastructure, such as sidewalks or bike lanes. I previously wrote to PUC President Michael Peevey on June 6, 2013 to respectfully request that the Commission require PG&E to make safety improvements during their installation of the new power poles.

In addition, the project has the potential to disrupt native wildlife and habitat. It may necessitate the removal of many trees, including heritage trees, and it could cause significant noise, air, and water pollution. There also may be impacts on traffic and overall neighborhood aesthetics in this rural residential environment.

Residents of the surrounding area have contacted my office after their attempts to work with PG&E on this issue were unsuccessful. I appreciate that PG&E is undertaking this project to ensure reliable service to residents in a more rural part of the county and I support their efforts. However, I believe the current project merits a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
Twenty-Ninth District

cc: Supervisor Zach Friend



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## **LOCAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

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December 2, 2013

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Subject: Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project, Application No. A. 12-02-012  
Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Thank you for providing the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The Air District has reviewed the document and has the following comments:

Table 3.3-7 on page 3.3-11

- The construction emissions reported in Table 3.3-7 do not match the construction emissions reported in Appendix A. Please review and revise accordingly.
- While the Air District does not have significance thresholds for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from construction, the reported construction NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (504.47 lbs NO<sub>x</sub>/day) are high when considered in comparison to the Air District's operation threshold of 137 lbs/day. The Air District recommends implementing APMs to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from construction as feasible. For example, the construction equipment mix could be modified to include more Tier 3 and Tier 4 engines to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

Please let me know if you have questions, I can be reached at (831) 647-9418 ext. 227 or [aclymo@mbuapcd.org](mailto:aclymo@mbuapcd.org).

Sincerely,

Amy Clymo  
Supervising Air Quality Planner

cc: David Craft, MBUAPCD Air Quality Engineer/Planner

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Subject: SC 115kv EP  
Date: Friday, November 22, 2013 3:14:59 PM

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Tanya,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. It is my understanding as a result of our discussion the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works will be deleted from Paragraph 1.4.

It will be necessary for PG&E to contact us when it is time to perform work in the right-of-way, but I understand that is a couple of years in the future.

Thank you for your time today.

Very truly yours,

Dave

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November 25, 2013

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express the concerns of the Central Water District (CWD) regarding the Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. The CWD is located in Aptos, California and some of the proposed project locations lie within the District boundaries. The CWD understands the necessity to update and replace outmoded infrastructure however I believe that the following matters need to be addressed as they have the potential to impact the District:

- The proposed poles will be located near District infrastructure that is scheduled to be replaced within the next five years. The District has steel "World War II" thin-walled water mains that are located next to and run along many of the proposed locations. These water mains will need to be replaced before any major project is constructed near them due to the age and condition of this particular infrastructure.
- It is my understanding that the 100 foot poles will be installed in the existing 10' utility easement. The CWD has water main pipes located in in these easements as well as in the streets near/alongside these easements. The installation of these poles is cause for concern in relation to current and future setback requirements.
- The CWD is a primary groundwater recharge area in the County of Santa Cruz and with the size of the poles planned to be used for the project I am concerned that there is the potential for leaching of wood preservatives that contain pentachlorophenol (PCP) and other chemicals that are used to preserve wooden PG&E poles.

I have reviewed the CPUC Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration and appreciate the level of detail therein. And I did read that, as part of the report preparation, the Soquel Creek Water District was contacted however it seems that there has been a lack of coordination with the CWD. The District is requesting that, absent a full EIR, the project team contact CWD to coordinate planning for future construction efforts so as to prevent damage to CWD infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Ralph Bracamonte  
District Manager, Central Water District



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December 6, 2013

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RE: SANTA CRUZ 115 KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT A.12-02-012

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am writing to express my disappointment concerning the decision by the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) instead of requiring a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in reference to the above application. In order to construct a 115 kilovolt power line in Santa Cruz County between the Green Valley Substation and the Rob Roy Substation in rural Aptos, the proposed project includes the installation of multiple miles of larger new poles to replace the outdated system.

As I said in my June 2013 letter, I do not dispute the need to make improvements to older transmission lines and I appreciate the work being done to ensure safe and reliable service to rural residents in our county. However, the transmission line traverses multiple miles of rural landscape, and the impacts of the project may have countywide ramifications. The MND lacks the environmental oversight warranted for a project of this size and scope.

In July of this year I met with you and staff from Panorama Environmental, Inc. and had, at least what I believed to be, a productive discussion on the need to fully examine the impacts this project will have on the community. Throughout our meeting I expressed my support for the work to improve electrical transmission but made explicit my concerns surrounding public safety, my desire that undergrounding be taken into consideration, and my concern that a full EIR needs to be conducted. Given my expressed concerns and the feedback I received at our meeting, I was surprised by the PUC's failure to require a full EIR, thus undermining the integrity of the process.

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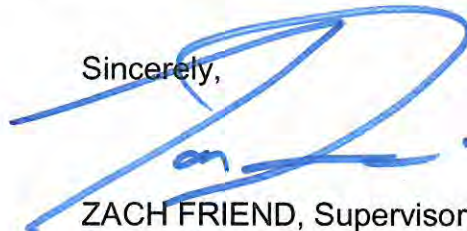
Roads surrounding this project are narrow, without curbs or sidewalks, making it hazardous for motorists as well as children walking to or from school. In addition, issues of public safety have failed to be addressed through the examination of alternate routes that may have potentially less impact on residents and their safety.

Land surrounding the proposed project has an array of uses including agriculture, popular cycling routes, and residential homes. The project has the potential to cause significant impacts, remove trees, and disrupt habitat. Given the diversity in our rural community surrounding this project, and the important rural character, the MND does not go far enough to understand or examine the environmental impacts on the various activities that occur within this beautiful portion of our county.

The completion of a full EIR assessment of the project, including environmental impacts, public safety, alternate routes, and potential undergrounding, is necessary. Over the past month I have received numerous letters and phone calls from residents in the surrounding areas and attended multiple community meetings during which residents expressed their concerns about the size and placement of the project. Residents have spoken with a unified voice for their desire to examine alternate routes, undergrounding, and the need for a complete EIR.

With proper consideration of the environmental impacts, I believe a balance can be reached between the need to improve the current infrastructure and the impacts on this rural portion of our county. Accordingly, I urge the PUC to require a full Environmental Impact Report of the proposed project, including alternate alignments and the possibility of undergrounding. In addition, at the December 10, 2013, meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, I will be requesting that the Board authorize the Chairperson to send a letter to the PUC expressing the same concerns outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,



ZACH FRIEND, Supervisor  
Second District

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cc: PG&E

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**Re: PG&E Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project (A.12-01-012)**  
**Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") has reviewed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS/MND") and agrees that an MND is appropriate for this project. PG&E appreciates the substantial effort expended by Commission staff and its consultant to prepare this environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). PG&E sets forth herein its more substantive comments and includes in an attached chart additional, technical comments.

**Existing System and Project Need**

The Draft MND states in Section 2.3 (page 2-4) that:

"Large-scale service interruptions could occur if there are overlapping outages in the existing electricity supply system."

To elaborate, electric power to over 65,000 customers in the communities of Aptos, Rio Del Mar, Capitola, Soquel, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Felton and Ben Lomand in Santa Cruz County is delivered via two 115 kV transmission lines from Green Valley Substation that are more than 50 years old. Should one line go out of service during peak demand periods, the remaining line will be heavily loaded. Should other system support equipment be out of service when one of the existing lines goes out of service, thousands of customers could be without power until the affected line is returned to service. And should both lines be out of service, all 65,000 customers would be without power until one of the lines is returned to service.

PG&E's proposed project will add capacity to the existing transmission system, and it will also improve service reliability for those communities. By adding a new, third 115 kV



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transmission line to the system, there will be less stress on the existing system serving the area. The new line will provide capacity to serve the long-term needs of the area. And combined outages of one line and system support equipment would not result in customers losing service.

### **Operations and Maintenance**

The MND states on page 2-48, in the first sentence, that PG&E proposes to implement the Applicant Proposed Measures ("APM") and Mitigation Measures ("MM") "during the design, construction, and operation of the proposed project to avoid or minimize the potential environmental impacts." While PG&E does intend to implement the APMs and MMs during the design and construction phases of the project, it does not intend to continue to implement them during the operations and maintenance ("O&M") phase since there is no potentially-significant impact created by project O&M activities. The Draft MND recognizes as much: "Inspection, maintenance, and repair of the new 115-kV power lines would continue to be performed as it has been for the existing lines in the project corridor."<sup>1</sup> In other words, once construction is complete, PG&E's O&M work would be governed by PG&E's standard best management practices and all applicable legal requirements for this ongoing work.

To apply project APMs and MMs to the O&M work would not be legally justified. There must be a project impact, in fact, a potentially-significant project impact, in order to warrant mitigation. Otherwise, there is no constitutional nexus to support mitigation.<sup>2</sup> Here, the baseline for assessing project impacts is the existing O&M activities and there is no evidence that the project will create impacts above that baseline. On the contrary, the Draft MND notes that there will be no change to baseline conditions. Consequently, a requirement to continue to perform the APMs and MMs during O&M activities is beyond the scope of permissible mitigation.

There is no language in the APMs or MMs themselves suggesting that they will apply during future O&M activities. PG&E respectfully requests that all references in the Draft MND to this effect be removed from the final MND, as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Draft MND, p. 2-46, section 2.7.1, first sentence.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., CEQA Guidelines section 15126.4(a)(4) (requiring essential connection or "nexus" between the condition and a legitimate lead agency interest in dealing with the proposed project; *Nollan v. California Coastal Commission*, 483 U.S. 825 (1987).





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- Page 2-48, first sentence (noted above);
- Pages 3.4-67 and 3.4-68 (references to Mitigation Measures Biology-1, Biology-2, and Biology-7 through Biology-15);
- Page 3.8-11 (references to APM HYD-1 and Mitigation Measure Hazards-2).
- Page 3.18-12 ("Operation and Maintenance" section, second paragraph); and
- Table 4.1-1 (references to "after construction" in the "Timing of Action" column).<sup>3</sup>

### **Mitigation Measure Cumulative-2**

PG&E requests that Mitigation Measure Cumulative-2 be stricken because it prohibits PG&E from obtaining construction water for the project from the City of Santa Cruz during certain defined periods of critical water shortage. After further review of this measure with the construction team, PG&E believes this measure could cause construction delays and increased ratepayer costs for little benefit. As the draft MND notes, the project is expected to utilize only 0.74 acre-feet of water over the 15-18 month construction timeframe.<sup>4</sup> To put this amount in perspective, according to the California State Water Resources Control Board, "one acre-foot is taken to be the planned water usage of a suburban family household, annually."<sup>5</sup> Thus, the project proposes to use approximately half as much water as does a single individual household.<sup>6</sup> This measure would effectively require PG&E to halt construction, indefinitely, for lack of a very small amount of water, when the impact of such water usage is not significant but rather *de minimis*. PG&E also notes that although the Draft MND states at page 2-48 that PG&E has

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<sup>3</sup> Such references are found in Mitigation Measures Biology-1, Biology-2, Biology-6, and Biology-16.

<sup>4</sup> Draft MND, p. 3.18-20.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/performance\\_report\\_1011/plan\\_assess/12514\\_ww\\_reclamation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1011/plan_assess/12514_ww_reclamation.shtml) (definition of "acre-foot" in glossary).

<sup>6</sup> The typical household uses 0.08 acre-feet per month (1 acre-foot divided by 12 months) while the project proposes to use approximately half that amount, or 0.04 acre-feet per month (0.75 acre-feet divided by 18 months).



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agreed to implement all of the MMs as set forth in the document, PG&E saw the text of Mitigation Measure Cumulative-2 for the first time upon reviewing the Draft MND and has not previously agreed to implement it. For these reasons, PG&E respectfully requests that Mitigation Measure Cumulative-2 be omitted from the final MND.

The Draft MND states in several places that water for construction activities would be provided by either the City of Santa Cruz Municipal Utilities or the City of Santa Cruz Neary Lagoon Treatment Plant.<sup>7</sup> Because this description is unduly restrictive, PG&E respectfully requests that the text of the final MND be modified to state as follows:

"Water for construction activities would be provided by a local water treatment facility or municipal water utility within the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin."

### **Potentially Required Permits**

The Draft MND states that PG&E may be required to obtain a Significant Tree Removal Permit as well as a Building Permit from Santa Cruz County.<sup>8</sup> Neither permit will be required. A Significant Tree Removal Permit is only required of projects located in the Coastal Zone, which this project is not.<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, since a Significant Tree Removal Permit is a discretionary local permit, the requirement to obtain it is preempted.<sup>10</sup> Similarly, a Building

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<sup>7</sup> Draft MND, p. 3.17-1, p. 3.17-4, and p. 3.18-20.

<sup>8</sup> P. SUM-2, Table SUM-1; p. 2-47, Table 2.8-1.

<sup>9</sup> Santa Cruz County Code § 16.34.015.

<sup>10</sup> The installation of public utility facilities is governed by General Order 131-D of the California Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"). In Decision 94-06-014, (1994) 55 Cal.P.U.C.2d 87, by which the Commission adopted General Order 131-D, the Commission explained that cities and counties cannot regulate the location or construction of electric substations:

The question of whether local agencies are pre-empted from regulating the construction or installation of utility facilities is answered in section 8 of Article XII of the California Constitution, which states in pertinent part: "A city, county, or other public body may not regulate matters over which the Legislature grants regulatory power to the Commission."

55 Cal.P.U.C.2d at 95. Moreover, the Commission noted that Public Utilities Code section 761 "clearly vests in the Commission regulatory authority over the methods and means of locating and constructing public utility equipment





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Permit is expressly not required for the installation, alteration or repair of transmission equipment owned by a public utility<sup>11</sup> and is also preempted.<sup>12</sup> The references to these two permits should be stricken.

### **Proposed Project Pole Summary**

Table 2.5-1 (page 2-23), Proposed Project Pole Summary, contains a footnote (no. 2) stating that:

“[t]he maximum number of poles that could be added is presented in this table and analyzed in this IS.”

PG&E notes that the preceding footnote states that “[p]ole numbers are approximate and may change after final engineering.” Similarly, the first sentence of the second footnote states that “[d]ue to final engineering additional poles may be required.” Because the number of poles could change upon final engineering, or due to Commission requirements or other factors, PG&E requests that the second sentence of footnote 2 be stricken. In addition, because some of the numbers presented in Table 2.5-1 were only estimates provided by PG&E based upon information available at the time of the submission, PG&E has prepared an updated Table 2.5-1, included as Attachment 1 hereto, and requests that it be substituted in the final MND.

### **Wetland Impacts**

The Draft MND states at page 2-34 that PG&E will need to fill approximately 180 square feet while replacing a culvert underneath Kliever Lane. PG&E has now completed a formal wetland delineation and estimates it will fill approximately 125 square feet at this location. The Draft MND also states that PG&E will need to lay aggregate in a seasonal wetland off of Pioneer Lane for trucks to access a pole and will fill approximately 40 square feet at this location. PG&E now estimates it will fill approximately 136 square feet at this location.

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and facilities.” *Id.* Therefore, discretionary (as opposed to ministerial) regulation by local governments is preempted by the Commission’s jurisdiction.

<sup>11</sup> Cal. Bldg. Code § 105.2.2. In addition, the Draft MND states on page 3.18-13 that the project would be constructed “in accordance with the most recent version of the California Building Code seismic safety requirements.” Again, because the project is not subject to the California Building Code, this reference should be omitted from the final MND.

<sup>12</sup> See note 10, *supra*.



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### **Right-of-Way Expansions**

The Draft MND states at page 3.1-31 (last paragraph) that rights-of-way would not be expanded by more than 10 feet. This is incorrect and is inconsistent with Table 2.4-1 which notes in several places that rights-of-way along the Northern Alignment may need to be expanded by more than 10 feet. In addition, the statement in Table 2.4-1 with respect to the Cox-Freedom Segment that:

“An overhang easement of 10 feet on adjacent properties may be required in limited locations”

may not be accurate since easements in excess of 10 feet may be required depending upon the outcome of property line surveys. Consequently, PG&E respectfully requests that this sentence be omitted from the final MND.

### **Construction Equipment**

Section 2.6.6 and Table 2.6-4 (pages 2-43 through 2-43) list the equipment that would be used during project construction. It appears that this list is derived from Attachment 2B: Construction Equipment Summary, of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (“PEA”) for this project. However, Attachment 2B of the PEA notes that the equipment list is an approximation. Because variations in the specific type of equipment listed could occur depending on construction needs, and because PG&E understands Table 2.6-4 to reflect an estimate of equipment needs based on a typical project that is similar in scope, PG&E requests the following modification be made to Section 2.6.6 (indicated by strikeout/underline):

“The Typical equipment that would be used during project construction, as well as a summary of deliveries and pickups for each piece of equipment, is ~~provided~~ summarized in Table 2.6-4.”

### **Selection of Poles**

Section 2.5.1, at pages 2-22 through page 2-23, states with respect to the Cox-Freedom segment that:

“TSPs may be used in place of wood poles along the alignment if requested by the landowner. . . .”





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This language should be omitted from the final MND. The type of pole material (steel or wood) has already been determined based on engineering considerations, in particular, the allowable minimum distance of steel poles to existing underground steel facilities. The few TSPs along this segment of the alignment are at hard angles and are located an appropriate distance away from existing underground utilities. Consequently, PG&E is not free to change the design as indicated.

### **Grading**

Section 2.6.1, at page 2-29, states that grading may be required "along unpaved access roads, at pole work sites, and pull sites." PG&E notes that grading may also be required at Rob Roy Substation. The final MND should reflect this additional potential grading.

### **Nighttime Construction**

Section 3.1.3, part D, at page 3.1-32, states that:

"No nighttime construction requiring lighting would be performed during project construction."

In fact, as noted in the PEA for this project at page 2-34,

"Occasionally, work will occur during the evening hours. Such activities will include, but are not limited to, monitoring the substation foundation curing process, and testing and commissioning the new substation components."

There may be other reasons, including emergencies or the need to perform certain work when clearances can be taken, that require work to be performed during nighttime hours. Consequently, PG&E requests that the language in Section 3.1.3, Part D be revised as follows:

~~"No nighttime construction requiring lighting would be performed during project construction. Therefore, there would be no impact~~  
"Occasionally, work will occur during the evening hours. Such activities will include, but are not limited to, monitoring the substation foundation curing process, and testing and commissioning the new substation components. Any such work would be very limited in duration and impacts would be less than significant."



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## **Reflective Bollards**

APM TRA-01 states that:

"Reflective bollards will be installed around the base of TSP foundations to increase vehicle safety along Dalton Lane and at the corner of McDonald Road and Freedom Boulevard."

After PG&E drafted this APM, it modified the project design to locate the TSP at the corner of McDonald Road and Freedom Boulevard at least 20 feet from the edge of the pavement. Consequently, a reflective bollard is no longer necessary at this location. PG&E requests that APM TRA-01 (referenced on pages 2-68, 3.16-6, the last carryover sentence on page 3.16-12, and 4-34) be revised as follows:

"Reflective bollards will be installed around the base of TSP foundations to increase vehicle safety along Dalton Lane ~~and at the corner of McDonald Road and Freedom Boulevard.~~"

In addition, the Draft MND states on page 3.16-12 that:

"All new TSPs would be installed a minimum of 20 feet away from the pavement edge."

PG&E wishes to clarify that the statement is only applicable to TSPs along the Cox-Freedom segment. TSPs along the Dalton Lane portion of the Northern alignment will be within 20 feet from the pavement edge but will have reflective bollards installed at those pole locations. Thus, the language should be modified as follows:

"All new TSPs along the Cox-Freedom Segment would be installed a minimum of 20 feet away from the pavement edge."

## **Mitigation Measure Biology-9**

Table 4.1-1 at page 4-14 references Mitigation Measure Biology-9 and states as a monitoring requirement for that MM:

"Verify that no work occurs between sunset and sunrise in Santa Cruz long-toed salamander habitat unless the conditions specified in the measure are met."





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However, Mitigation Measure Biology-9 itself contains no reference to work occurring between sunset and sunrise. Consequently, PG&E requests that this monitoring requirement be stricken.

### **Helicopter Fight Plans**

Section 3.16.3, Section C, at page 3.16-12, states that:

“PG&E would coordinate with air traffic control and applicable agencies before helicopters are used.”

It is PG&E's understanding that helicopter contractors are responsible for making any required notifications, and not PG&E. Indeed, the Draft MND states as much on page 2-35:

“The helicopter contractor would be responsible for notifying the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of proposed flight paths 24 hours in advance of helicopter operations. . . .”

PG&E respectfully requests that the paragraph on page 3.16-12 be replaced with the paragraph on page 2-35.

### **Franchise**

In several places, the Draft MND states that the project will be constructed in an existing distribution right-of-way.<sup>13</sup> The language should be clarified to state that the project will be constructed in existing rights-of-way and/or in Santa Cruz County franchise.

### **Minor Project Modifications**

Section 4.2, at page 4-2, states that:

“Project modifications cannot proceed if they would require ground-disturbing activities outside the geographic boundary of the

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<sup>13</sup> P. MND-2, first sentence, item #2; p. SUM-2, section 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point; p. 1-1, section 1.1.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point; p. 2-21, Table. 2.4-1 (discussion of Cox-Freedom Segment, first sentence, refers to an easement along the Cox-Freedom Segment; this segment is located within the Santa Cruz County road franchise.



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project corridor or would create a new or substantially more severe significant impact.”

PG&E believes this language is unduly restrictive. To avoid incurring significant costs before the Commission approves the Project, final engineering will be performed after the Commission has completed its CEQA review and approved the project. Final engineering sometimes results in minor modifications to the project design. In addition, new information learned post-approval and during construction can also lead to a need to make minor refinements to the project. Further, interactions with other agencies and property owners after approval of a project can also lead to a desire to make minor refinements to the project, if it accommodates another party without adding significantly to costs or delaying the schedule, and if the modification has no significant adverse environmental impact.

The restrictive modification language of Section 4.2 could require that PG&E institute a new proceeding and seek a full vote of the Commission, through a petition for modification of the original decision on this project, in order to make minor refinements to the project. That result may occur even if the Energy Division determines that the change would have no significant adverse impact on the environment, or even if the change would benefit the environment. PG&E submits that requiring an extensive and burdensome proceeding that in no way is required by CEQA or any other state law, is not a prudent or efficient use of the Commission's resources.

PG&E instead requests that the following language be included in the final MND:

“Energy Division may approve requests by PG&E for minor project modifications that may be necessary during final engineering and construction of the Project so long as Energy Division finds that such minor project modifications would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.”

#### **Additional Comments**

Additional suggested minor revisions and corrections to the draft MND are noted in the attached chart, included as Attachment 2, hereto.



Ms. Lisa Orsaba, Infrastructure Permitting & CEQA  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: PG&E's Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration  
December 5, 2013  
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PG&E appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to contact me if further information or clarification is necessary.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MAF', followed by a long horizontal line.

Matthew A. Fogelson

MAF:bd  
Attachments (2)

cc: Ms. Tania Treis, Principal, w/attachments, via E-Mail [Tania.Treis@panoramaenv.com](mailto:Tania.Treis@panoramaenv.com)  
Mr. Brandon Liddell, Sr. Land Planner – PG&E, w/attachments



# **ATTACHMENT 1**

## 2: Project Description

**Table 2.5-1: Proposed Project Pole Summary**

Action/Project Component	TSP <sup>1</sup>	Wood <sup>1</sup>	Stub <sup>1</sup>	Wood Distribution <sup>1</sup>
<b>Add</b>				
Northern Alignment	<del>72</del> 73	0	0	0
Cox-Freedom Segment	3	24	<del>56</del>	<del>11</del> 12
Rob Roy Substation Connections	4	0	0	0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<del>79-86</del> 80-88	24-26	<del>5-66</del> 7	<del>11-12</del> 12-13
<b>Remove</b>				
Northern Alignment	0	<del>61</del> 62	0	0
Cox-Freedom Segment	0	<del>25</del> 0	<del>05</del>	<del>24</del> 0
Rob Roy Substation Connections	<del>10</del>	<del>30</del>	0	0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<del>10</del>	<del>86-95</del> 65-72	<del>05-6</del>	<del>240-44</del>
<b>Retain</b>				
Northern Alignment	01	0	01	014
Cox-Freedom Segment	0	80	03	<del>11</del> 15
Rob Roy Substation Connections	0	0	0	0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	01	<del>8-90</del>	<del>04-5</del>	<del>11-12</del> 29-32
<b>Top</b>				
Northern Alignment	0	<del>10</del> 12	0	0
Cox-Freedom Segment	0	0	0	0
Rob Roy Substation Connections	0	0	0	0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	0	<del>10</del> 12	0	0
<b>Notes</b> <sup>1</sup> Pole numbers are approximate and may change after final engineering. <sup>2</sup> Due to final engineering additional poles may be required. The maximum number of poles that could be added is presented in this table and analyzed in this IS.				

# **ATTACHMENT 2**



**Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Comments on Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project  
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Comment #	Page and Paragraph or Table #	Existing Language	Issue	Recommendation
1	Page MND-1, last paragraph	“Rebuilding approximately 7.1 miles of the existing Green Valley-Camp Evers 115-kV Power Line ( <b>Northern Alignment</b> ) from a single-circuit line to a double-circuit line by replacing the existing wood power poles with tubular steel poles (TSPs) and installing new conductors.”	Clarify that PG&E will be installing new conductors on both circuits.	“Rebuilding approximately 7.1 miles of the existing Green Valley-Camp Evers 115-kV Power Line ( <b>Northern Alignment</b> ) from a single-circuit line to a double-circuit line by replacing the existing wood power poles with tubular steel poles (TSPs) and installing new conductors <u>on both circuits</u> .”
2	Page MND-13, last full paragraph	“Use of helicopters shall be limited, to the extent practicable, to trips necessary to deliver, install and/or remove towers, poles, conductor, and tower/pole related equipment.”	PG&E is not installing any “towers”	“Use of helicopters shall be limited, to the extent practicable, to trips necessary to deliver, install and/or remove <del>towers</del> , poles, conductor, and <del>tower</del> /pole related equipment.”
3	Page Sum-2, Table SUM-1	--	PG&E will be obtaining a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, but a SAA is not listed in the table.	Add SAA to the List of Permits.
4	Page 2-1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> bullet, 2 <sup>nd</sup> indent	“Replacing existing distribution wood poles averaging 39 feet tall with new wood transmission poles averaging 89 feet tall.”	The project involves a 115-kV power line. Transmission lines are generally considered to operate at 200 kV or higher.	These are all power lines per CPUC definition. Ensure that the Northern Alignment and Cox-Freedom Segment components are referred to as a power line, not a transmission line.
5	Page 2-1, Section 2.2	“The only upgrade since the system was built was the addition of voltage support equipment at Paul Sweet Substation in the 1970’s...”	The voltage support equipment was added to the Paul Sweet Substation in 1997.	“The only upgrade since the system was built was the addition of voltage support equipment at Paul Sweet Substation in <del>the 1970’s</del> 1997...”
6	Page 2-9 Fig. 2.4-4	E-32	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
7	Page 2-11 Fig. 2.4-6	E-48	Symbol should be an orange circle (not triangle) to represent that this pole is remaining.	Revise figure accordingly.
8	Page 2-16 Fig. 2.4-11	C-77	The existing stub pole that C-77 is replacing is not shown. Add orange triangle symbol with label E-86S.	Revise figure accordingly.
9	Page 2-16 Fig. 2.4-11	CS-90	The existing stub pole that CS-90 is replacing is not shown. Add orange triangle symbol with label E-90S.	Revise figure accordingly.
10	Page 2-16 Fig. 2.4-11	E-92	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
11	Page 2-16 Fig. 2.4-11	C-81S	This number is incorrect. It should be C-82S.	Revise figure accordingly.
12	Page 2-16 Fig. 2.4-11	C-82S (C-81S)	The existing stub pole that C-82S is replacing is not shown. Add orange triangle symbol with label E-82S.	Revise figure accordingly.
13	Page 2-17 Fig. 2.4-12	E-99	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
14	Page 2-17 Fig. 2.4-12	E-100	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
15	Page 2-17 Fig. 2.4-12	E-101	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
16	Page 2-17 Fig. 2.4-12	C-87	The existing cable pole that C-87 is replacing is not shown. Add orange triangle symbol with label E-104A	Revise figure accordingly.
17	Page 2-18 Fig. 2.4-13	E-112	Symbol should be an orange triangle (not circle) to represent that this pole is being removed.	Revise figure accordingly.
18	Page 2-18 Fig. 2.4-13	C-93S	The existing stub pole that C-93S is replacing is not shown. Add orange triangle symbol with label E-	Revise figure accordingly.



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19	Page 2-18 Fig. 2.4-13	GV(RR)-PS C-76C	This number is incorrect. It should be GV(RR)-PS C-76.	Revise figure accordingly.
20	Page 2-18 Fig. 2.4-13	GV-RR#1 E-75 to C-75A	There should be a line shown to represent the “Green Valley-Rob Roy #1 Alignment Retensioning Segment”	Revise figure accordingly.
21	Page 2-18 Fig. 2.4-13	C-75A to Rob Roy Sub Takeoff	There should be a line shown to represent the “Green Valley-Rob Roy #1 Alignment New Line Segment”	Revise figure accordingly.
22	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-31 to C-32	A pole was added to the project, so C-31 and C-32 are now renumbered to C-32 and C-33.	Revise figure accordingly.
23	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-32 to C-33	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-32 to C-33) to (C-33 – C-34).	Revise figure accordingly.
24	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-33 to C-34	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-33 to C-34) to (C-34 – C-35).	Revise figure accordingly.
25	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-41 to C-42	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-41 to C-42) to (C-42 – C-43).	Revise figure accordingly.
26	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-52 to C-53	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-52 to C-53) to (C-53 – C-54).	Revise figure accordingly.
27	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-53 to C-54	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-53 to C-54) to (C-54 – C-55).	Revise figure accordingly.
28	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-54 to C-55	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-54 to C-55) to (C-55 – C-56).	Revise figure accordingly.
29	Page 2-21 Table 2.4-1	C-55 to C-56	A pole was added to the project, so these pole numbers should increase by 1, from (C-55 to C-56) to (C-56 – C-57).	Revise figure accordingly.
30	Page 2-22 Section 2.5.1 1 <sup>st</sup> para	“Existing poles range from single to triplicate wood structures and range in size from 35 to 77 feet tall.”	The height above ground for poles being removed or modified along the Northern Alignment range in size from 31 to 76 feet tall.	“Existing poles range from single to triplicate wood structures and range in size from <del>35 to 77</del> 31 to 76 feet tall.”
31	Page 2-22 Footnote 2	“In locations where a large change of conductor direction is required, two TSPs separated by up to 45 feet may be used.”	The widest separation as currently designed is actually 63 feet (GV-CE C-01 & GV-RR #2 C-01).	“In locations where a large change of conductor direction is required, two TSPs separated by up to <del>45</del> 63 feet may be used.”
32	Page 2-25 Section 2.5.1, carryover paragraph	“Up to four guy wires may be installed per pole.”	The correct number is five.	“Up to <del>four</del> five guy wires may be installed per pole.”
33	Page 2-25 Section 2.5.2, 1 <sup>st</sup> para.	“The overhead conductor would be attached to the transmission poles using six non-reflective grey porcelain insulators installed on each TSP.”	This language only refers to suspension type configurations and not to deadend structures.	To cover both suspension and deadend structures, revise language as follows: “The overhead conductor would be attached to the transmission poles using six non-reflective grey porcelain insulators installed on each <u>suspension type</u> TSP, and <u>twelve or more insulators at each deadend TSP.</u> ”



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34	Page 2-26, 2 <sup>nd</sup> para	"The existing distribution conductors that would be collocated on the new poles are generally 2-gauge copper or 715.5-kcmil aluminum with diameters of approximately 0.414 inches and 0.974 inches, respectively."	"2-gauge copper" should read "4-gauge covered aluminum". In addition, "0.414" should be "0.580".	"The existing distribution conductors that would be collocated on the new poles are generally <del>2-gauge copper</del> <u>4-gauge covered aluminum</u> or 715.5-kcmil aluminum with diameters of approximately <del>0.414</del> <u>0.580</u> inches and 0.974 inches, respectively."
35	Page 2-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> para	"The Cox-Freedom Segment conductors would be attached to the power poles using three non-reflective grey composite or porcelain insulators at each pole."	This language only refers to suspension type configurations and not to deadend structures.	To cover both suspension and deadend structures, revise language as follows: "The Cox-Freedom Segment conductors would be attached to the power poles using three non-reflective grey porcelain insulators installed at each <u>wood transmission pole</u> , and six insulators at each <u>Tubular Steel Pole (TSP) location</u> ."
36	Page 2-26, 2 <sup>nd</sup> para	"In instances where distribution conductors are collocated on the power line poles, the distribution conductors would be installed approximately 8 feet below the lowest 115-kV conductor;"	The proposed distribution conductor will be a minimum of 8 feet below the 115-kV conductor and more in some locations.	"In instances where distribution conductors are collocated on the power line poles, the distribution conductors would be installed <u>approximately at least 8 feet</u> below the lowest 115-kV conductor;"
37	Page 2-27, Figure 2.5-2	"Rob Roy Substation Proposed Layout Including Parcel Boundary"	Figure title is incorrect – states "Rob Roy Substation Proposed Layout Including Parcel Boundary." Outline of station as shown is not the PG&E parcel boundary. Parcel boundary is larger.	"Rob Roy Substation Proposed Layout <del>including Parcel Boundary</del> "
38	Page 2-29, first sentence	"Up to 46 acres of existing vegetation may need to be cleared or mowed along existing unpaved access routes, overland routes, and staging/landing zones and work areas (see Tables 2.6-1 and 2.6-2)."	Table 2.6-1 indicates that up to 3.22 acres of vegetation clearing may be required within access roads. Table 2.6-2 indicates that up to 45.8 acres of vegetation removal or mowing may be required within temporary work areas.	"Up to <del>46</del> <u>49</u> acres of existing vegetation may need to be cleared or mowed along existing unpaved access routes, overland routes, and staging/landing zones and work areas (see Tables 2.6-1 and 2.6-2)."
39	Page 2-35, Section 2.6.3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> para.	"Approximately three staging areas/landing zones would be used during construction."	Figure 2.4 and Table 2.6-2 indicate that four staging areas/landing zones would be used.	"Approximately <del>three</del> <u>four</u> staging areas/landing zones would be used during construction."
40	Page 2-38, 3 <sup>rd</sup> para.	"Approximately four pull sites would be located along the Cox-Freedom Segment. Three of these pull sites would be located within public paved roads."	Table 2.6-2 states that all four pull sites will be located in public roads.	Table 2.6-2 should be corrected to be consistent with text on page 2-38.
41	Page 2-38, 3 <sup>rd</sup> para.	"One additional pull site, measuring approximately 115 feet by 70 feet, would be located in the pole work area adjacent to and directly west of Cox Road. . ."	Should reference Freedom Boulevard.	"Would be located in the pole work area adjacent to and directly west of <del>Cox Road</del> <u>Freedom Boulevard</u> ."
42	Page 2-47, Table 2.8-1,	--	PG&E will be obtaining a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, but a SAA is not listed in the table.	Add SAA to the List of Permits.
43	Page 3.1-23, Figure 3.1-10	--	Text under Project Elements states: "Replacement of three wood poles with three new TSPs." This is unclear as the second and third existing poles are not visible.	For clarity, suggest revising text to state: "Replacement of one three pole structure with one TSP (two additional replacement TSPs visible in the distance)".
44	Page 3.1-25, Figure 3.1-11	--	Text under Project Elements states: "Replacement of five wood poles with five new TSPs." The "Before" photo shows only one two pole structure; the "After" photo shows 4 new structures.	Revise text to state: "Replacement of wood structures with TSPs."



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45	Page 3.1-26, Para. 1, last sentence	“The approximately 24 new wooden poles within the residential area would be on average, approximately 50 feet taller than existing distribution poles, with three additional power lines in a new transmission circuit visible on these new poles.”	More accurate utility description would be “electric conductors” and not “power lines” which describe an entire infrastructure.	“The approximately 24 new wooden poles within the residential area would be on average, approximately 50 feet taller than existing distribution poles, with three additional <del>power lines</del> <u>electric conductors</u> in a new transmission circuit visible on these new poles.”
46	Page 3.4.-4 Page 3.4-5 Figure 3.4-1 Figure 3.4-2	--	These two maps are part of same set but Legend is different for each; Figure 3.4-1 doesn’t have vegetation types.	Make consistent.
47	Page 3.4-45 Table 3.4-7,	--	APM BIO-29 text refers to APM BIO-25. APM BIO-25 is superseded by Mitigation Measure Biology 7.	The reference should be revised to refer to Mitigation Measure Biology-7.
48	Page 3.4-47 and 3.4-48 Table 3.4-8	--	Table 3.4-8 describes 0 acres of impact to wetlands. However, Page 3.4-70 describes 0.02 acre of impact to seasonal wetland and 0.83 acre of impacts to fresh emergent wetlands.	An impact of 0.85 acres of wetland should be reflected in Table 3.4-8
49	Page 3.6-15, 4 <sup>th</sup> para.	“APM GEO-01 would be implemented, which requires PG&E implement the recommendations and findings in the geotechnical report in final project design to minimize the effects of identified landslide-prone areas ( <i>i.e.</i> , with slopes steeper than 15 percent).”	APM GEO-1 has been superseded by Mitigation Measure Geology-1.	The reference should be revised to refer to Mitigation Measure Geology-1.
50	Page 3.8-13; Subsection E)	“Structure heights for new project components would range from 35 feet for dead-end take-off structures, to be installed at Rob Roy Substation, to a maximum of 100 feet for some TSPs.”	Some project poles will exceed 100 feet in height.	“Structure heights for new project components would range from 35 feet for dead-end take-off structures, to be installed at Rob Roy Substation, to a maximum of <del>100</del> 105 feet for some TSPs.”
51	Page 3.9-11, 2 <sup>nd</sup> para., last sentence	“PG&E would also obtain a Nationwide 404 Permit from the ACOE and a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.”	A 1602 SAA will also be obtained from CDFW.	“PG&E would also obtain a Nationwide 404 Permit from the ACOE, <del>and</del> a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, <u>and a Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.</u> ”
52	3.16-11	“No structure built during construction would obstruct navigable airspace and exceed the 200 foot FAA notification requirement described in Title 14, Part 77 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).”	55 poles within 20,000 feet were recently identified as having the potential to require FAA notification based on the potential to exceed the 100-to-1 imaginary surface extending from Watsonville Airport.	Revise to state that 55 poles within 20,000 feet were identified as having the potential to require FAA notification based on the potential to exceed the 100-to-1 imaginary surface extending from Watsonville Airport.
53	Page 3.18-1	“A) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.”	Inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15065 (the checklist in the back of the Guidelines has not been updated to reflect the changes to the Guidelines made some time ago.)	“A) Have the potential to <u>substantially</u> degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, <u>substantially</u> reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.”
54	Page 3.4-3	“Monterey Spineflower . . . is listed as endangered under the federal ESA.”	Monterey spineflower is listed as threatened under the federal ESA	“Monterey Spineflower . . . is listed as <del>endangered</del> <u>threatened</u> under the federal ESA.”
55	Page 3.4-11, Table 3.4-2	--	The status of Bristly sedge is referenced as “2.1”. The species status is 2B.1.	Revise.



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56	Page 3.4-11, Table 3.4-2	--	The status of Congdon's tarplant is referenced as "1B.2". The species status is 1B.1	Revise.

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** John Randolph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 6:28 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Cc:** 'DanC'; 'Mike McIntyre'  
**Subject:** PGE 115KV replacement project App#A.12-02-012

To: Lisa Orsaba, Public Utilities Commission, C/O Panorama Environmental Inc.

This is a public comment to Application A. 12-02-012. The subject of this comment is the portion of the IS/MND which deals with Airport and Airspace impacts.

Please note that the County of Santa Cruz, while it does not have an ALUP, is subject to the California Airport Land Use Handbook, and Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77.

The referenced IS/MND recognizes that the proposed project is within the horizontal boundaries of protected airspace for Watsonville Municipal Airport. The report, however, does not deal with the vertical requirements of that airspace protection. The report must explain how the project meets the requirements of FAR part 77.

Watsonville airport has several instrument approaches, including a RNAV rwy 2 GPS approach. The Terminal Approach Surfaces (TERPS) for these approaches must be explored and vertical clearances properly explained within the report. Towers of up to 108 ft. in the project may be a critical factor when total elevation above the airport runway is considered. The use of taller cranes should also be explained within the context of airspace protection.

From a description of the proposed project, it appears that FAA Form 7460-1 must be filed with the FAA, and a determination must be made as to protected airspace. Specifically, it appears that the project falls within the following requirement:

### **Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 Regarding Height:**

The FAA national airspace system serves several essential notification and coordination functions, beyond simply ensuring the approaches to an airport are not obstructed by the construction of objects. Each person proposing any type of construction or alteration under the provisions of FAR Part 77 is required to notify the FAA by completing FAA Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration. The completed form is sent to the ADO office in Burlingame at least 30 days before proposed construction or application for building permit. For example, it's required for:

▪Construction /alteration including construction cranes of greater height than an imaginary surface extending outward and upward at one of the following slopes:

- ∠ 100 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 20,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway of each airport (public-use) with at least one runway more than 3,200 feet in actual length, excluding heliports.
- ∠ 50 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway of each airport with it longest runway no more that 3,200 feet in actual length, excluding heliports.
- ∠ 25 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 5,000 from the nearest point of the nearest landing and takeoff area of each heliport (public use).

Respectfully,  
John Randolph

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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** aaron ashley  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2013 7:34 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** power poles

Hi my name is Aaron Ashley I live at 116 Chaparral Dr. Aptos cal. 95003 the 115kv project that is on the PGE books will change this area forever. It is a rural neighborhood removal of trees and constant trimming of trees that are not removed will change the area we have loved to live in. There must be another way that dose not make this area seem like a city street please study the plan with this in mind you can make a difference.

Hi I am writing this letter to ask you to help preserve the Day valley and Corallitos rural community values. Most of the people I have discussed this with feel we are being pushed around by PGE a company with massive resources that is not in touch with unique little areas like ours.

For PGE it is about saving \$ and fixing a problem as fast as possible. We all agree reliable power is important. Please don't ruin an area that many people love and have worked hard for just to patch a hole in a grid on a map.

I believe this area of Cox Rd. to be a water shed area that can not be developed beyond one house per existing lot that is one of the reasons many of the people moved here.

The scope of this project is large enough to warrant a full EIR at the least prior to disturbing the fragile nature of this area.

Please visit the day valley/corallitos area for the weekend or a week in the spring prior to your decision it is unique and beautiful

11/28/13

Thank you

Aaron Ashley

Aaron Ashley

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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** ADELE MILLER  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 9:45 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv PGE Reinforcement Project

**Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111**

**Dear Lisa,**

**I strongly request and demand a full environment impact report be completed. Some of the many concerns are:**

- **Impact on neighborhood and community aesthetics.**
- **Loss of hundreds of trees, wild life habitat and natural beauty**
- **The project crosses acres of designated farmland.**
- **Alternative routes were not sufficiently explored.**
- **Alternative construction such as undergrounding was not considered at all.**
- **How can approval be given without a complete engineering analysis & report?**
- **As proposed this project would further inhibit the ability of the County to widen, improve roadway in the future**
- **PG&E poles will change from present 40' to 80', 100' & 110' similar to constructing a 10 story**

**building in our rural neighborhood.**

- **Project is inconsistent with Santa Cruz County General Plan.**
- **Corralitos Road is a scenic corridor, it will be permanently altered with a sky line of 100'+ high PG&E poles.**

**Adele J Miller  
345 Hauer Apple Way\  
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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Amy Merrill  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 2:54 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Letter to CPU - Day Valley CA / 115-KV

**Lisa Orsaba**  
**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.**  
**[1 Embarcadero Center, #740](#)**  
**[San Francisco, California 94111](#)**

Dear Lisa,

I am writing regarding the 115-KV initiative in the Cox Road / Day Valley area of Aptos, CA. I implore you and the Commission to complete an Environmental Impact Report before any changes are made in the area.

I grew up on Calle del Sol, and I understand the potential consequences of this initiative would include loss of trees, wildlife habitats, and the area's rural and natural beauty. My family and the neighborhood's other residents have joined together to call for action, specifically the EIR.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Merrill

Ann Farrier  
1375 Hames Rd  
Aptos, CA 95003

Dec 4, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, # 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsada,

I am writing to express my objection to the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E.

I insist a full ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) be completed on this project before it receives final approval and before work begins on this project.

Reviewing the project as it has been written up and attending the community meetings in our area, I find the investigations for project to be lacking in broad perspective for the impact on the neighborhoods involved and the community at large.


This is a rural community with a significant population density that is not likely to grow due to the zoning restrictions. The project will have quite an impact on the community. It is important to investigate more thoroughly both the PROS and the CONS of this project so the community can support the project, if possible.

I would expect that an EIR will look at possible alternatives to the project, alternate routes for the power lines and poles and the necessity for the project as planned.

Please document my concerns and my request for a full EIR before final approval.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann L Farrier

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann L Farrier", written in dark ink.



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

- This will lower property value in the neighborhood
- This will require removal of trees which provide valuable habitat for many migratory bird species

I walk my dog and children up and down this road everyday. This project will be unsightly, disruptive and unpleasant. PG and E should come up with a new plan, possibly running the lines underground instead

Name: Arthur Templeman

Address: 574 Calle del Sol

City: Aptos CA 95003

Date: Dec 4, 2013

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- disruption of recreation in the neighborhood
- permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood and community values \*

*-all underground  
as promised  
long ago*

**I demand a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.**

Sincerely Yours,

*Arthur Templeman*

Name: Ashley B. Haldeeman

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Corralitos, CA 95076

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11/29/13

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**I demand an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives including all other routes and undergrounding of utilities. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record.**

Sincerely,

*Ashley Haldeeman*  
*I live close to these lines and walk under them almost daily. Their impact is much more significant than claimed by PG&E. An EIR report*



should be mandatory for such a massive project (as it is of course for the rest of us doing relatively minor projects). Let's all play by the rules. PG&E's wires have already caused multiple fires on our road alone. They also left an eyesore after a Eucalyptus treed hillside clear-cutting (~~that~~ they ALSO did not need (???) an EIR for <sup>&</sup>this clear-cutting!).

Please enter the following into the public California Public Utilities Commission Record concerning the Santa Cruz 115-kilovolt (kV) Reinforcement Project.

As a 34 year resident of Aptos, I would like to ask that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to consider the substantial impairment and destruction of community values from the PG&E project, discussed below. The impairment of community values comes from the overhead construction proposed for the "Santa Cruz 115-kilovolt (kV) Reinforcement Project". At numerous community meetings the consensus seems to be that underground construction would be acceptable and even welcomed by the community while the proposed overhead construction using numerous 89' to 101' foot poles and miles of sagging high-voltage lines is totally unacceptable. As an amateur astronomer, I selected where I live based on the unobstructed skyline views afforded from my own backyard. This unobstructed view of the night sky for me and the neighborhood children that come over to use my telescope will be totally destroyed by the overhead construction proposed by PG&E.

Following is an assessment of the PG&E failure to perform an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This assessment was made by one of my three sons, Robert Gleaton. Robert was born and reared at 1703 Cox Road, Aptos and is now as archeologist that deals with PG&E construction on a day to day basis.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) filed an application with PG&E for a Permit to Construct the Santa Cruz 115-kilovolt (kV) Reinforcement Project. In doing so, the Application had to be in Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended. When examining a project that is not exempt from CEQA, the Lead Agency (CPUC) prepares an Initial Study (IS) to determine whether the project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. If no potential significant effects are identified, a negative declaration is prepared (Section 21080(c)). A mitigated negative declaration is called for if there are potential effects, but these can be mitigated to a level of insignificance (Section 21064.5). In the case of this project, Panorama Environmental Incorporated, retained by PG&E, conducted the IS and declared that this project to have a Mitigated Negative Declaration as according to Article 6 and Section 15070 of the CEQA Guidelines.

No further Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was warranted by the IS as an EIR is required if there are significant environmental effects which cannot be avoided or mitigated (Sections 21100 and 21151). The CEQA Guidelines defines "significant effect on the environment" as: "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance" (Guidelines Section 15382). An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment. A social or economic change related to a physical change may be considered in determining whether the physical change is significant.

While the IS takes into account potential impacts to environmental factors that are potentially to be affected by the project, it fails to acknowledge the greater impact the project proposes on aesthetics, specifically along the approximate 1.7-mile long proposed construction of single and double-circuit 115-kV power lines, deemed as the Cox-Freedom Segment. The proposed addition of seven new tubular steel poles (TSPs) that will stand at a height of ninety-eight feet, (current wooden poles average thirty-

nine feet) will forever change the scenic quality and integrity and overall regional visual character that the area has developed for over forty-five years. The IS fails to take into account how drastically the proposed installation of the TSPs will alter the cultural landscape in terms of aesthetics. The mitigation provided by the IS need to be reevaluated for other feasible alternatives to mitigation measures as the initial evaluation performed by Panorama Environmental Incorporated is insufficient.

Additionally, the impact on aesthetics are also not addressed on an historic cultural resource scale, as many of the utility-poles original placement and dimensions are consistent for the past forty-five to fifty years and maintain integrity of location, orientation, and association, making themselves an integral aspect of the historic cultural landscape. The utility-poles themselves should be evaluated as potential cultural resources in terms of contributing factors to the cultural and historic landscape under CEQA (14 CCR 15064.5 and PRC 21084.1).

Thank You,



Barry S. Gleaton. December 1, 2013. 1703 Cox Road. Aptos, California 95003

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Becky  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 01, 2013 11:52 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** proposed Northern Alignment segment of Santa Cruz 115kvV reinforcement by PG&E

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

We have just today, Dec. 1, 2013, learned of this proposal and are very concerned.

No one I know in our neighborhood who will be impacted knew about this until just now.

It seems to me that there was not a sincere, and certainly not an effective, attempt to inform all who would be affected.

Secondly, it is my understanding that there is a shorter and more cost-effective route to the south. Why is this alternative not being used?

Please realize that there are many people in the area of the posted project who will be very upset about this.

Rebecca Lynn & Blaine Neagley  
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## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS DONE WITH INFO FROM PG&E - NOT OBJECTIVE!

MEETING MINIMIZED AESTHETIC CONCERNS. THESE CONCERNS ARE HUGE AND WILL IMPACT HOME OWNERS FOREVER.

OUR AREA IS NOT SERVICED BY NATURAL GAS PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE OF INSTALLING INFRASTRUCTURE. WHY SHOULD THE PUBLIC ACCEPT THIS HUGE UGLY PROJECT IF PG&E CANNOT EVEN SUPPLY BASIC UTILITIES TO OUR AREA.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DONE UNDERGROUND IF IT IS NEEDED.  
NEED TO PROTECT PROPERTY VALUE? (AILED)

- WHY WAS THE SOUTHERN ALIENMENT MODELLED  
AS AN OPTION



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Britt Haselton** <[britthaselton@gmail.com](mailto:britthaselton@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Oct 21, 2013 at 7:15 PM

Subject: Pictures of new lines and poles

To: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

We own APN 108-051-17 in Corralitos and presently have a single line of poles over our property next to our home.

The Project proposes to replace that single line of poles with a much larger mechanism.

I would like to see a photo of the proposed replacement tower with lines attached. I think it is very important that you

bring that to the upcoming meeting Nov. 6 at the Corralitos Grange as well. The new project has been vaguely

described but no one knows what it will look like and think that is important.

I look forward to your response.

Britt Haselton

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Date 11/25/2013

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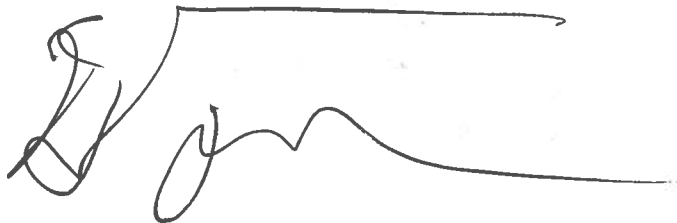
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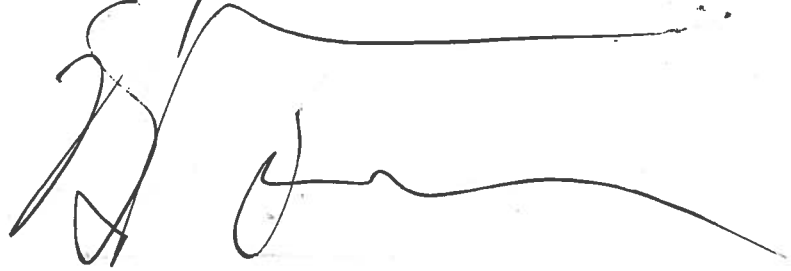
Sincerely,



As a Santa Cruz County Resident, I am appalled at the concept of cutting down anymore of our pristine natural areas to make room for poles and wires.

In this day and age, we must seek alternatives! This proposal sounds like projects from the 1930's! ~~We~~ need modern infrastructure for the future! Don't wreck this beautiful land!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized first name and a surname, written in a cursive script.

December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

We have only today become aware of PG&E plans for a massive upgrade involving 100' towers through our residential area. Even though we will be impacted, PG&E did not advise us of the existence of this plan.

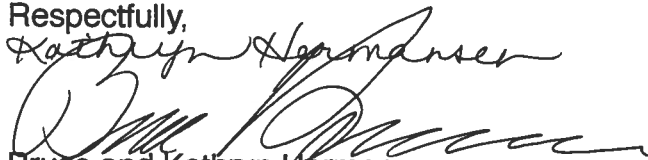
We strongly object to the plan, and that there has not been a full environmental impact report. It appears that the project will involve the loss of a large number of trees, and that it is inconsistent with our Santa Cruz County General Plan, which we take very seriously.

Additionally, there are existing, unsightly lines in part of the proposed area. These are only 40' tall, but are a visual and aesthetic blight as it is. It's impossible to imagine poles larger and more than twice as tall in this corridor. We are also concerned about the obstruction the poles may be to the need to improve our roads in the future. Once these intrusive and unsightly poles are allowed, it unlikely they would ever be removed in our lifetime. It's too massive a plan to be a viable option for improving service to the area. The trade-off just isn't reasonable.

Rather than increasing magnifying the pole problem, we strongly support putting the exiting lines underground, along with the upgraded lines and equipment PG&E seeks to install.

The impact of poles and equipment of this nature needs to be studied, the residents of the affected areas informed, and alternative options and routes considered.

Respectfully,



Bruce and Kathryn Hermansen  
240 Light Springs Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

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City: Aptos CA 95001  
Date: 8/31/465-9272

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Sincerely Yours,

*Bruce C. Adams*

cc: *Don Fitt*

*See Addendum*



Name: Bruce Adamson  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I am resident of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. There are any number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. I continue to be amazed at meeting neighbors who have also been in the area for decades. This is because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards and vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how our environment will be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: "Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures." Really?!

"No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people." Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet "back roads" for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely effect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

Sincerely,

 cc: 

Name: *Bruce Adamson*  
Address: *PO Box 1003*  
City: *Aptos CA 95001*

Date *11/25/2013*

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Sincerely,

*Bruce Adamson*

*Cl: Dom  
AAM*

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**Addendum to Letter**

**I Bruce Campbell Adamson, make the following declaration under the laws of California and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Since 1980, I have been licensed by the State of California as a real estate salesman agent.**

**I have lived on Cox Road since March, 2011.**

**It is very disturbing that PGE who is receiving Federal Funds for the 100 foot Power Poles in the Rob Roy Substation has not performed an EIR report. I am encouraging my Congressman Sam Farr to act fast.**

**It attending a meeting on November 6, 2013 that Lisa Orsaba the representataive for the State Utilities Commission did not answer any questions. That they allgedly took comments from concerned citizens and in so doing left out most of the comments made. There was no recorder so that they would capture all comments in detail. Instead they left the task to a young lady to write on paper that was three feet high with a marker. For instance I pointed out that for the past year and a half to two years Aptos had dug up the road and this caused an extreme hardship on the community. Also that Safeway is planning on developing a super Safeway market in the next couple of years, which will also disrupt transportation for they too will disrupt traffic.**

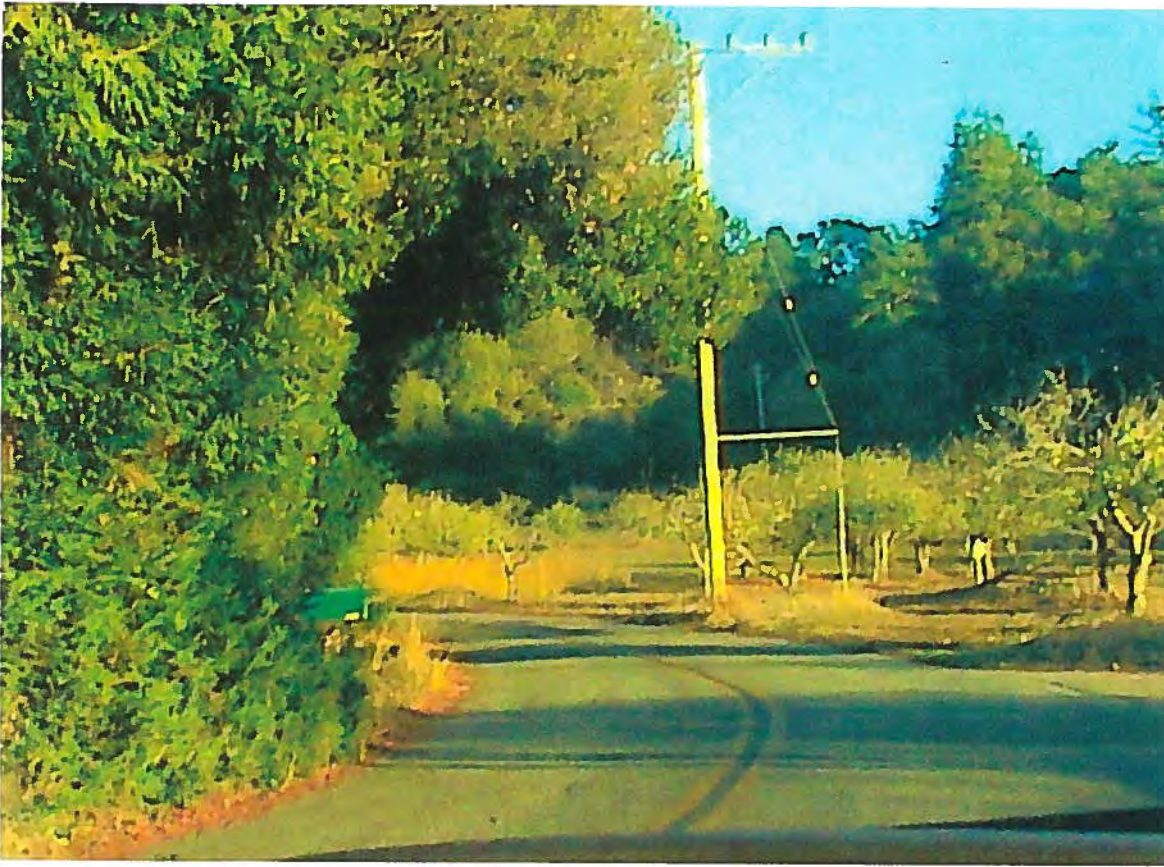
**At Cox Road and Day Valley, it is very dangerous. In the past people have been killed at this intersection. I have seen an accident which landed one car in the ditch. If Cox Road is obstructed there may be many severe auto accidents. For the community will be coming and going out the back way on Cox Road which runs into Valencia Drive. For there are a few hair pin turns and you cannot see around the other side. There are large redwood trees that prevent you from seeing on what is on the other side. Many times at a slow speed I have had close calls. I have taken photographs showing them :**



**The Two above photographs show the downward turn.**

**The Two below shows the upward grade.**





**When travelling at speeds off 5 to 10 miles an hour it can be done safely. Yet, when there are many cars and people travelling at a much higher speed to get to work, it will become extremely dangerous. In the past PGE has shown little regard for the safety concerns for the individual safety.**

**When I brought this point out to Lisa, she answered one question and said "I just went through the traffic on Highway One." Yet throughout the meeting she said "I am not going to answer any questions." Her assistant, Tamara said that the "POLES ARE GOING IN," as if the decision has already been made.**

**PGE was put on notice in San Bruno when they had the giant explosion which resulted in the deaths of eight people. Are the citizens of Aptos to suffer the same sort of tragedy, because they want to use Federal and State funds to destroy the amenities within the community of Aptos? I sure hope not.**





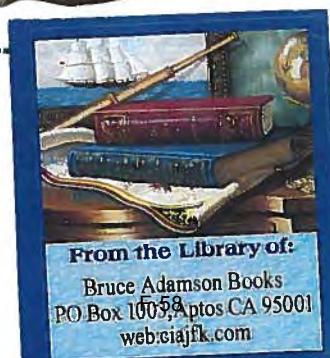
It is also troubling that more than 100 trees are set to be taken down to make way to the PGE Iron Pole Forrest just on Cox Road to Freedom Blvd. There are ditches already in place and the community could be improved by putting the wires underground. I am sure most of the citizens would not object to this progress. What is disturbing is that people who have invested their entire life into developing up their homes in this community will now be forced to suffer by the buzzing of the High Voltage Electrical Wires. Having been licensed by the Department of Real Estate for the past twenty --two years, it seems only fair that the homeowners living underneath these wires are supplied with a Fair Market Analysis of their property values before and after said project is done. The following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. How would you like it if this was done in your neighborhood.

Let me thank you in advance for your time and sincere consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Adamson -----  
25, 2013

-----} Dated November





November 25, 2013

Carol Besserman  
137 Chaparral  
apts, Ca  
95003

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utility Commission  
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1 Embarcadero Center #700  
San Francisco California 94111

Dear Ms Orsaba,

I moved into a rural area of Santa Cruz County, California (Cajon) over 30 years ago, I chose this area because of its narrow country roads, lack of street lights and natural beauty, both trees and wildlife.

P. D. & I wants to put up a 100 foot pole in this area. The highest utility poles we have are 40 ft tall,

I am outraged by the disruption this will cause. This is without a full Environmental

Impact Report. It also goes against Santa Cruz County General Plan. Neither burying the utilities underground or other sites have been considered, this site is across the street from a school bus stop and an area of black ice. What about safety in and after the project? Please consider a environmental impact report.

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Sincerely, Carol Besserman

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Carolyn Williams  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 4:45 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** PG & E power pole project

Dear Lisa Orsaba, Public Utilities Commission,

I am upset to learn of PG&E's proposed plans for our quiet rural neighborhood. I respectfully urge you to request a full environmental review, an EIR Environmental Impact Report on this project, and more community input.

I've lived in this beautiful, peaceful rural residential area for the past 28 years, raising two children. The negative impact of this proposed project is huge. We love our neighborhood with its numerous sightings of bobcat, deer, coyote, as well as many birds including owls, hawks, song birds, and several migrating species. The loss of wildlife habitat, trees, and natural beauty will be immense.

Please consider the families in our peaceful neighborhood while deciding on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn G. Williams  
240 Quail Run  
Aptos, CA 95003

530 McDonald Road  
Aptos, California 95003

December 3rd, 2013

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I live on McDonald Road and am perplexed by the plans associated with the **Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Plan**. On one hand, I understand the need for progress and the need for continued improvement to the network. On the other, progress needs to be balanced, and in the case of a public utility, the public should be able to be convinced of the overall "worth" of the project because, ultimately, PG&E costs are driven back to consumers. In determining whether or not this project is "worth doing," it seems that a full environmental impact report should be completed and weighed with the other costs of this project. I also think the **impact to the county roads and seasonal creeks should be explored**.

There are a number of issues that I think could be addressed by a full environmental impact report, but I am **especially concerned about the loss of trees and changes to native habitat**. There are many old oaks and other trees of significant age along the route. I fear that it will be the larger trees (ones around 100' tall) that will be cut down and other trees will be destined to be "forever groomed" by PG&E.

These trees are habitat for many birds, butterflies and other animals.

- We have many birds of prey in our neighborhood - we see and hear hawks and falcons during the day and hear the owls at night. These birds are important to the local environment and help keep the gophers, mice, rats and squirrel population in check.
- There are many other birds and animals, just as valuable as the birds of prey, which nest in these trees. The animals in and around these trees are beautiful and some are of protected species.
- We see many different species throughout the year. An environmental study would address whether or not there will be an impact to migrating animals.

The areas around the trees also provide habitat for other animals.

- They preserve moisture in the soil and provide habitat for our local frog, lizard, snake, and salamander population.
- Native squirrels, skunks, possums, deer, bobcats, coyotes and foxes take advantage of the network of forests in this area to find food and shelter (we see all of these animals often crossing the roads here). This project looks like it will increase the effective roadway perimeter, thus making the transit from one forested area to another more difficult for these animals. (i.e., more probably won't make it.)
- As trees are removed, other habitat around the trees is compromised. There are endangered plants and animals in our county. An environmental study should address these plants and animals.

These trees help stabilize our sandy soil, especially around the areas of the seasonal creeks in our neighborhood.

- For example, there is a seasonal creek that runs the length of McDonald Road. The creek tends to shift around a bit after heavy rains. As it is, we tend to lose smaller (under 10" in diameter) trees that are adjacent to the creeks (and roads) during the rainy season. The bigger trees seem to anchor the creek to its approximate path. If these trees are gone, will the creek create more on-going maintenance problems with respect to the road and property in the area?
- Walking along Cox, Day Valley and McDonald Roads, one can easily see many areas where creeks/drainage ditches are under-cutting the roads - this is especially clear in areas where there are no big trees on the creek/ditch side of the road. An environmental study should address this. I think Santa Cruz County should also be interested in this as any indirect maintenance costs on the seasonal creeks and roads will likely be paid for by us.

In addition to my concerns about the trees, there is the **concern of public safety**. Cox, McDonald and Day Valley Roads are very narrow in places. As mentioned in the last section, the seasonal creeks run along the roadside in most places and are already undercutting the roads in some places - so there is no place for a walker or bike to go but along the narrow road. There is also a lot of traffic; many people bike and walk along the road. As a regular pedestrian and biker, I often find it threatening to walk along the road in places as there is nowhere to go when cars are coming at you in both directions. These large poles seem like they will add to the congestion and reduce visibility; it also seems like the situation will be especially bad during construction.

Do we really need this? I have to wonder. It seems like the SC County has done a lot to inhibit growth in this County. We do have occasional outages during the winter, but it seems unlikely that this project will greatly benefit that situation. I have scanned the reports looking for a solid rationale for this, and I don't see it - although I have to admit to not reading the whole 100 plus pages (none of which detail the exact trees to be cut).

Although PG&E is a public company, it is also a protected/managed monopoly. The CPUC is supposed to be our advocate, and I am asking for more oversight and review in this case. It seems that projects like this one do not necessarily get the same level of economic/environmental scrutiny that private companies and individuals would receive. I wonder if this project would stand on its own economically without eminent domain. I wonder if Verizon or Charter or any homeowner could get away with a project of this scope with so little review.

Sincerely,



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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Charles Mackh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:18 PM  
**To:** Lisa Orsaba  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project

Dear Lisa,

I just found out about this PG&E project yesterday 12/2/13 and I have lived in Pleasant Valley 39 years. The pole improvement/installation appears to go right through the middle of Pleasant Valley using 80 to 100 foot poles as it does in other areas of Aptos. In addition the project involves the use of helicopters for installation. How is it that PG&E can start a project of this magnitude without communicating directly with area property owners? Further, it would seem appropriate that an EIR be prepared submitted and approved before PG&E progressed this far.

The CPUC Draft dated 11/6/13 looks comprehensive and well thought out from PG&E's perspective but appears to lack neutral review or feedback from those in the community affected. I cant construct anything without an environmental review and community approval. How is it that PG&E can? This project may have good benefits for all of us and if properly presented and explained would meet with less apprehension. Otherwise, it looks like another PG&E avoidance of its corporate responsibility as a public utility.

Sincerely,  
Charles Mackh  
144 Villa Manzanal  
Aptos, CA 95003

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Christina Lucchesi  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 10:32 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** NO POLES PLEASE!

Hello, please see these concerns:

Impact on neighborhood, and community aesthetics  
Impact on community values, rural neighborhoods, forested, abundant wildlife, tree lined  
Safety during and after completion of project  
Loss of trees, wildlife habitat natural beauty

Project crosses farmland ( organic )

Alternative routes not explored  
Engineering for project not begun, how can approval be given?  
Roadways too narrow

As built would inhibit the ability to widen or change existing roads

PG&E poles will change from 40' to 80'-100'

Inconsistent with Santa Cruz County General Plan

Corralitos Road is a scenic corridor

WE NEED A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT!!!

Signed,  
Christina M. Lucchesi



Christopher Hall  
1539 Day Valley Road  
Aptos, CA 95003  
(831) 662-2719  
November 3, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Re: Santa Cruz 115kv project

To: Lisa Orsaba and members of the California Public Utilities Commission

We moved to the above-right address in 2000, and enjoy views up and down Day Valley. Presently, our deed grants an easement to the high-voltage lines that run at the edge of our property, and we accept this. However, I do not wish to see my view spoiled by either taller powerlines or additional powerlines. The Northern Alignment component will replace existing wood transmission poles with an average height of 60 feet tall with new tubular steel poles with an average height of 90 feet tall. This will mean, essentially, that the new powerlines will pass in front of my property line at mid-sky-height, spoiling the daytime view up and down the valley. Additionally, I am an amateur astronomer, and one of the reasons I purchased my home at this site is we have good nighttime dark-sky telescope viewing. The new powerlines will cross right in the middle of my telescope view, spoiling the nighttime telescope viewing.

As a property owner, I wish to officially protest this, and state that as the landowner, I do not grant an easement for the new height powerlines. My property value will likely decrease as a result of this. Are you planning on compensating property owners for the decrease in their property value? Will our tax rates be reassessed at a lower property value because of the depreciation of the property value?

I am uncertain regarding the Cox-Freedom segment as to whether this will spoil my view as well, but the wood poles averaging 39 feet tall will be replaced by new wood transmission poles averaging 89 feet tall, and there will be four new tubular steel poles averaging 98 feet tall. It seems possible this will also impinge on my view.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher M. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a stylized "H".

Christopher M. Hall

December 3, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Subject: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project -- Comments on IS/MND

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I live in the neighborhood affected by the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, in particular the Cox Road-Freedom segment. I walk past this segment weekly during my walks around the neighborhood which I have enjoyed for 15 years.

I have reviewed the project description and portions of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), and find that critical information is missing from this document, information that may result in findings of Significant Impacts.

With regard to the Aesthetics section, the simulation photos do not accurately depict the planned large diameter base with metal towers (TSP towers) that are described in the project description for the Cox Road-Freedom segment. This area is low density residential with many forested areas, the aesthetics of which would be greatly affected by large new metal towers, as opposed to the single wooden poles depicted. For example, Figures 3.1-12 and 3.1-13 show existing conditions and simulated views after installation of new poles. However, Figure 3.1-13 shows only wooden poles, whereas the text and tables show there will be at least two TSP towers along Cox Road. This is factually inaccurate – it shows wooden power poles on Cox Road at the intersection with Day Valley Road, whereas the project description table states that these will be metal TSP with permanent clearance areas of approximately 30 ft by 15 ft. The visual impacts were therefore not adequately evaluated.

Both the Aesthetics and Biology sections mention the removal of at least 165 trees, greater than half of which will occur along the Cox Road-Freedom section. However, neither section fully details which trees and how many will be permanently removed (for long term maintenance) versus temporary trimming or topping for construction. Was a tree survey conducted, and if so, where is the document with the results? Permanent removal of approximately 100 trees, without determining which are mature size oaks, along this one short (approximately 1 mile) segment,

December 3, 2013

may pose significant impacts to both visual and biological values. Although the Biology section states that trees will be replaced at a ratio of 1:1 to 1:10 depending upon the tree diameter and species, it is not clear if the replacement trees could or would be planted in the area near the new power line, and thus provide visual screening and biological values. The IS/MND does state that the TSP pole require an area approximately 30 feet by 15 feet that must be permanently kept clear for maintenance. This makes it likely that the visual impact of these new TSP towers in this rural area will be significant; this was not revealed in the impact sections of the IS/MND.

I could find no discussion of Alternatives to the project in the IS/MND. Is there a possibility that significant impacts to visual and biological resources could be avoided by placing portions of the power line underground? Is there another previous document that explored alternatives?

As a resident of the general neighborhood of the Cox Road-Freedom segment of the new Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, I respectfully request that the Visual and Biological Impacts be reevaluated for the Cox-Freedom segment in particular, with accurate information, and that the results be published in a revised environmental document. Furthermore, I request that the entire neighborhood of residents be notified of the revised document and given an adequate amount of time to comment on it. Public hearings, properly noticed for the entire area surrounding this segment, are also requested.

Thank you for consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions regarding my comments. And please notify me if additional public comment/information meetings will be scheduled on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Bland".

Dana Bland  
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Aptos, CA 95003  
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## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

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219-5050

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

This is unnecessary. This is not a priority for our community. Local neighbors are opposed. The process has been misleading at best. If the CPUC + PG&E are interested in an upgrade, consider community

Response Letter/Public Comment  
From: Dave and Carrie Osland, Aptos  
Attn: Lisa Orsaba  
Re: Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project  
Date:10-24-13

We are very concerned about the proposed 115KV project through our neighborhood.

If approved, this project will adversely impact the neighborhood: visually, aesthetically, and environmentally, as well as contribute to the devaluation of property values.

No one wants to live under/near high voltage transmission lines. Traditionally, these lines have been run thru remote, sparsely populated areas. Running these lines directly thru residential neighborhoods can only be a detriment to the residents, both living here now and in the future.

There are numerous concerns of the impact of electrical radiation on populations living in the directly exposed areas of these high voltage lines. These transmission lines will be placed directly overhead or adjacent to multiple residences.

All residences in the vicinity of this project will be detrimentally affected, value wise. Does PGE propose to compensate the owners for the devaluation of their property values and investments? ( I'm sure they would shudder at this idea)

Will the Commission support a re-evaluation of the property taxes on the adversely affected residences and parcels by the local tax assessor???

PGE proposes to place a 4' diameter x 100' steel electrical "pole" approx. 35' onto our property, not in a right of way. "You probably won't even be able to see it", the project manager told me. Right- and I have a bridge I'd like to sell you.

This property has been a 15 yr. investment of time, labor and financial resources for our family. It represents the means of our retirement upon its future sale. Having been privately employed all my life, we have no retirement pension. The sale of our residence will hopefully carry us thru the expensive years of our retirement.

If allowed to proceed with the proposed route, the sales value upon this residence (as well as all our neighbors), will be significantly reduced.

One can only presume this indirect route between substations is the result of the cheapest way PGE can run it. It certainly is not the shortest route, line wise.

We most strongly urge the PUC to reject this proposed route of this project!

Thank You, Dave and Carrie Osland,  
McDonald Rd, Beautiful Aptos



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**From:** Dave Osland [mailto:[burlybilt@gmail.com](mailto:burlybilt@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2013 2:13 PM  
**To:** [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz115kv project

to:CPUC Review Board  
Re: public response

Dear Sirs/Madams-

After reviewing the IS report, I find it reprehensible that the lasting impacts upon residents living in vicinity, have not been addressed.

The "Mitigated Negative Declaration" addresses-

Let's see-

Bats, Birds and Rats  
Bald Eagles (never seen one here in the 15 yrs I've lived here)  
Oak and Monterey Pine trees  
Weeds  
Salamanders  
Ground disturbance  
Noise .....yada,yada,yada.

How about the lasting impact upon the most important species living here- Human Beings!!!!

The environment we so cherish here will be forever changed with the looming power poles being strung threw the neighborhood.

Every time we take ours eyes off the ground, these high voltages lines will be dominating the vista.

The biggest investment most of us will ever have, our homes, will be devalued. If someone was to hack your bank account and deplete your life savings, by say, 30%, you'd be screaming like banshees for justice.

Yet, not a peep concerning this oh so important impact upon our residences.

Are high-rise, high voltage power lines towering over your dream home a priority in buying in a neighborhood? Of course not. No one wants to live in the immediate vicinity of those things. NO ONE!!!

The I.S. needs to be rejected for not addressing the vital questions on the quality of life this project will have on the area, during and AFTER construction.

How can these findings be considered valid for stating that “The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment!!!!

Honestly, would any member of the CUPC board feel comfortable with this I.S. or this project if it was concerning your home and neighborhood!!! I DON’T THINK YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MOMENT!

Ms. Orsaba’s position as project manager may need some serious re-evaluation for reports with such blatant omissions concerning the “environmental impacts” of such a proposed project. I find it almost unbelievable she would conclude her report by stating, quote,” There is no evidence that implementing this project would have ANY adverse impacts on people”. Outrageous!!!

If PGE was proposing to put the utilities underground, as they proposed years ago, the neighborhood would be 100% for it , INSTEAD of 100% against it!

Of the dozens of concerned citizens that showed up Nov.6 at the public hearing, NO ONE VOICED SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT!!!!

This project, at the very least, needs to have a full blown environmental impact report done.

Sincerely, Dave and Carrie Osland, Beautiful Aptos

From: David W. Black, DDS  
2111 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA, 95003

To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

November 25, 2014

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

This is a response to Pg&E's proposed plan to route a 115 KV line (Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project) down Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads. This shortcut to Freedom Boulevard requires the installation of huge, unsightly poles and wires in a scenic, heavily forested neighborhood.

This project will have a permanent negative impact on the Day Valley area. Our community values will be significantly impacted by this project. Some of the issues that were not addressed to my satisfaction in the CEQA document are as follows:

1. Why our community is being asked to bear the burden of the project when the area to be benefitted is the "greater Santa Cruz" area. This seems like an unreasonable request.

2. The extent of the negative impact on our community is an unknown at this time, since PG&E will not specify the number of trees to be removed prior to starting construction.

3. The Santa Cruz County General Plan dictates that new power lines must be placed underground. This is an above ground project.

4. The Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald "shortcut" will pass directly through habitat with many nesting bird sites, steep hillsides, and narrow country roads.

5. The historic aspect of our community has not been adequately researched. This needs to be investigated, at length, by an expert who is not connected to any of the agencies involved in this project.

6. The opinion given in the CEQA document that the project would not have a significant impact on the aesthetics and environment of the area is NOT shared by those of us in this community.

I demand that a full and complete Environmental Impact Report be prepared for this project. Then, and only then, would this community be able to see the impact this project will have on our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Black, Jr." followed by a horizontal flourish.

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** DIsacruz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:06 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** santacruz115kvproject

First, let me state outright that I am opposed to the implementation of this project. This project will impact me directly because the lines proposed are in direct proximity to my property. This project will reduce the value of my property by several hundred thousand dollars and such amount will be demanded upon implementation of the project. In addition, I am wondering why PG&E did not consider moving the existing lines to a more appropriate location such as the freeway corridor that is already public land. I don't believe the project is necessary or appropriate in its scope even considering the mitigating factors suggested in the reports. All in all this is a faulty plan and needs to be scrapped until a comprehensive environmental impact report is completed which addresses all concerns and contingencies.

Thank you,

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David L Schwartz  
201 Lael Ln  
Corralitos, CA. 95076

Name: Dayna Postle-Fisher  
Address: 605 Brooktree Ranch Rd  
City: Aptos  
Date: 12/6/13

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA 94111  
FAX: (650) 373-1211  
[santacruz115kvproject@panoramacnv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramacnv.com)

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my rural community. This project adversely affects all Day Valley area residents, a beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values. The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete and contains multiple factual errors. The proposed project is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and it is my belief this project will have a significant permanent negative effect on the Day Valley area environment. There are many serious issues that have not been adequately addressed:

- overall neighborhood aesthetics
- significant and permanent effect on our rural residential environment
- large scale tree removal that may include heritage trees
- disruption to the native habitat and wildlife
- traffic and transportation impact
- noise, air and water pollution
- geologic and soils disruption
- safety concerns for pedestrians, school students, bicyclists and automobiles on this rural residential roadway
- hazards to residents while the project is being executed and permanent hazards to the neighborhood upon completion
- disruption of recreation in the neighborhood
- permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood and community values

**I demand an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives including all other routes and undergrounding of utilities. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record.**

Sincerely,

*Dayna Fisher Postle*

*Please go under ground if  
you have to vs. destroying our  
neighborhood with proposed  
construction - or at least do  
the EIR - Thank you!*



## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Deanna Morden  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 9:17 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Important environmental concerns

Attn Ms. Orsaba,

As Santa Cruz County natives, my husband and I moved from Soquel to the Aptos/Corralitos area over 35 years ago to raise our children in our rural neighborhood. We are naturally concerned about environmental as well as aesthetic effects of this project. We have been here long enough to see even how much smaller projects than this have affected the wild animal habitat, personal safety, and aesthetics.

It would be extremely irresponsible of the commission to proceed on a project such as this without a complete environmental impact report. And so we are requesting this be done.

Respectfully,

Robert and Deanna Morden  
1770 Pleasant Valley Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

831 724 6482

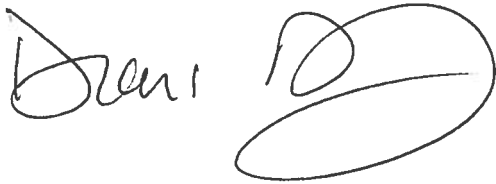
December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
11 Embarcadero Center #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I am writing to protest the use of 100 foot power pole, and large industrious changes by PG&E on the project for Day Valley and Freedom Blvd areas in Aptos CA. I believe you have not done the due diligence specific to this area. Have you conducted a full environmental report? It is a rural neighborhood and that is why we like living in this area. I would be concerned with the loss of trees, wildlife, use of herbicides, and general aesthetic changes to this area. Not sure why the need for an impact and overwhelmingly huge project needs to be completed in this neighborhood.

Respectly,

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Dianne Bermingham

365 Quail Run

Aptos, Ca 95003

Name: Don Brownwell  
Address: 220 Ranchitos Del Sol  
City: Aptos 95003

Date

11/24/13

Lisa Orsaba  
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San Francisco, California 94111  
FAX: (650) 373-1211  
[Santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:Santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I live in Santa Cruz County, California, where the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project is proposed. I am concerned that PG&E's proposed project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my community. I chose to live in a rural environment and believe that the proposed project will contribute to the further urbanization of my neighborhood. This project adversely affects the residents, environment, aesthetics, habitats, and community values of the area. The determination that a mitigated negative declaration was the appropriate CEQA document, based in part on the PEA, allowed this proposed project to sidestep a full Environment Impact Report. I disagree with the Draft IS/MND, which concludes, "that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment."

**Therefore, I request that the California Public Utilities Commission order an unprejudiced, scientific, official Environmental Impact Review to include the assessment of all feasible alternatives for this project, including all other routes and undergrounding.**

Sincerely,

*Don Brownwell*

*Freedom Blvd would be a good ALTERNATIVE  
ITS MORE OF A COMERCIAL AREA NOT BEDROOM AREA*

November 25, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
C/O panorama environmental inc.

Dear Lisa Orsaba

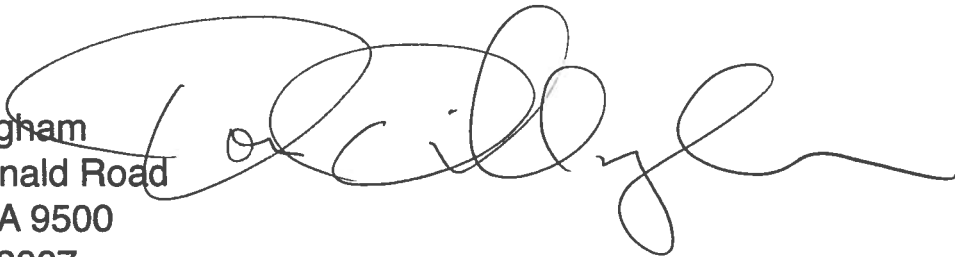
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Thank you,  
Don Dillingham  
331 Mcdonald Road  
Aptos, CA 9500  
831-662-8007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dillingham', written over the typed name and address.



Existing Edge of Road

Edge of  
Right of Way

Proposed  
New 115KV Pole



November 25, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
C/O panorama environmental inc.

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P.G.E. Survey Pin for Proposed New Pole F-83 LARGER POLE will be at PARKING AREA





## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

Name: DONALD C. SCHWARTZ  
Address: 250 MIGUES MOUNTAIN CIRCLE, Aptos, CA 95003  
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Email: TRIALLAW@Cruzio.COM

Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

- (1) Initial Application by PGE to PUC states Public Meeting was held and no one opposed the project. Yet no notice of any kind was given of that meeting. (over)
- (2) Impacts - states no view obstruction - this is not true. - Not true at all  
My entire view of Freedom Valley will be obstructed
- F-84

(3) Panorama Environmental, Inc. is  
controlled by former PGE  
employees.

(4) Rule 20(a) Violation -  
No notice of any prior  
hearing or discussion of  
underground.

(5) Refused name of A.L.J.  
At <sup>F-85</sup> P.U.C

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DOUGLAS RONAN

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November 28, 2013

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental Inc  
1 Embarcadero Center #740  
San Francisco, California 94111

Subject: Santa Cruz County 115kV Reinforcement project

Dear Ms. Orsaba

I live in Santa Cruz County, California, where the 115kV Reinforcement project is proposed. I moved into my home on Ranchitos del Sol approximated five years ago attracted by the rural beauty of the Aptos Hills area and the respect that the neighbors had for wildlife and the natural features of the community.

I believe the proposed PG&E project will have adverse affects for the aesthetics, environment habitat, residents and community values of the area. I believe that PG&E has failed to provide sufficient justification for the 115kV project. I disagree with the draft IS/MND, which concludes "that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment". The PG&E communication has been inadequate in informing residents on appropriate project details or engaging us in an open dialogue on potential options.

Therefore, I request that the California Public Utilities order an unprejudiced, scientific, official Environmental Impact Review to include all feasible alternatives for this project, including all other routes and under grounding.

Sincerely yours,



Douglas Ronan

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City: CAPITOLA 95010  
Date: 11/26/13

\* LONG TIME RESIDENT OF  
ADTOS IN THE PAST, AND USE THE  
AREA FOR RECREATION: MOUNTAIN  
BIKING, HIKING, ETC.

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I am resident of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. There are any number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. I continue to be amazed at meeting neighbors who have also been in the area for decades. This is because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards and vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how our environment will be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: "Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures." Really?!

"No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people." Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet "back roads" for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely effect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

Sincerely,

*Nature should remain both instrumentally & intrinsically valuable. Power lines are an eyesore*  
*Because of the trees that line the street*  
*further maintenance costs will be incurred due to*  
*down trees → down power lines. Underground = less maintenance & Aesthetically Ple.*

*Dylan R Shay*

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Ed Murphy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Full EIR needed for Santa Cruz 115kV project

Hello Ms. Orsaba,

I live on Cox Road in Aptos, and have recently become aware of the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project planned by PG&E. I strongly disagree with the draft IS/MND which falsely concludes that, "the project would not have a significant effect on the environment." I understand PG&E's objectives with this project, but please please please, we need a full and official Environment Impact Report to assess alternatives including alternate routes and placing wires underground.

The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is incomplete and inaccurate. This project will absolutely have a permanent and profoundly negative impact on neighborhood aesthetics and community values. How could introducing such a large scale, industrial project through the very heart of this rural, scenic, and ecologically diverse community not have a negative impact?

The neighborhoods on and around Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald roads present a bucolic setting that is enjoyed not only by the many residents, but by literally thousands of annual visitors who come to walk, bike, and drive through this beautiful area. Please, let's have a full Environmental Impact Report. I see no harm in asking PG&E to specifically quantify its claim that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ed Murphy  
1411 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

Elizabeth Romanini  
2185 Cox Rd  
Aptos, CA  
95003  
831-688-8829

December 3, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I took the time to carefully study the proposed PG&E 115 KV reinforcement project for Santa Cruz County and am quite perplexed by the lack of due-diligence on PG&E's documentation for the plan.

1. The plan affects customers of two water districts; PG&E has only contacted Soquel Water District where approximately 10 homes are involved, but has neglected to contact Central Water District (CDW) where hundreds of homes exist and could be negatively impacted by this project. The CDW has stated in an open letter to PG&E that their "World War II" era pipes cannot withstand the drilling involved in this project. What will be done to protect our water supply or protect us from contaminants entering the system? I see no part of the document that address this issue or even acknowledges that they are aware it!

2. The plan states that there will be as many as 169 trees removed from our very rural and bucolic neighborhood, though PG&E refuses to disclose which trees will be removed. This site houses many nesting songbirds and specifically two nest that I know of for Red-Shoulder Hawks. There is no part the plan that discusses mitigation for this destruction of habitat nor did PG&E bother to do a 'Tree Survey' to understand the full impact to that delicate environment.

3. The plan states throughout that there will be a 'less than significant impact' on the scenic vistas. I do not believe this to be an accurate statement considering that as part of the plan PG&E states that they will enforce and maintain a 30 foot clear-cut perimeter around the new poles leaving them fully exposed and forever changing the views of the neighborhood.

4. The plan states there will be a 'less than significant impact' on the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. As an avid walker in the neighborhood, putting in as many as forty-two miles a week I can confidently say that the statement is seriously inaccurate. The community is an attractive destination for recreation for many people in Santa Cruz County, not to mention the residents living here who use it for walking their pets, bicycling, running, or walking for exercising like myself. The community also hosts a section of the Sandman Triathlon along with many who train for the AIDS and Cancer bike rides. To suggest that removing so many trees and adding 100ft poles replacing the existing 45ft poles has no impact seem disingenuous on the assessment by PG&E and lacking any concern for the 'community values' that exist here.

I respectfully demand that the current PG&E Santa Cruz 115 KV reinforcement plan be rejected by the CPUC, and that a complete Environmental Impact Report be prepared, allowing full discussion of the rationale for the project, the profound destruction of 'community values' in the Day Valley area, the extent and location of planned tree removal, the alternatives, and the potential necessity for undergrounding of the project.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Romanini



## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Elizabeth Wong  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 3:40 PM  
**To:** 'santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com'  
**Subject:** proposed Cox-Freedom project  
**Attachments:** 20131205153742.pdf

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I have attached a copy of the letter demanding a full and complete Environmental Impact Report for this project. I would also like to address another issue.

There have apparently been no significant improvements/changes to the current infrastructure in the last 40 years. I believe that spending the extra funds to move part of this project underground (namely the areas along the Day Valley/Cox/McDonald corridor) would be a wise investment. Those extra funds amortized over the next 40 year period are inconsequential when you compare it to the permanent devastation to our neighborhood's well being which has no price tag. It was stated in an article that it was less disruptive to the neighborhood to install power poles than it is to move the wiring underground. I can assure you that the people in this neighborhood disagree. They would rather endure/tolerate the jack hammering of the roads and temporary lane closures to install underground wiring than to have to live with massive 100 foot poles for the rest of their days living here.

I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to thoroughly review this project, conduct the necessary studies/reports and make the right decisions for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Liz Wong  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

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- over all neighborhood aesthetics
- significant and permanent effect on our rural residential environment
- large scale tree removal that may include heritage trees
- disruption to the native habitat and wildlife
- traffic and transportation impact
- noise, air and water pollution
- geologic and soils disruption
- safety concerns for pedestrians, school students, bikers and automobiles on this rural residential road way
- hazards to residents while the project is being executed and permanent hazards to the neighborhood upon completion
- disruption of recreation in the neighborhood
- permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood and community values

**I demand a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.**

Sincerely Yours,



Ethel "Sally" M. Griffin  
1776 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

November 21, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Madam:

Our family has lived on Cox Road in Aptos, California, where the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project is proposed, for thirty one years. I am greatly opposed to this project's location in our beautiful rural area for the following reasons:

**IMPROPER NOTIFICATION:** Our property is located the next parcel north of Leslie Lane, the demarcation where the project stops. We were not notified by Panorama Environmental, the PUC, or by PG&E of this project, yet our property and the quality of our lives will be greatly impacted by the construction process and the lasting degradation of our area. In addition to being able to see the mammoth poles from our home, we daily pass through the area encompassing the project as our major route of egress.

**DEGRADATION OF HISTORICAL BEAUTY:** Cox Road in Aptos was featured in the Sunset Magazine publication of "Back Roads of California" (See attached). We are the chosen route of numerous bicycle and vintage car tours. The home next north of us is over 120 years old, known as the Larsen House (currently occupied by the Moya family.) It is a winding road through lovely hills and trees, frequented by many deer, birds, raccoons, coyotes and bunnies. People live and stay here to raise their families in this bucolic setting. The addition of these poles and wires will create a path of ugly blight in total opposition to the ethos of our neighborhood.

**EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS:** The proposed route of the 115-kV project is within three miles of the epicenter of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Many of us lived through the devastation wrought in our area from this disaster which included the added hazard of toppled poles and the resulting dangling live wires. The prospect of having even higher poles in our sandy soil holding wires of much greater voltage is very frightening. This is a neighborhood where children live. We cannot add this additional risk to our community's safety.

**DEVALUATION OF PROPERTY:** Most residents have probably made their greatest financial investment to live in this bucolic yet expensive setting. Depending on proximity to these poles and high voltage wires, one appraiser has estimated that property could be devalued by as much as 10% which would result in the loss of tens of thousands of dollars to individual homeowners. This is a high price to pay for the totally unforeseen decision of others.

For all the above reasons, we request that the routing of this project be reconsidered. We would recommend the following:

- 1) The project be routed through the more industrialized areas which do exist along the corridor OR
- 2) The wires be buried underground

Please do not degrade our home and our community.

Sincerely,

  
Ethel M. ("Sally") Griffin



APPLE TREE PRUNING,  
COX ROAD

Coming down from Mt. Madonna and the Santa Cruz mountains, enjoyable roads to explore are: Summit, Highland, Brown's Valley, Hazel Dell, Green Valley, Day Valley, Cox, Valencia School, and Trout Gulch Roads.

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*Sunset: Back Roads of California*  
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- overall neighborhood aesthetics
- a significant and permanent effect on our rural residential environment.
- large scale tree removal that may include heritage trees.
- disruption to the native habitat and wildlife
- traffic and transportation impact
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This area is unique in its environment and aesthetics. The segments indicated in Maps 7-11 are areas that currently have no streets lights, no curbs, no sidewalks, and no shoulder areas. It is definitely rural and loved for that. By placing these huge poles and lines, taking much more right-of-way areas, and removing so many of the trees, the area will be significantly impacted and the environment destroyed. Currently enjoyed by both residents and non-residents for its peaceful natural environment, this will ruin the entire feel and look of the area.

I demand a **full and complete Environmental Impact Report** that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.

Sincerely Yours,



Dr. Evelyn Sharp

860 Day Valley Rd.

Aptos, CA 95003



**From:** Gary Minardi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:06 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Commentary Relating To Project Concerns - Santa Cruz 115-kv Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

My name is Gary Minardi. I am a resident of Aptos, California currently residing with my wife Bonnie in the Day Valley Corridor. Our residence address is 2215 Cox Road Aptos, CA 95003. My wife and I have resided in Aptos for thirty - six years. Seven of the past thirty-six years have been residency at 2215 Cox Road.

Cox Road is one of the areas in the Day Valley Corridor that will be directly impacted by the Santa Cruz 115kv Project.

The California Public Utilities Commission is a responsible steward of the human, financial, information and natural resources entrusted to the Commission. The Santa Cruz 115kv Project is a critical endeavor involving natural resources that could suffer long term negative affects to the habitat and the aesthetic value of the area.

There are many "flaws" in the project that must be more closely examined and addressed.

Noise attenuation within fifty feet of residences from 7:00 to 5:00 during construction, is described as intermittent but not defined. What will be the (intermittent) impact to humans and animals? Pacific Gas and Electric will be deploying helicopters, back hoes, noisy, earth trembling construction equipment. Humans and animals will have their quality of lives disrupted with no time tables, no work plans, no mitigation planning.

Transportation: Described as "potentially significant." What about safety, property access to residents, congestion, detours, flag persons, access to emergency vehicles? Although "a traffic management plan will be

developed," this is an area with extremely rural, narrow roads. Residents and recreational populace are genuinely concerned about McDonald, Cox and Day Valley Roads. These roads are main arterial feeders, essential to residents, recreational biker - walkers and emergency vehicles. Is this traffic management plan going to be developed on the fly by the consultant?

Tree removal: How many, what locations, and what will they be replaced with? We note pictures before and after on Cox - Day Valley Roads intersection *don't illustrate tree removal*. What mitigation will there be to soil erosion?

"Incremental change but less than significant." What exactly is the definition of incremental change? An incremental change can be significant environmentally and aesthetically. This is a disingenuous phrase. Pacific Gas and Electric will be replacing sixty foot wood to ninety foot tubular poles. Thirty - nine foot wood distribution poles with eighty- nine foot wood transmission poles. What is the public benefit? From careful observation of the visually simulated pictures, it looks like Pacific Gas and Electric is doubling the distribution lines. Will the Public Benefit be lower energy rates, less power outages? Would Commission representatives and the Consultants have no problems living next to and in eye view of four story distribution poles?

Most people, not just Californians, uphold the "not in my neighborhood" value. Can you blame them?

Speaking as a native Californian that grew up in an undisturbed, pristine, unpretentious and beautiful Santa Clara Valley, I have personally experienced the clear cutting of orchards, the massive destruction of farm lands, mass habitation of foothills, and the closing of canneries. The canneries was a critical "other" back bone of the economy in Santa Clara Valley. What kind of stewardship and entrust was this?

We have a deep respect for the folks at California Public Utilities Commission. The Commission has very bright, diligent people, who within the confines of government bureaucracy try to do the right things. The right thing to do for the Commission in conjunction with the Santa Cruz 115kv

Project is to "steward." Conduct environmental impact studies to ensure all those that live and play in this rural naturally beautiful area don't end up with a life time of blight and habitat disruption like Santa Clara Valley and other formally naturally beautiful areas of the State.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

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Gary

Gary Minardi

**President**

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Date: 12/1/2013

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

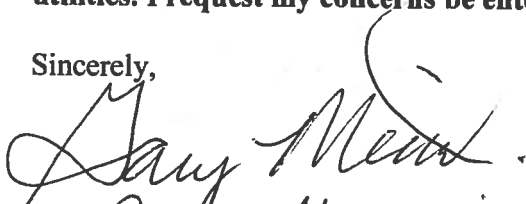
This is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my rural community. This project adversely affects residents, environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values. The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete and contains multiple factual errors. The proposed project is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and it is my belief this project will have a significant permanent negative effect on the Day Valley area environment. There are many serious issues that have not been adequately addressed;

- over all **neighborhood aesthetics** (*Disrupts a natural beauty*)
- significant and permanent effect on our rural residential environment
- large scale tree removal that may include heritage trees (*creation of blight*)
- disruption to the native habitat and wildlife (*There is an abundance of deer, birds, small animals*)
- traffic and transportation impact
- noise, air and water pollution
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- safety concerns for pedestrians, school students, bicyclists and automobiles on this rural residential road way (*These roads are already dangerously narrow*)
- hazards to residents while the project is being executed and permanent hazards to the neighborhood upon completion
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*respectfully request you*

**I demand an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives including all other routes and undergrounding of utilities. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record.**

Sincerely,

  
GARY MINARDI

**Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, California 94111**

**Subject: PG&E Application No. A. 12-02-012 (Santa Cruz 115-KV Reinforcement Project)**

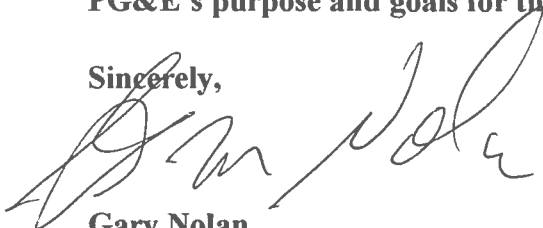
**This project screams out for a full EIR for multiple reasons. The scope of work specified in the application is far beyond the scope of work intended for the Mitigated Negative Declaration process.**

**There are a number of significant environmental issues that are virtually ignored in the current application. But, the most significant factor is the technical design of the project will not accomplish PG&E's stated goals for the project to reduce outages and increase reliability of the power grid. Virtually all of the outages experienced in the service area are a result of weather related damage to the distribution infrastructure not the transmission infrastructure. Thus this project will not reduce outages nor improve reliability.**

**Additionally, replacing the existing single circuit transmission line with a dual circuit along the same Northern Alignment transmission corridor using a single infrastructure to carry both circuits does not meet PG&E's goal of improving reliability. Like the existing transmission infrastructure a single point of failure of one of the proposed infrastructure components such as the failure of one of the poles would cause failure of both transmission circuits. Thus there is no improvement in the reliability of the transmission lines. In fact a failure of the infrastructure of the proposed project would cause much greater safety risk and damage, and require much longer for the repair of any failure. The proposed project thus creates greater risk to the surrounding communities with no improvement in service reliability.**

**A full EIR would provide the opportunity to address multiple alternative designs, routes and the associated environmental and community safety issues related to each alternative. A full EIR for the proposed project would better assure that PG&E's purpose and goals for the project may be achieved.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Nolan", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

**Gary Nolan  
PO Box 41  
Aptos, CA 95001**

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** George Lucchesi  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 10:23 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Project Comments

Concerns:

Impact on neighborhood, and community aesthetics  
Impact on community values, rural neighborhoods, forested, abundant wildlife, tree lined  
Safety during and after completion of project  
Loss of trees, wildlife habitat natural beauty

Project crosses farmland ( organic )

Alternative routes not explored  
Engineering for project not begun, how can approval be given?  
Roadways too narrow

As built would inhibit the ability to widen or change existing roads

PG&E poles will change from 40' to 80'-100'

Inconsistent with Santa Cruz County General Plan

Corralitos Road is a scenic corridor

WE NEED A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT!!!

Signed,

George J Lucchesi  
1805 Leslie Lane  
Aptos CA 95003



Gregory Ross Audino  
Nina Genkin Audino  
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November 5, 2013

Dear Ms. Orsaba  
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San Francisco, CA 94111  
RE: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Please find below a copy of the letter sent to each of the CPUC's five commissioners.  
We are also directing this letter to you, as you requested.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ross Audino  
Nina Genkin Audino

**Text of Letter:**

We are appalled at PG&E's incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading approaches and methods in "planning" the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project.

**We urge you to require a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.**

**We also urge you to require that PG&E, in order to rectify the mockery of a meeting that they held at the Corralitos Grange on November 6, 2013, re-schedule legitimate community forums for discussion of their proposed plans and for community input.**

Many community members and landowners living within sight of the proposed project's environmental changes did not attend the November 6 public meeting because at that point in time they still had no information or contact from PG&E about the proposed project.

We are deeply committed and civic-minded community members of Santa Cruz county for 50 years, and owners of a home at the end of Bollinger Place, off of Amesti Road near where it meets Varni and Pioneer Roads. We are both educated individuals who have worked and served in the Santa Cruz community for most of our adult years, and we take our civic obligations very seriously. We do, in fact, stay informed about huge changes in local infrastructure.

**Firstly**, we find PG&E methods to “inform” the residents potentially impacted by the proposed reinforcement project reprehensibly dishonest.

Both as citizens and as customers of PG&E, we expect to have our rights to forthright, complete, accurate, and timely information respected.

We understand that PG&E may feel that keeping the numbers of informed customers down to a minimum will help limit controversy about the proposed project and also lower costs.

Yet we feel strongly that accurate and complete information about a project of this size must be disseminated in a timely manner to all landowners within obvious sight of the project – which means contacting more owners than those within 300 feet of the proposed project.

As a result of PG&E’s misleading and very poorly disseminated information, we did not attend the meeting on the proposed project that PG&E hosted at the Corralitos Grange on November 6, 2013. We never heard about the meeting.

We understand from community members who did attend the November 6 public meeting that PG&E shut down questions and comments, and refused to provide a public forum for community discussion – instead demanding that people contact the CPUC individually.

Does that sound particularly respectful of the democratic process to you?

PG&E claims to have informed all residents living within 300 feet of the project by letter in February and March of 2012. We have downloaded and read the two lists of residents allegedly contacted by letter.

PG&E generated two lists because their first list did not provide notice as per CPUC regulations to all landowners required to receive such notice. Their second attempt was twice as long.

We are not on the two lists. We live less than half a mile away from the project in direct view of the 100 foot plus new steel poles.

We did not know about this proposed reinforcement project until Wednesday, November 27, 2013 when we learned of it from a friend who lives on Day Valley Road near another section of the proposed project.

No one in our tightknit and interconnected neighborhood knew about PG&E's proposed project. We confirmed this when we contacted our neighbors along Bollinger Place.

Our home and every other house on the north facing side of our street has a wide view of the proposed 100 foot plus new steel poles in the valley bordered by Pioneer Road to the northeast of us – less than half a mile away.

In fact, the poles will cut up and through the beautiful view of the Santa Cruz mountains that characterizes our backyard and scenic local road experience.

PG&E posted notice of the availability of a Draft IS/MND for the project in the Aptos and Watsonville libraries. We are residents of the Amesti area, which is nowhere near these libraries.

PG&E also posted notice of the availability of a Draft IS/MND for the project on telephone poles near the project. Although both of us bike, run, and walk our beautiful back roads regularly, we do not read notices posted in fine print on telephone poles. We assume that PG&E does not expect customers driving by in cars to read their notices posted on telephone poles.

PG&E did not post a notice in the Four Corners store, which sits at the intersection of Amesti, Varni, and Pioneer Roads. The store has a community bulletin board.

PG&E also claims to have posted two public notices of the availability of a Draft IS/MND twice in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* – one on October 18, 2013 and a second on November 1, 2013.

We called the *Sentinel*, and determined that there was, in fact, no public notice posted on October 18, 2013.

Public notice of the availability of a Draft IS/MND was posted November 1, 2013 on page B-9 of the paper.

From a cursory perusal of public documentation readily available online, PG&E has been working on the proposed project since at least 2010. The work to create the PEA, the application to construct, and the Draft IS/MND took PG&E over two years to generate.

But the public who must live with this permanent negative change in their community has had a window of 30 days to comment on the Draft IS/MND.

Then, PG&E extended the comment period to 45 days until December 2, 2013.

Then, PG&E extended the comment period another 4 days until December 6, 2013.

However, again we find PG&E's methods grossly misleading.

Shouldn't the comment window begin on the date when public notice appeared in the *Sentinel* on November 1, 2013 – which means that it should end on January 7, 2014?

**Secondly**, in regards to the Draft IS/MND, PG&E claims that all negative impacts on the community have been mitigated by their proposed plans. The PG&E Study is grossly incomplete and misleading – and riddled with contradictions.

The Study acknowledges that both Amesti and Corralitos Roads are designated Rural Scenic Roads by the county.

The Study also acknowledges that along a Rural Scenic Road, Santa Cruz County General Plan Policy 5.10.11 states that “visual qualities worthy of protection” should be “identified” and then appropriate “siting, architectural design and landscaping” should be used to “mitigate the impacts on those visual qualities.”

Then, the Study actually omits any discussion whatsoever of specifically Amesti or Corralitos Roads, although both of those roads are impacted by the proposed project, and both of those roads offer numerous scenic vistas or distant public views, as do other roads in other sections of the proposed project.

The Study also omits any discussion whatsoever of specifically Pioneer Road, although this road also provides scenic vistas.

Also, the Study proceeds to limit the definition of scenic or aesthetically pleasing to what people experience in a car while driving down the road in a given number of seconds.

America's scenic roads are not experienced exclusively in a car or in seconds. The Study acknowledges this by stating that "a scenic vista is a distant public view along or through an opening or corridor that is valued for its scenic quality." People walk, run, bike, and live daily and nightly looking out across these roads – and measure the quality of their life by that inimitable span of quiet, greening, breathing, rising valley.

The valley bordered by Amesti, Pioneer, and Green Valley Roads is a lovely, quiet place, its apple orchards and berry farms interlaced by green row crops and strawberry fields, and dotted by old barns and old California ranch homes.

In the summers, green throated hummingbirds crowd the byways and small lanes. Red tailed hawks perch in the pines. At night, frog song rolls along the culverts and from out the low wet places. Bats slice up the dark – and the occasional owl. Among the trees, in the apple orchards, coyotes travel, always looking, their voices more prevalent than the sound of a passing car. It is that quiet.

Nothing towers higher here than the occasional stand of rogue eucalyptus or the brotherhoods of Monterey pine and California oak. The eye is drawn up from this middle distance to the Santa Cruz mountains beyond.

Yet the study claims that the 100 foot plus steel poles that would bisect this valley would not significantly change its aesthetics and scenic value.

And although the 100 foot plus new steel poles would cut up from Amesti, Corralitos, and Pioneer Roads across the distant vistas and the view of the Santa Cruz mountains, the Study claims that there is no view obstruction.

And although only low lying farm buildings and existing lower poles half the height or less than the proposed ones dot the landscape, the Study claims that there is other utility infrastructure.

Painters routinely paint the area, trying to make on canvas a poem of the valley's idiosyncratic, peaceful patchwork – but PG&E hired someone to calculate its alleged mediocrity.

The Study uses a trumped up statement that deconstructs the beauty of the valley to a variegated mix of built up structures, farmland, and open green space that is not uniform enough to qualify as "highly" aesthetic. Uniformity, of course, being high art's most pleasing aesthetic.

And the Study omits any specific discussion of Amesti, Corralitos or Pioneer Roads, devaluing the patent beauty of these fields, orchards and open spaces at the foot of the Santa Cruz mountains in order to justify not having to acknowledge the need to mitigate through siting, architectural design, and landscaping the gross impact the towering new steel poles will undoubtedly have on the current scenic value of the area.

The original draft of the Study actually included a proposal to re-landscape around the poles to mitigate their impact on vistas, but then PG&E eliminated this proposal as “unfeasible.”

The study acknowledges the presence of endangered fauna and flora in numerous spots along the proposed project, namely – the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, the white-tailed kite, the bald eagle, bats, the dusky-footed woodrat, the Monterey spineflower, the Monterey pine, California oaks.

Yet, the Study then alleges that it will successfully relocate and replant all affected species.

Interestingly, in Chapter Five of its PEA, PG&E alleged that the shorter Southern Alignment was not a viable route because it had known Santa Cruz long-toed salamander breeding pools.

If the Northern Alignment has the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander living along its stretch as well, in wet, creek areas – then this area is also, similarly to the Southern Alignment, not a viable option.

**Thirdly**, PG&E stated in its Draft IS/MND that it is not required to share any findings from its PEA about alternative routes for the reinforcement project.

However, having read Chapter Five of PG&E’s PEA, we find, again, numerous inconsistencies, contradictions, and inaccuracies.

One of the gravest contradictions is the argument that an endangered species like the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander can be successful relocated and protected amidst gross construction related displacements along the Northern Alignment route, but the salamander cannot be protected in similar circumstances along the Southern route.

Another contradiction is the statement that along the Southern Alignment route, there would be extensive tree removal. There is also extensive tree removal along the Northern Alignment route.



PG&E also cites the fact that the Southern Alignment disturbs the federally endangered robust spineflower, and this makes the route unviable. Alternatively, how is it more acceptable for PG&E to make claims that a threatened plant like the Monterey spineflower, which occurs along the Northern alignment, is better to disturb?

PG&E also cites the fact that the Southern Alignment line would pass across Aptos High School's baseball and football fields, and that the school is a "sensitive receptor." However, the line already exists there. So, apparently when it was originally built, the school was not a "sensitive receptor?" The Northern Alignment passes next to Bradley Elementary on Corralitos Road.

PG&E's PEA also cites scenic vistas along the Southern Alignment route that would be impacted. Clearly, there are also significant vistas along the Northern Alignment route, but PG&E has worked very hard to discredit in misleading and inaccurate ways the actual scenic values of the vistas along the Northern Alignment route.

**Given all of these contradictions, we urge you to reconsider PG&E's PEA, which is undoubtedly heavily biased by local interests.**

**Again, we urge you to require a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of utilities.**

Sincerely,

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December 2, 2013

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Hello.

I would like to comment on the planned Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project as proposed by PG&E in Application No. A.12-01-012

First, it is a major project which impacts a wide swath of terrain. The immediate construction impacts are widespread and the long term impact is significant. **It should merit a full Environmental Review.** The proposal involves cutting approximately 165 trees and clearing 46 acres. This appears to be in mature, natural habitat. Long term the project proposes significant use of herbicides.

Second, the community to be impacted both in the short term and the long term has not been adequately notified. Publicized meetings should be held. Information on the proposal should be distributed to local media. The exact citing of the large concrete pedestals and steel poles should be clearly communicated.

Third, consideration for the rural and aesthetic nature of the area is lacking. These 79-86 TSPs up to 105' tall are more appropriate to an industrial area. It appears that proposed visual mitigation was dropped because it was deemed to be ineffective. The potential for eminent domain was mentioned and should be clarified and clearly communicated.. View shed is a significant California value and it has not been adequately addressed.

Forth, the rationale for needing this project is not developed and alternatives need to be considered. Specifically planning for the future should include the potential for distributed power generation.

Thank you for considering these issues.

Sincerely,



Helen L. Carr

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** James Kerr  
**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2013 2:06 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Cc:** Lisa Orsaba  
**Subject:** Draft ISMND

Hello Ms. Treis and Ms. Orsaba,

Per the ISMND, there are approximately 766 residences located in and within 600 feet of the project corridor, and 172 are in and within the Cox-Freedom Segment.

Did those 766 constitute the mailing list for the Notices of Intent that were mailed to "Current Resident or Landowner," or was a different criteria used?

May I have a copy of the mailing list, preferably with the breakdowns by Landscape Units per Table 3.1-1? I'm most interested in the Cox-Freedom Segment, where I live.

Thank you.

Jim Kerr

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December 6, 2013

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I have lived in Aptos, Santa Cruz County, California, for more than fifty years. The Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project, as proposed, will significantly and forever alter the beauty of this natural landscape – and adversely impact the residents, environment, aesthetics and habitats – of not only the local neighborhoods, but of the entire community. The project is entirely inconsistent with the values of most who have chosen Santa Cruz County, and particularly rural Santa Cruz County, as their home. It is inconsistent with the Santa Cruz County General Plan to “guide future growth and development in a manner consistent with the goals and quality of life desired by Santa Cruz County citizens.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete and contains multiple factual errors. For example, nearly one-third of the data in Table 3.16-2 (Public Access Roadways in the Project Corridor with Available LOS and ADT Volume) is inconsistent with the apparent cited source of the data (Santa Cruz County Public Works. 2009. Maintained Road Data.). Any reader would see these inconsistencies, and anyone applying only common sense, or who had simply visited these roadways, would realize that there are mistakes. Again, one can only wonder how much of the other data is also inaccurate.

The project has been fraught with procedural mistakes, from the initial oversight with the Declaration of Mailing that required a Supplemental Mailing, to the discovery that the project website had not been updated for a year, to the recent mishap which delayed publishing the IS/MND itself. I do not suggest that any of the missteps were in any way malicious; however, I again must ask what other important steps were missed?

I understand that pursuant to Sections 21080 and 21082.2, “public controversy over the possible environmental effects of a project is not sufficient reason to require an EIR ‘if there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the lead agency that the project may have a significant effect on the environment,’” and “...substantial evidence includes ‘facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinion supported by facts.’”

In this community, there certainly is controversy, as evidenced by the overwhelming community opposition to the project. Approximately 300 community members have attended neighborhood meetings in the past 30 days – virtually all oppose the proposed project. Granted, we, as laypersons, cannot offer “expert opinions” in the analysis of the technical data in the MND. However, we are eminently qualified to comment on the aesthetic impact of the project, particularly 89- to 98-foot poles replacing  $\pm 39$ -foot poles, which the MND describes as an “...incremental change, that is a minor change....” That increment is 228% to 251%, vertically. If the same increment were applied horizontally to my two-lane rural road, the result would be a divided four-lane thoroughfare. The MND further suggests that, because the new circuit lies mostly within an existing utility easement, the inference is that this only an upgrade. In fact, this is an entirely new alignment for a 115 kV circuit, where one did not exist before.

The aesthetic impacts of this project are being assessed by a community that has already self-determined to live here because of the aesthetic; but any ordinary, reasonable person, anywhere, would agree that these massive poles are completely out of character in any rural residential neighborhood. Evidently (following three requests for information from PG&E staff), there are no other poles of this size in all of Santa Cruz County, at least winding through neighborhoods. An attempt to mitigate the visual impact of a 98-foot TSP by utilizing corten steel is gratuitous at best.

I do not believe the visual impacts of the proposed project can be mitigated, nor can they be judged or decided by others to be duly mitigated. In the final analysis, only those who view these structures while passing through or visiting the neighborhoods can do so. Even with mitigation, the resulting impacts of the project are unfairly and unreasonably placed on a few, ignoring community values and altering the character of our rural neighborhoods forever.

Santa Cruz County is arguably one of the most unique, bountiful, and beautiful places on earth. It is unimaginable that the CPUC would not exhaust every avenue to ensure that one of California’s natural treasures is not irreversibly damaged.

**Therefore, I request that the California Public Utilities Commission order a full Environmental Impact report on the proposed project, to include the assessment of all feasible alternatives for this project, including all other routes and undergrounding.**

Sincerely,

James M. Kerr

December 2, 2013

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Dear Ms. Heim,

We are writing you in regard to the 115kv Reinforcement Project. We have lived on Day Valley Rd in Aptos for 39 years and haven't had enough power interruptions to even consider that this proposed project is worth the removal of 150 trees, the proposed 100 X 4 foot steel poles and the change to the aesthetics of the area. Their proposal is 18 poles within approximately 1 1/2 to 2 mile distance between their existing line where it crosses Cox Rd., down Cox Rd to Day Valley Rd to McDonald, down McDonald to Freedom Blvd. How can that be necessary?

PG&E every year sends their line clearance contractor out to make sure there is enough clearance between the lines and trees. The contractor, Davey Tree, comes on to our property and makes a mess of the trees. They lie as to how much they are going to clear and then trim a 90 degree shelf or a V in the middle of the trees. Over the years the radical trimming of some of the trees has caused them to die.

If they are so concerned with the power outages caused by the trees, why don't they go underground with their lines? Then there wouldn't be any interruption due to trees.

We are also aware that they haven't done an EIR and would think that with the size of this project one would be necessary.



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Dear Ms Orsaba

I am writing to express concern over P&G's plans to erect large power poles and to remove trees in my rural neighborhood.

I have lived in the Day Valley region of Santa Cruz County for over 25 years. I raised my 3 children here, appreciating the natural beauty and country atmosphere this neighborhood enjoys.

At the very least a full Environmental Impact Report should be done.

Installing additional lines underground should at least be considered. (Ideally the existing power lines could be undergrounded as well.)

Please do not ignore the well-being of hundreds of Santa Cruz county residents. Ours is not the only neighborhood affected.

I urge you to act!

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November 25, 2013

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Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am writing regarding PG&E's planned 115 KeV reinforcement project in Santa Cruz County. I am a resident of the community in which this project is planned, living within approximately 300 feet of the proposed power lines, at the corner of Hames and Pleasant Valley Roads, in Corralitos. I have lived here since I was a small child...for almost the past 40 years. Despite owning our home this close to the proposed project, and having lived here this long, I only heard of this project LAST WEEK for the first time! In addition, 4 other homes in our neighborhood are owned and occupied by my siblings, my grandmother, and my parents, and none of them had heard of the project prior to this past week either. Clearly, PG&E has not done an adequate job of publicizing this ridiculous project, that has apparently been in the works for over two years!

I call this project ridiculous, after having reviewed several hundred pages of documents, maps, photographs, applications, questions, answers, and the like. I've read and reviewed PG&E's responses to the CPUC's inquiries, I've looked at the proposed locations of the new poles, and seen PG&E's "mockups" of what the project will look like. I've reviewed the "independent" report concerning the environmental factors, put together by the company hired by PG&E, in an effort to avoid an Environmental Impact Report.

Our neighborhood is more than a habitat for long-toed salamanders and wood rats, though those animals live here because of the kind of place this is--unspoiled. The name of the road I live on is "Pleasant Valley Road." It's aptly named. It's a road that's used not only by the residents of our street. It's a destination, because of it's character. We have at least 4 working horse farms on the street that are open for lessons. There are at least 3 wineries open for wine tasting. There are several olive orchards amongst the numerous apple orchards. Within several hundred feet of the proposed new 100 foot tall steel electric towers is a beautiful italian tiled Monastery located amongst the apple trees, where dozens of people come each morning to worship in the chapel, and listen to the otherwise silent nuns sing. People walk and run along our road every morning and every evening, enjoying nature and getting their exercise. Every weekend, dozens of bicyclists ride along our roads, because of the natural beauty of our rolling hills, orchards, and fields. It is within this setting that PG&E proposes to install 100 foot tall steel towers, 4 feet wide at the base, on concrete foundations, with numerous (additional) high-tension wires atop them, installing them using helicopters that will, over the course of more than a year, subject our area to hours upon hours of 80-120 db noise, and dust. And those are just the temporary issues.

The visual impacts of our neighborhood, and pastoral, country neighborhoods stretching for almost 9 miles in either direction, will be permanently scarred with the appearance of these towers. PG&E has not responded to the majority of residents in our area, as the company has not properly notified the majority of residents. If 4 residential families living within several hundred feet of a major intersection (and, incidentally, across the street from two of the three proposed helicopter landing zones, as well) were not notified of this project, it stands to reason that a large majority of other residents are not properly notified either.

I have seen large signs posted at VERY small projects, such as small granny-units and new home constructions, notifying the public of their right to appear at public hearings prior to such small developments. No such signs were posted along the route in this case, such as on Power poles along the route. No individually-addressed letters have been mailed to PG&E customers notifying them of this project. It is NOT adequate to send "to the resident" mailings that are commonly tossed in the mail, and to publish "to the public" type notices in the newspaper, when such a large project will affect people's lives in such a large way. Especially when PG&E proposes to construct this project without an Environmental Impact Report!

In closing-- PG&E has proposed to cut down between 100 and 150 trees, including, among others, willow trees and redwood trees. Willow trees, in particular, ONLY grow in wetland and riparian zones. While PG&E may state that they do not plan to work in riparian zones, the fact that they state that they plan to cut willow trees should be a red flag that in fact this is not the case. And the fact that they plan to cut over 100 trees in our peaceful area, not to mention all the noise and dust, should be reason enough to force PG&E to conduct a full EIR.

While I note that you have asked PG&E about noise from helicopters, PG&E stated in their response to your request for information #1, that helicopters would make approximately 120db of noise at 50 feet, and that homes within 490 feet of TSP foundation installation locations would be subjected to 8 hour average noise levels in excess of 80db. As the OSHA maximum noise level for 8 hours is 85db, and PG&E does not specify a) how far in excess of 80db the noise will be (only that it will be somewhere in excess of 80db and less than 120db) or b) the noise level for any particular home at any particular distance, this clearly is not an adequate answer on the part of PG&E. Subjecting homes to noise at these levels for hours a day, for who knows how many days over who knows how many months, is clearly not an option.

PG&E has clearly attempted to skate by with the cheapest, though least palatable option for our community. Please do not allow this to proceed without further study of the alternatives, via a full Environmental Impact Report. I understand that PG&E has identified at least 4 or 5 others.

Finally, I do have concern on whether PG&E has been asked whether they are building this system to accommodate a higher voltage than the stated 115kV system that's in their application. While I realize that's what they're putting on the face of this, I have little doubt that they are likely constructing the system to accommodate a much higher voltage than that for the future..and that once constructed, all it will take is a simple flip of a switch at their substation, to significantly up the voltage to double or triple the voltage carried by those lines (and thus the EMF pollution/radiation) without public comment/knowledge at that point. The public should be made aware of the level to which these lines are being engineered, to know what future plans and EMF radiation PG&E has in store. If they do not have plans to up the voltage in the future "under the radar" of the public, they should have no issue answering that question now, regarding the level to which they are engineering this system, so the public is aware.

Sincerely,

Jeff Randolph

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Jeff West  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 12:44 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115Kv Project COMMENT

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December 05, 2013

re: Santa Cruz 115v Project

Greetings Ms Orsaba,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E.

As a resident of the Aptos community for 17 years, I have treasured this rural environment as a beautiful and peaceful place to raise my family. I am concerned with the proposed plan details which will raise the height of power poles to 100 feet! This will compromise the aesthetic of this rural environment! Additionally I believe it will adversely affect the environment, the residents, wildlife habitats, and our community values. The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete, and contains multiple factual errors.

The proposed project is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and I believe this project will have a significant, permanent, negative impact on the Day Valley Area.

I demand that an Environmental Impact Report be completed in full; one that is unprejudiced, scientific, and complete, and that addresses all feasible alternatives including undergrounding and other routes, to be completed before any further approval of this project.

Sincerely,

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## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Jillian Matejcek  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2013 8:09 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** PGE Power Line Project, Freedom Blvd

From a family living on Freedom Blvd x Valencia, I could not be more opposed to this project. It is easy to brush off community residents with big-wig talk about how there is no effect on people and property values etc etc. I already have some huge transformer sight one house away from me and a few months ago it was on fire or something - my home was jeopardized! I am not interested what so ever in having big power poles put up on my street. I have no tolerance for the traffic, with Aptos High school alone it is already horrendous and prevents me from being able to get out of my drive way. We all have the power we need.

Whatever happened to underground power????? Now we need all these big, ugly, buzzing and unhealthy power units all over our streets and in front of our homes.

What type of environmental reports are being performed here? Why are we only concerned about little animals and such and not potential effects on humans?? What about our views?? What about our property values?? What about potential harm to our bodies and children??

I am 100% opposed to this project and will fight it to the fullest of my ability, and will also be informing all of my neighbors and gaining their support against it. It seems as though residents are informed of intent, but it's simply because we have to be and the intent to go through with the project is always the core motive regardless of what 'we the people' think.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This letter is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E.

Because only a California Environmental Quality Act report was done we believe many issues of concern were not addressed. We ask that an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives be done. We ask that the Environmental Impact Report also answer the concerns we are listing in this letter.

Below are our concerns:

- The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is generalized and does not address issues specific to the agricultural uses in the community such as organic farming. For example, will leaching concrete impact organic certification?
- We believe there will be permanent disruption to native wildlife habitat including the very likely introduction of invasive species. For example, we currently do not have Ground Squirrels on our property because the native Hawks control them. The new, taller poles will replace the Hawk perches and they will no longer be able to hunt the area. The Ground Squirrels will then be able to invade our land with the potential of eliminating farming.
- We are concerned about construction and maintenance damage to personal property and private road.
- We are concerned about water pollution from construction. Our community is monitored by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and we are responsible for compliance with their regulations and are subject to fines if we do not comply. Will PG&E also be responsible for compliance with those same regulations? Will PG&E be responsible for any regulatory fines caused by the construction?
- We cannot find information regarding the compaction of farmland. This is an important issue in rural and farming communities. Compaction from construction and equipment reduces the productivity and usability of the soil.



- We cannot find information regarding power line easement widths and whether the existing easements are adequate.
- We cannot find a specification or graphic illustration showing the size of the foundation and footing for the various sized new power poles.
- Will the property owner take on more liability due to the increased size of the power line? If so, does PG&E pay for increased cost of liability insurance?
- We cannot find information about potential for damage from different *levels* of seismic activity?
- What is the potential of a wildfire from the construction process or from the proposed enlargement of the 115kV Reinforcement Project? Many homeowners pay a special assessment to the State of California for rural fire protection. Will this cost increase? Will PG&E be responsible for that increase?
- Statements in the report regarding mitigation said "impact was less than significant". We strongly disagree and feel the impact of this project will be very significant to the livelihood, beauty and values of our community.

We believe that the size and height of the proposed reinforcement will permanently alter our community and neighborhood esthetics. We believe the natural wildlife habitat will also be permanently and negatively altered.

Again we ask for an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives. We ask that the Environmental Impact Report also answer the concerns we are listing in this letter.

We request that our concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,




John & Sherry Hall

December 4, 2013

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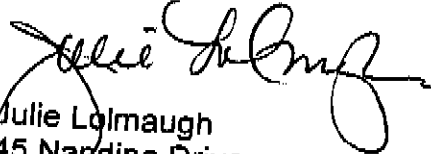
Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing as a citizen of Aptos, CA, and a customer of PG&E. I would like to express my concern about the project that is set to be built through our area; from the Rob Roy Station in Aptos to the Green Valley Station in Watsonville. We feel that there hasn't been enough thought put into the process, and we ask that an Environmental Impact Report be commissioned.

Our neighborhood is unique in this day and age. The planned upgrades are set to go through areas that currently have no streets lights, no curbs, no sidewalks, and no shoulder areas. It is a bucolic country setting, and the residents and visitors appreciate it for this very reason. The current plan for 90 ft. poles and lines will require much more in the way of set back areas, and by removing so many of the trees the area will be significantly impacted and the environment destroyed.

We enjoy almost uninterrupted power in our area - it is only when a violent storm hits the region, or a wreckless driver hits a pole, that we suffer any power loss. This project is not needed in this area at this proportion at this time. We should be looking at ways to cut back on our power needs, rather than finding ways to get more power to places that should not be developed further. There is not enough water in the area to support any further growth - thus there should not be a need for larger lines, especially at the cost to the environment.

Best regards,



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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** kathie stark  
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**Subject:** PG&E Project

We are very opposed to the 100 ft poles that are due to be erected on Freedom Blvd and McDonald. There is no reason that these poles and their unsightly wires cannot be placed underground. How do we sign a petition to keep this from happening.

Thank you,

Kathie L. Stark

Kelly Kerr

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[Santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:Santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I live in Santa Cruz County, California, where the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project is proposed. I am concerned that PG&E's proposed project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my community. I grew up in the tranquil, rural countryside of Aptos on Cox Road. There are a number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards, vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more. I am so grateful that I was raised in such a beautiful environment surrounded by nature. Now as a professional Concierge at the Seascape Beach Resort, a 4-Diamond Resort in Aptos, I get to share my insight with countless visitors to the area. People who have travelled from all over the country and internationally have chosen to visit our town and to experience the natural beauty the area has to offer. I recommend the area to those looking to road bike, walk or run. The Corralitos area offers a bountiful wine-growing region, and many travelers take the scenic drive down Corralitos road to experience the Corralitos Wine Trail. Everyday, I get to share my first-hand knowledge of the area with travelers so they may come to experience the natural beauty of our environment as I have.

I believe that the proposed project will contribute to the further urbanization and degradation of the natural beauty of this neighborhood. This project adversely affects the residents, environment, aesthetics, habitats, and community values of the area.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how our environment will be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: “Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures.” Really?!

“No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people.” Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet “back roads” for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely affect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

Sincerely,

Kelly Kerr

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Kristen Totah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:10 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement project by PG & E

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to you in reference to the Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project. Our family has lived on Pleasant Valley road in for 43 years. We chose this location for it's rural surroundings, wildlife, and country charm. Yes, we do have occasional power outages, but it is just a minor inconvenience that we are willing to endure in exchange for maintaining our surroundings and habitat. We don't even have cell service- and it is GREAT! We do NOT want to see the upgraded poles anywhere near our beautiful surroundings for several reasons.

First, these poles are a visual atrocity, that belong along a major stretch of highway (if at all). Why are underground lines not considered in these circumstances?

Second, the size of these poles is ridiculous. 5' in diameter? 100' high? Where are they going to go? whose property are they going to encroach on? Our roads are already narrow, and it limits all possibility of future roadwork, bike lanes, and expansion. There are hundreds of cyclists that ride our roads every day- they are already riding without adequate bike lanes. If the poles are not encroaching on the roadways and shoulders, then they much be encroaching on private land, or resulting in considerable loss to the natural foliage. As I drove home today I surveyed the route from Highway 1 to Corralitos road- and there is not a single instance where these poles would not seriously detract and encroach on the wildlife and terrain. The proposal says that 104 trees are to be removed....which trees? These are the natural habitat to numerous species...where is the full environmental impact report? We demand that one be procured.

In Maui, where I frequently work, a similar upgrade was 'passed' without any environmental impact report or public review. They just added another row of these ridiculously sized poles next to the existing power poles...so they didn't 'replace' the existing poles- they just added more- it is awful looking- in some areas 3 rows of power poles, each progressively larger than the previous, and it completely mars the landscape and changes the feel of the area. We do not want a similar situation here in Aptos/Corralitos. Our rural lifestyle works just fine as it is, thank you very much.

I hope you consider our community as a complete ecosystem, with homeowners who genuinely care about maintaining the integrity of our environment and not just another roadway on a planning grid slated for an upgrade. This is a special place, and we don't want it to be ruined!

Kristen Totah

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Lawrence Lane  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 3:10 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** comment on Rob Roy Project

Re: Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project.

Lisa Orsaba,

A full environmental impact report is most needed before PG & E does anything pole related to the proposed installation.

Permit me to elaborate:

1. The community aesthetics will be greatly impacted.
2. Any new installation should be underground no matter what the location.
3. The safety issues are numerous. Narrow roads; no shoulders; kids walking to the school bus, and walking home after drop-off are already impacting the narrow space available. Monster poles will further impact the situation.
4. The Corralitos Road and adjacent environs are a scenic corridor.
5. If PG & E cannot (or are not willing) to provide natural gas to many of the residential areas in the proposed pole areas, how is it that they propose this expensive project?
6. A natural monopoly is permitted in that it is believed that it is less expensive for the consumers, this will impact the bills for years to come. The constant call for rate increases is crazy!
7. Alternate routes must be considered---remember, the greatest good for the greatest number!

Thank You for reading this letter, and thinking about its content in advance.

Sincerely,

Lawrence T. Lane  
Aptos, CA



**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Logan Tschantz  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 12:21 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Attn: Ms Orsaba - Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E running along the Freedom Blvd. area. I grew up in the rural Aptos area near Freedom Blvd. where I spent the first 18 years of my life and feel in love with the untainted aesthetics Aptos has to offer. I am concerned to learn of the new proposed PG&E project to install new electrical risers in the area. I was further concerned to learn that no in depth environmental impact report has been executed. I am fully aware that new improved infrastrustre is required to maintain our way of life but i feel that certain environmental issues has been overlooked. I urge you to consider doing this project the "right" way and furthermore urge you to consider the neighborhood concerns so that a middle ground may be reached. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Logan Tschantz  
7555 Sunset Way #14  
Aptos, CA 95003

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Madelene C  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 9:30 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** comment on santa cruz 115kv project

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

As someone who appreciates the beauty of the Day Valley area, I am opposed to the proposed PGE 115kv project. The proposed project is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and it is my belief this project will have a significant permanent effect on the Day Valley area environment.

I believe it is imperative to require a full and complete Environmental Impact Report before this project is considered. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

Madelene Coke  
125 Day Valley Lane  
Aptos, CA 95003

## Marco Romanini

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December 1, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Emabarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Lisa Orsaba:

I have carefully reviewed the PG&E proposed 115 KV reinforcement project for Santa Cruz County and I appreciate the level of technical detail present. However, there seems to be a lack of due diligence with respect to the effects this plan will have on the community values of the areas affected.

The proposal would permanently and irrevocably destroy the community values of the Day Valley area, to name only one of many areas affected. The community, as it exists, is semi-rural, forested area with much wildlife such as deer, bobcats, coyotes and many raptors. PG&E's plan would create a denuded, suburban landscape with outsized electrical transmission towers wholly incongruent with the existing community values.

The proposal calls for the doubling of the current pole and wire infrastructure in the Cox-Freedom Segment of the project. That is, replacing the existing electric, telephone, and cable infrastructure of typical rural appearance (45' poles) with poles twice as high (90' +) as well as the addition of some 100' TSPs. This has been indicated to be 'less than significant impact' on scenic vistas and a 'less than significant impact' on the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. These assessments are disingenuous and legally self-serving as they allow PG&E to avail themselves of a "Mitigated Negative Declaration", and thus side step the usual Environmental Impact Report.

The proposal calls for the removal of 169 trees, out of which 104 from the Cox-Freedom segment, which currently has approximately 300 trees. However, PG&E has refused to state which trees are planned for removal and indeed have not included any tree surveys by certified arborists as to the impact of removing such trees on the surrounding environment. Once again, the proposal labels the devastating effects of removing 33% of the trees from a wooded, bucolic neighborhood as 'less than significant'; this assessment is incorrect and dishonest.

The proposal describes the adding of a transmission circuit to the Cox-Freedom segment as an incremental change. This is not only an understatement but also a misrepresentation of the project. The Cox-Freedom segment is an upgrade in designation from a distribution circuit to becoming the Cox-Freedom Alignment similar to the Northern Alignment and the Southern Alignment. Again this is not a 'less than significant' impact of the community values of this area, it is an extremely significant change with ramifications to the whole community and its values.

The proposal not only fails to consider the impact of the project on the community values, it also failed to consider the effects on the existing infrastructure, such as the water supply. This community is served mostly (100's of residences) by the Central Water District (CWD) with a few residences in the Soquel Water District (SWD). PG&E indeed notified the SWD but neglected to inform the CDW. The CWD has stated, in an open letter to PG&E, that their World War II era thin-walled water mains which cannot withstand the effects of this project. The proposal does not address, nor indicate awareness of the potential effects on our water supply system or the possibility of contaminates entering the water supply as a result of this project.

Finally, the proposal has minimal discussion of the alternatives, which include a slightly longer route that creates less than 1/2 mile of new 115 KV right of way affecting only 6 landowners rather than the current 200. Given the devastating effect the current proposal would have on the existing community PG&E should do a more in-depth study of all options. If it can be demonstrated that Day Valley is the

appropriate route for this project, the appropriate technology would be underground. This is required according to state law, consistent with the county general plan, and supported by recent case law.

I respectfully demand that the current PG&E Santa Cruz 115 KV reinforcement plan be rejected by the CPUC, and that a complete Environmental Impact Report be prepared, allowing full discussion of the rationale for the project, the profound destruction of community values in the Day Valley area, the extent and location of planned tree removal, the alternatives, and the potential necessity for undergrounding of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco Romanini", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marco Romanini

December 3, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
CA Public Utilities Comm.  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Fax: 650-373-1211

RE: Santa Cruz115kvproject

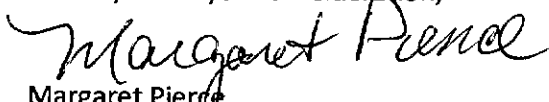
I am writing because I am not pleased about the plans PG&E has for my neighborhood. I have lived on Quail Run for 5 years and moved here because of the beauty & simplicity of a rural community. The existing power lines that will be replaced by their plan are already an eyesore and they are at tree height. Perhaps these trees are already doomed by their plan which makes it even worse. Doubling the size of these power poles will bring the lines much more into view & I see them every time I'm in front of my house! The reports that say a driver will only see the new lines for 10 seconds & it's not considered a noticeable impact is very wrong in my opinion.

There's a lot of wildlife in my neighborhood & I know that by removing trees & vegetation, spraying herbicide, & building concrete platforms will effect the environment in ways not addressed by the reports I have read. I love seeing the deer, squirrels, birds, & even the skunks – they are running out of safe havens as it is without this major disruptive plan. The noise & activity level for a project this size is horrendous – poles placed by helicopters? The homes in this neighborhood are too close for that kind of disruption.

Please consider a more detailed environmental impact report for this project. I don't see the necessity for more secure power lines here. I've only lost power twice in the 5 years I've lived here which did not significantly impact my lifestyle as power was restored within a few hours.

I love my neighborhood & enjoy the natural beauty of Day Valley Road that I travel everyday. There are some old & crooked poles which perhaps could be replaced in some areas but the magnitude of this project is of great concern to me.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Margaret Pierce  
340 Quail Run  
Aptos, CA 95003



**SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT  
DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT**

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

There is a great deal of documented scientific proof that increased EMF's do harm human health.

Documentation will follow.

Doubling the electrical  
lines increases probable  
health issues. The lines  
are close to Bradley Elementary  
School which adds harmful  
EMS to 600 children & 60 teachers.



November 25, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, California 94111  
Fax: 650. 373. 1211  
santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Having reviewed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration documents, in addition to attending the public hearing held on November 6, 2013 in Corralitos, California regarding the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kv Reinforcement Project by P G & E, I am completely shocked and absolutely horrified that this project will be allowed to move forward without a complete and thorough formal **Environmental Impact Report**.

The area in which I live is a serene rural residential and agricultural neighborhood, where some homes are side by side, and others spread over small acreage. Many have farming operations, albeit small, but non-the-less productive, and use organic methods of production. There are bee keepers, flower growers, and fruit and vegetables farmers, along with small animals being raised in our area.

In such a neighborhood, the community aesthetics are why we have all chosen to live here in the Aptos, Corralitos area. The wild life habitat, natural beauty and tree lined rural roads are all intact, and create an ambience of peacefulness.

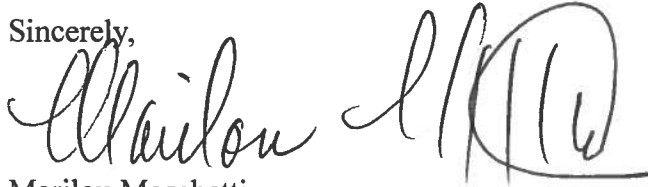
However, the project that P G & E has suggested be placed in and around our neighborhood is over-kill. The project will cross acres of designated farmland, cause hundreds of heritage trees, including ancient oaks, madrone and eucalyptus, to be removed, changing the landscape forever.

As it is, the roads are **very narrow**, and placing these huge poles from the average 38 foot high, to 80, 90 and even 100 feet tall, would NOT allow the County of Santa Cruz to widen or **improve the roadway** in the future for the **safety** of our entire community. Why should we tolerate a 10 story tall metal pole, actually several of them, to obliterate the scenic road, and forever change the community values of our rural residential neighborhood? In fact, the proposal did not consider undergrounding this project in the report.

At the "public hearing" on November 6th, conducted by Panorama Environmental, Inc., there were NO QUESTIONS allowed, only "comments" could be made by attendees. There is no

formal Environmental Impact Report written (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064), which could in fact find significant impacts in our neighborhood that could degrade the quality of the environment. **Therefore, I demand that a complete Environmental Impact Report be implemented immediately.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilou Moschetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marilou" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Moschetti".

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I am a long-time resident (28 years) of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. In fact, there are any number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time—decades. We remain here because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, Monterey pines, laurels, etc. We have warm sunny hillsides and valleys with orchards and vineyards, wineries, nurseries and livestock. Within this area, a diversity of ecosystems allows for many species of birds [[link to annual bird count http://santacruzbirdclub.org/Annual%20List%202013.html](http://santacruzbirdclub.org/Annual%20List%202013.html)], as well as coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars, etc.

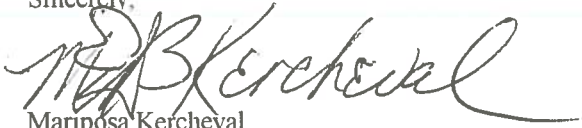
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IS: “No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people.” Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet “back roads” for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. Just this afternoon, a quiet Thursday, while walking with my dog for less than one hour, I passed 5 cyclists (not together), a jogger, two people walking dogs, and a young mother with a jogging stroller (occupied, of course!). No adverse affects?! Really?! We don’t just live here. We use our neighborhoods streets and roads for much more than driving to and from home. The natural beauty of our neighborhoods is a tremendous community value!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should be required to PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance.

I have many other concerns as well, but for the sake of brevity, I end here. I am certain that the proposed project by PG&E will drastically and permanently damage, and possible destroy the lovely community asset which is the DayValley/Cox/Freedom Blvd. and Corralitos area.

Sincerely,



Mariposa Kercheval  
175 Merry Lane  
Aptos, CA 95003

*Please enter my comments into the pertinent records.*

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Mark Swindell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 7:20 PM  
**To:** Santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** 115kV Reinforcement Project -- Aptos California

Mark Swindell  
130 Casa Linda Lane,  
Aptos, CA 95003

December 4, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am a 22 year resident of the unincorporated Aptos/Corralitos area where the proposed 115kV Reinforcement Project is slated to be constructed. I am appalled that such a project is even being considered for our neighborhood. The negative aesthetic and environmental impact will lower home values and decrease the quality of life upon each direction of my family's daily commute down McDonald Road, to and from home. There is no way this project should be allowed to be built without a thorough, unbiased environmental impact report. PG&E should not be allowed to railroad such a money-saving operation for themselves through our neighborhoods. There must be other viable options, the most environmentally and aesthetically friendly would be underground.

I respectfully request that the California Public Utilities Commission immediately order an unbiased study to find alternatives to this ill-advised project.

Thank you,

Mark Swindell

Martin J. Jackson  
540 Hauer Apple Way  
Aptos, CA 95003

December 3, 2013

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
% Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: Santa Cruz 115 kv Reinforcement Project by PG&E

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

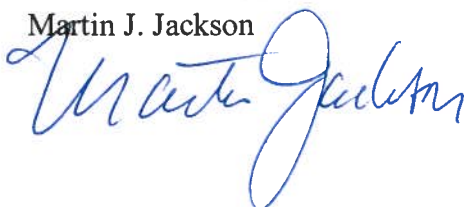
I live on 5+ acres overlooking the Day Valley. I am concerned the above mentioned project will significantly alter the the beauty of the natural landscape of our rural community. The project adversely effects residents, the environment and neighborhood aesthetics and should be subject to a complete and thorough Environmental Impact Report. PG&E have sidestepped the EIR through a CEQA document for Mitigated Negative Declaration which is inaccurate, incomplete and contains multiple factual errors. This project is in violation of the Santa Cruz County general plan, and I believe it will have a permanent negative effect on the Day Valley/Pleasant Valley area environment. There are many serious issues which have not been adequately addressed:

- Overall neighborhood aesthetics
- significant and permanent effect on our rural residential environment
- large scale tree removal which may include heritage trees
- disruption to native habitat and wildlife
- traffic and transportation impact
- noise, air and water pollution
- geologic and soils disruption
- safety concerns for pedestrians, school students, bicyclists and autos on this rural residential roadway
- hazards to residents during construction and permanent hazards later
- permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood

I am requesting a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that address the above concerns and addresses other options , including rerouting the power lines and /or undergrounding of these facilities. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record of communications on the project.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Jackson



## Susanne Heim

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**From:** mtbarker@gmail.com on behalf of Mason T Barker  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 8:41 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project - Cox-Freedom Segment

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns about the above referenced project of which I have recently become aware.

Having lived at 315 McDonald Rd. for many years, I have been privileged to witness many of the reasons that this community has become one of the most desirable in the area. A sense of rural quiet and a respectful connection with nature is what draws people here. The aesthetics of the dense oak forests and golden, open fields lend a sense of calm that I believe has fostered admirable community values including community service, healthy outdoor activity and fruit and vegetable gardening.

The proposed 80-110 foot poles in this project threaten to irrevocably impact these values in a large way. This is not a matter of property values, but rather of community values- ones that I believe stand as a model for other communities across Santa Cruz County and beyond.

We as a society should be working to spread these values to those in other communities who desperately need them. The encroachment of this project on the natural environment that is the very seed of these values will only serve to dull the impact we may have on others.

I invite you to stop by our place at your convenience. Come taste our fresh organic produce, or enjoy a bike ride in the woods with us. I think you will enjoy it and come away with a renewed understanding of why these values are so important to the future of our society.

I urge you to please take the time to complete a full environmental impact report and seriously consider all possibly alternatives to this project.

Respectfully,

Mason T Barker  
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**MATTHEW KING****480 Quail Run\* APTOS \* CA \* 95003 \* 831 688-3419**

December 2, 2013

**TO: Lisa Orsaba**  
**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**C/O Panorama Environmental, Inc.**

**From: Matthew King – 480 Quail Run, Aptos, CA 95003**

**Re: Proposed Santa Cruz 115 k V Reinforcement Project by PG & E**

**Fax#: 650 373-1211**

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Dear Lisa,

This memo is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG & E. I am very concerned about this project and the impact it will have on our rural community.

I have lived in the Day Valley area since 1964 and need you to know that this project adversely affects the residents of this ONE OF A KIND community in numerous ways:

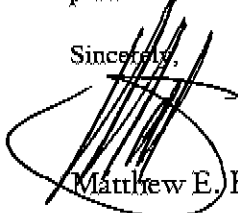
1. The beautiful rural environment will be changed forever if this project breaks ground.
2. The Neighborhood aesthetics will be altered.
3. Wildlife Habitats affected negatively.
4. Our community will never be it's beautiful, peaceful "self" ever again.

The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete, and contains numerous errors. The proposed plan is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and there is no doubt this project will have significant permanent negative effect on the Day Valley area environment. Here are just a few of the many serious issues that have not been adequately addressed:

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| → <b>Overall Neighborhood Aesthetics</b>                         | → <b>Large Scale Tree Removal that may include Heritage trees</b>                 |
| → <b>Significant effect on our rural residential environment</b> | → <b>Disruption of the native habitat and wildlife</b>                            |
| → <b>Traffic and transportation impact</b>                       | → <b>Noise, air, and water pollution</b>  |
| → <b>Geological and Soils disruptions</b>                        | → <b>Safety concerns on our rural residential roadways</b>                        |
| → <b>Hazards to Residents during project execution</b>           | → <b>Hazards to the neighborhood after project completion</b>                     |
| → <b>Disruption of recreation in the neighborhood</b>            | → <b>Permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood and community values</b> |

I demand an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complet Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives, including all other routes and undergrounding of utilities. I request my concerns be entered into permanent record.

Sincerely,



Matthew E. King



Maureen Brandi  
15 Jessup St  
San Rafael, CA 94901

December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I grew up and spent my entire childhood on Cox Road in Aptos, California, where the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project is proposed, for thirty one years. I am greatly opposed to this project's location in our beautiful rural area for the following reasons:

**IMPROPER NOTIFICATION:** Our property is located the next parcel north of Leslie Lane, the demarcation where the project stops. We were not notified by Panorama Environmental, the PUC, or by PG&E of this project, yet our property and the quality of our lives will be greatly impacted by the construction process and the lasting degradation of our area. In addition to being able to see the mammoth poles from our home, we daily pass through the area encompassing the project as our major route of egress.

**DEGRADATION OF HISTORICAL BEAUTY:** Cox Road in Aptos was featured in the Sunset Magazine publication of "Back Roads of California". We are the chosen route of numerous bicycle and vintage car tours. The home next north of us is over 120 years old, known as the Larsen House (currently occupied by the Moya family.) It is a winding road through lovely hills and trees, frequented by many deer, birds, raccoons, coyotes and bunnies. People live and stay here to raise their families in this bucolic setting. The addition of these poles and wires will create a path of ugly blight in total opposition to the ethos of our neighborhood.

**EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS:** The proposed route of the 115-kV project is within three miles of the epicenter of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Many of us lived through the devastation wrought in our area from this disaster which included the added hazard of toppled poles and the resulting dangling live wires. The prospect of having even higher poles in our sandy soil holding wires of much greater voltage is very frightening. This is a neighborhood where children live. We cannot add this additional risk to our community's safety.

**DEVALUATION OF PROPERTY:** Most residents have probably made their greatest financial investment to live in this bucolic yet expensive setting. Depending on proximity to these poles and high voltage wires, one appraiser has estimated that property could be devalued by as much as 10% which would result in the loss of tens of thousands of dollars to individual homeowners. This is a high price to pay for the totally unforeseen decision of others.

For all the above reasons, we request that the routing of this project be reconsidered. We would recommend the following:

- 1) The project be routed through the more industrialized areas which do exist along the corridor OR
- 2) The wires be buried underground

Please do not degrade our home and our community.

Sincerely,  
  
Maureen Brandi

Michael and Tanya Honig  
550 Calle del Sol  
Aptos, CA. 95003

November 25, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
C/O Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

We are writing to you concerning PG&E's proposed Santa Cruz 115-K-V Reinforcement Project. We implore you to require a full Environmental Impact Report for this project. The published C.E.Q.A. document is inaccurate and misleading and we strenuously object to the conclusion that "project related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level."


This is a semi-rural neighborhood that does not currently have 115-K-V transmission lines. We have included maps, triathlon cycling routes, and book excerpts that show the use of these roads for recreation (see attachments 1-5). This project would certainly impact our community values in a negative manner.

We have lived in this neighborhood for 30 years. The Cox Road, Day Valley Road, McDonald Road loop is a noted recreational destination for hikers, cyclists, birders, and nature lovers looking for a country road experience. To state "that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment" is fallacious. For hundreds of people, this is a locale for enjoying outdoor activities in nature. This project would adversely affect our community aesthetics.

Alternative routes to the Rob Roy substation certainly exist and should be included in a full Environmental Impact Report. At the very least, if this project is approved, the undergrounding of these lines should be the serious alternative.

PG&E has spent millions of dollars on a media blitz informing the public how much they care, attempting to alter public perception after their malfeasance in San Bruno. Perhaps this E.I.R. would give them a chance to prove that their efforts are not just lip service.

Please protect our scenic corridors. At the very least, require a full scientific environmental report.

Sincerely,  
  
Michael and Tanya Honig  
Attachments: 1-5



# BACK ROADS of California

Selected trips off the beaten track, with sketches, maps and notes by **EARL THOLLANDER**



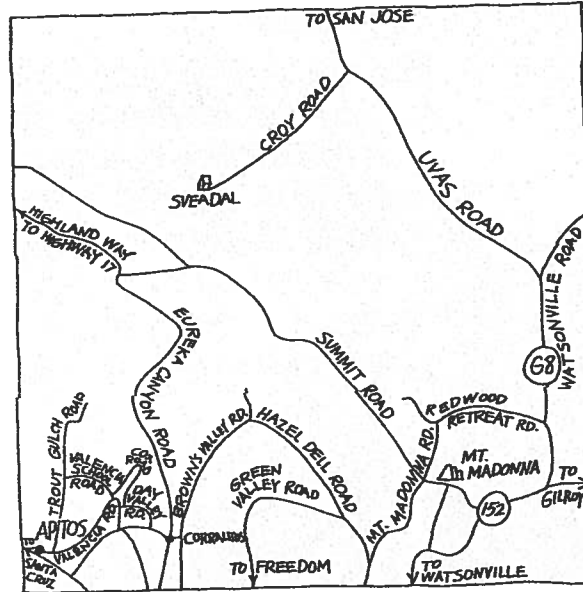




APPLE TREE PRUNING,  
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Coming down from Mt. Madonna and the Santa Cruz mountains, enjoyable roads to explore are Summit, Highland, Brown's Valley, Hazel Dell, Green Valley, Day Valley, Cox, Valencia School, and Trout Gulch roads.

## Santa Cruz Mountain Side Roads



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# COX ROAD, WHITE ROAD LOOP

**DISTANCE**  
**19.02**  
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925.2 ft

**cox road, white road loop**

**BEGINS IN:** Capitola, CA

**CREATED BY:** Robert overson [Best Time: 2:00:00 \(/workout/478218\)](#)

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**TYPE:** Bike Ride

**AVAIL. POINTS**  
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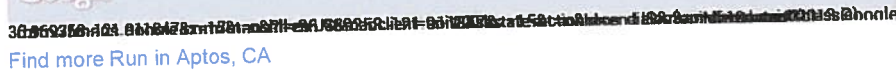
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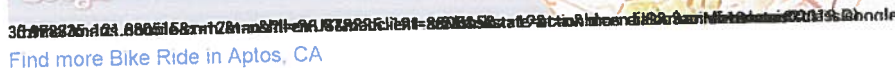




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## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Monica Meyer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I live in Aptos in Santa Cruz County, California, where the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project is proposed.

I am concerned that PG&E's proposed project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my community. I chose to live in a rural environment and believe that the proposed project will contribute to the further urbanization of my neighborhood.

This project adversely affects the residents, environment, aesthetics, habitats, and community values of the area. The determination that a mitigated negative declaration was the appropriate CEQA document, based in part on the PEA, allowed this proposed project to sidestep a full Environment Impact Report.

**I disagree with the Draft IS/MND, which concludes, "that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment." Therefore, I request that the California Public Utilities Commission order an unprejudiced, scientific, official Environmental Impact Review to include the assessment of all feasible alternatives for this project, including all other routes and undergrounding.**

Sincerely,

-Monica Meyer  
31 Oak Tree Lane  
Aptos CA 95003

Nancy Mauro Bensen  
2129 Cox Road  
Aptos, California 95003

November 30, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Lisa Orsaba:

My name is Nancy Mauro Bensen and I have lived in the Day Valley area for 36 years. This letter is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E, which adversely affects the safety of residents, environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values.

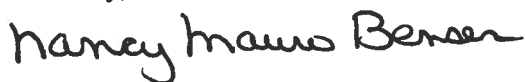
Due to the serious safety issues associated the PG&E's proposed project, I request that if the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project moves forward as planned, the California Public Utilities Commission ensures that PG&E and responsible parties do the following: (1) widen Cox Road, Day Valley Road, and MacDonald Road to a safe width to provide shoulders for pedestrians and bicyclists, (2) repair the water ditch in front of 2100 and 2111 Cox Road, which is eroding around a PG&E guy wire, (3) create a safe public school bus stop at the end of Cox Road and Day Valley Road for our children, (4) extend the foot path bordering Freedom Blvd from Valencia Road to the public bus stop at the intersection of Freedom Blvd and MacDonald Road, (5) place all remaining poles at a safe distance from the road to prevent automobile and motorcycle collisions with poles, (6) avoid eminent domain by relocating the proposed 4 foot diameter steel pole at 320 McDonald Road to the south side of freedom Boulevard to keep lines in the public street easement, (7) PG&E needs to be held accountable for a fair compensation package to land owners for property taken by eminent domain. Each property owner should be made whole on an individual basis. They should be given fair market price for their land that is confiscated and their landscaping, parking place, etc., should be replaced at PG&E's expense. (8) for public safety, environmental issues, and community values consider placing all PG&E 115-kV and 22-kV lines, and facilities underground.

I am concerned that PG&E's proposed project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of the Day Valley area. I chose to live in a rural environment to be close to nature. I believe that the proposed project will be a part of a process of urbanizing a rural area. I disagree with the mitigated negative declaration conclusion of the CEQA. The CEQA, like the PEA, is riddled with errors and carelessly assigned statistical terms without proof other than because they said it is true. For example the CEQA states, "the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment." This project adversely affects the residents, local environment, aesthetic, habitats and properties of the area, both during construction and for generations to

come. The erroneous conclusion of the PEA and the CEQA mitigated negative declaration and the many errors in the two documents has allowed this proposed project to side step an Environment Impact Report.

Due to the concerns raised in this letter, I request that the California Public Utilities Commission order an unprejudiced, scientific, official Environmental Impact Review to include the assessment of all feasible alternative power line routes for this project, including the option of undergrounding utilities. We want traffic studies completed for affected roads in Watsonville, Aptos, and Santa Cruz, California for Cox Road, Day Valley Road, McDonald Road, and Freedom Boulevard route. The residents of Cox Road, Day Valley Road, McDonald Road, and Freedom Boulevard deserve to know all alternative routes that were considered and why this route was chosen above all other routes. Please see the attached document for information on safety concerns, neighborhood aesthetics, and a detailed description of several significant issues that were misrepresented in the CEQA. I request that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Mauro Bensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Mauro Bensen  
2129 Cox Road  
Aptos, California 95003

## **ATTACHMENT:**

**Safety concerns regarding Cox Road** Cox Road, Day Valley, MacDonald Road, and Freedom Blvd currently do not have 115-kV lines. They are narrow country roads and were designed and planned for 22-kV distribution power lines with a 10 foot easement not the 40-60 foot easements that accompany 115-kV lines on the Northern Alignment or the Southern Alignment. Cox Road, Day Valley Road, MacDonald Road, and Freedom Blvd are substandard roadways for the people that live here and building a project of this magnitude exacerbates the problems that we deal with every day. Our roads do not have adequate shoulders for pedestrians, we do not have bike lanes for bicyclists, and existing distribution lines and wood power poles are dangerously located on the edge of the narrow roadways and many are against a steep bank. There are places on Cox Road where the northbound and southbound lane is only 9 feet wide. Pedestrians have to jump into a ditch or onto a steep bank out of the way of oncoming cars. The water ditch in front of 2111 Cox Road is eroding around a PG&E guy wire and causing the ditch to fill up with dirt in front of 2100 Cox Road. There have been three serious car accidents on Cox Road in the proposed area, numerous car verses bicycle accidents, and two separate incidents where children were hit and killed by a car in our neighborhood. Furthermore, the proposed 100 foot wood and series of 4 foot diameter steel poles prevent future widening of Cox Road and future improvements of the road, including bike lanes, a safe shoulder to walk, and a bus stop for our children to wait for the school bus. Cox Road, Day Valley Road, MacDonald Road, and Freedom Blvd need to be upgraded to insure the health and safety of the people that live in the area. The 85-100 foot poles that are proposed to replace the 45 foot wood poles need to be placed at a safe distance from oncoming traffic. Existing poles also need to be placed at a safe distance from the road to prevent automobile collisions with poles.

**Neighborhood aesthetics** This project will make our rural residential area look like San Jose without the infrastructure needed to serve residents of the area. Massive 85-100 foot tall wood and 4 foot in diameter tubular steel poles will be a visual eyesore and does not belong in a rural residential area. The project will change the look of our neighborhood significantly due to the number of trees and vegetation that will need to be removed. About a year ago, PG&E started cutting trees and vegetation in our neighborhood. It resulted in removing so many trees that we now can see the 115-kV poles from a third of a mile away. PG&E volunteered to cut several Monterey pines down for our neighbors and left the 20 to 30 foot tree trunks. The trees are totally dead now and our friends are left with the expense of removing the remaining tree trunks with a crane and bucket truck. According to the CEQA, 100 more trees are going to be eradicated in the our neighborhood. Cutting 100 more trees is unacceptable. We do not want to see the natural beauty along our roadways further destroyed by PG&E. The CEQA is just another document like the PEA that is rubber stamping this project. Its going to leave the people that live on Cox Road, Day Valley Road, MacDonald Road, and Freedom Blvd with sub standard roads and with the blight of huge towering 4 foot diameter poles and 115-kV lines weaving back and forth with 22-kV lines. The Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project as proposed in the Day Valley corridor will create a visual blight and will destroy the wooded rural area that we now enjoy.

### **Errors in CEQA Document**

I am incensed that our community members are supposed to fix the many errors in the document so that the CEQA document can be completed, conclude another mitigated negative declaration, and pass the document on to the commissioners on the CPUC for review and approval. Some of the many errors include the following:

- (1) Figure 3.1012:KOP#6: Day Valley Road/Cox Road simulation of the wood pole carrying the 115-kV lines is actually twice the height of the distribution pole pictured, and the 4-foot diameter 100-foot steel pole will be 20 feet up on the bank and will be over twice the height of the 45-foot distribution pole pictured.
- (2) 3.1-9: The CEQA states "Primary viewers in the Cox-Freedom Landscape Unit are motorists on Freedom Boulevard and local roadways." Primary viewers also include the residents in their homes. For instance, I can't see the existing 22-kV lines from my home, but I will see the new proposed 115-kV lines above the tree line.
- (3) 3.1-30: The CEQA states that the Rob Roy substation is "completely visually shielded from drivers on Freedom Boulevard and from nearby residences by vegetation and topography." "Expansion of the substation and installation of new TSPs is not visible to these observers. Therefore, impacts to visual character of the area is not significant." This is an erroneous statement. The Rob Roy substation is not shielded by trees and physical features of the area and is in perfect view to everyone passing by in cars and by the people who live close by.
- (4) 3.12-18 The CEQA states "that Noise from periodic aircraft operations would be largely masked by the noise of construction equipment, and the impact would be less than significant." This is a preposterous statement. I liken this reasoning to my son playing drums upstairs and me turning my boom box up as high as it goes to mask the noise of my son's drum playing. One noise does not cancel out another.
- (5) Table 3.16-2 on page 3.16-3 and 3.16-4: The functional classifications of the roadways are incorrect. At least 12 of the roadways out of 46 are classified incorrectly.

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Patricia Fischer  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 3:21 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** proposed project on Pleasant Valley Road Aptos, CA

Lisa Orsaba,

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed power lines and helipad on Pleasant Valley Road, Aptos, California. The size, shape and placement of the towers would destroy the natural beauty and skyline of this valley. The environmental impact of these huge towers would be devastating to our ecosystem and property values. The noise and carbon emissions from the helipad would echo down this valley like a war zone. Whoever designed this project has no consideration for the residents of Pleasant Valley and the land involved. They obviously don't live here and probably have never been here to see the damage that would be done. There have been no open forums or public discussions in this matter.

I have lived on Pleasant Valley Road in Aptos, California since 1964. It is heartbreaking to imagine the destruction this project would cause to such a beautiful and unique bio system.

I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THIS PROJECT!!

Elizabeth A. Fischer  
Dec. 6, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
FAX: (650) 373-1211  
[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is a response to the proposed Cox-Freedom Segment of the *Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project* by PG&E. The published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate, incomplete, and contains multiple factual errors. The proposed project is in direct violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and will have a significant effect on the Cox Road / Day Valley Road area environment. There are many serious issues that have not been adequately addressed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration report:

- permanent negative impact on overall neighborhood aesthetics and our rural residential environment
- large scale tree removal that will include huge heritage trees
- a significant narrowing of the safety zone along existing roadways and residential properties
- soils disruption that may never recover

This area is undisturbed in its environment and aesthetics. This power line project is not a modification of existing pole, but a monstrous addition. The segments indicated in Maps 7-11 of the publication are areas that currently have no streets lights, no curbs, no sidewalks, and no shoulder areas on the roadways. Much of the roadways are historic easements on private property. By placing these huge power poles and lines in this area, it becomes a "high tension line corridor" and not a rural/residential street. There are no County rights of way to be taken or donated for this project. Road safety will be lost and trees that are removed will create a huge open swath.

The County General Plan restricts development in this area to preserve the environment the way it is. This power corridor is completely outside of the restrictions in place for this area.

I strongly request a full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all alternative routes and undergrounding of these utility lines in this sensitive and protected area.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick Owen Sharp  
860 Day Valley Road  
Aptos, CA 95003  
[oz\\_sbcglobal.net](mailto:oz_sbcglobal.net)



Owner: 105-161-21 and 105-161-40



Peter K. Pearson  
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Aptos, CA 95003  
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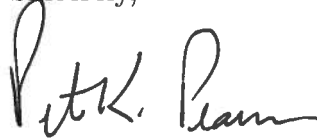
December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
1 Embarcadero Center #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am concerned that PG&E's Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project might harm the sylvan atmosphere of our community more than should be allowed without a reasonably careful environmental review. PG&E estimates (Data Request # 1 and Response) that 150 trees will be removed, "the majority" of which will be along the Cox-Freedom segment. That's a lot of trees over a short distance. Since I can't pretend to have the expertise to evaluate the tradeoffs between local aesthetics and our broader society's interest in economic efficiency, I'm counting on the CPUC to ensure that enough thought gets spent on this question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter K. Pearson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Pearson" clearly distinguishable.

Peter K. Pearson

Peter Carr  
403 Quail Run  
Aptos, CA 95003

December 2, 2013

Fax 650-373-1211  
Lisa Orsaba  
Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
11 Embarcadero Center #470  
San Francisco, CA 9411

Hello,

I would like to comment on the planned Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project as proposed by PG&E in Application No. A.12-01-012

First, it is a major project which impacts significant acreage. Both immediate and long term impacts should be reviewed. **It should merit a full Environmental Review.** The proposal involves cutting approximately 165 trees and clearing 46 acres which appear to be in mature, natural habitat. Long term the project proposes significant use of herbicides.

Second, the community to be impacted both in the short term and the long term has not been adequately notified. Publicized meetings should be held. Information on the proposal should be distributed to local media. The exact citing of the large concrete pedestals and steel poles should be clearly communicated. **Communication to the public has been inadequate.**

Third, **consideration for the rural and aesthetic nature of the area is lacking.** These 79-86 TSPs up to 105' tall are more appropriate to an industrial area. It appears that proposed visual mitigation was dropped because it was deemed to be ineffective. The potential for eminent domain was mentioned and should be clarified and clearly communicated.. View shed is a significant California value and it has not been adequately addressed. The alternative of undergrounding the transmission lines should be examined in depth.

Forth, the **rationale for needing this project is not developed and alternatives need to be considered.** Specifically planning for the future should include the potential for distributed power generation.

Thank you for considering these issues.

Sincerely,



Peter Carr

1776 Cox Road  
Aptos CA 95003  
Nov 21, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
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San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Madam:

My family and I have lived on Cox Road in Aptos for over 31 years. We moved here because we liked the beautiful peaceful rural setting. We moved into a quiet neighborhood; an ideal setting to raise our small children.

I was greatly alarmed by the news of the proposed PG&E 115KV project. All indications are that this will be an industrial type configuration, with four foot diameter steel poles 100 feet high. This massive equipment is appropriate for an industrial setting such as a shipyard, not a rural neighborhood with narrow country lanes. Besides the aesthetic considerations, I believe that these huge power poles will prove to be significant hazards in the event of a major earthquake such as the one which occurred on Oct 17, 1989.

For many homeowners, their homes are their largest investments, slowly paid for with thirty year mortgages. The market value of these homes will certainly be reduced by the introduction of this huge industrial power system into the rural neighborhoods. How much will the value of a home decrease once there is a 100 foot steel pole carrying a 115 KV line placed in the middle of the front lawn? Who knows for certain, but surely everyone would agree that the homeowner has suffered significant financial damage, while receiving no benefit from the industrial monstrosity imposed by PG&E.

The deceptive secretive rollout of the project suggests that even PG&E was well aware that they were doing something of a shameful nature. There are significant aesthetic, safety, and financial reasons to redesign this project. The power lines could be routed so their impact would be minimized, or the power lines could be buried. I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to consider the negative impacts of the PG&E 115KV project on the rural Aptos neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

  
Ralph B. Griffin

Ralph M. Carney  
97 Aldridge Lane  
Corralitos, CA 95076

December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned that the long-term effects of this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of my rural community. This project adversely affects the Corralitos Road scenic corridor, officially designated in the Santa Cruz County General Plan. In particular the project affects the viewsheds to the west of Corralitos Road where the poles climb a ridgeline that reaches 160 feet above the valley floor. One hundred foot poles on the top of the ridge will have a permanent and negative effect on community aesthetic values as defined in the General Plan that was not addressed in the published California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for Mitigated Negative Declaration.

In fact the CEQA is inaccurate, incomplete and contains multiple factual errors to include consideration of overall neighborhood aesthetics, and significant and permanent negative impact on our rural residential environment. Therefore, **I demand an unprejudiced, scientific, full and complete Environmental Impact Report that addresses all feasible alternatives including all other routes and undergrounding of utilities. I request my concerns be entered into the permanent record.**

Sincerely,



Ralph M. Carney

December 2, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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1 Embarcadero Center, #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba:



We are writing you to express our concern about PG&E's proposed Santa Cruz 115-K-V Reinforcement Project. We strongly disagree with the C.E.Q.A. conclusion that the project's "environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level".

This project would have a significantly negative impact on our neighborhood, affecting not only us but hundreds of our neighbors. We have lived here since 1976, and most of our neighbors have been here as long if not longer. Hardly anyone ever moves away because the Day Valley area is such an ideal place to live. Every day you will find numerous hikers, and cyclists enjoying the beauty and nature of our neighborhood. The addition of 100 foot power poles and lines running through the valley would severely affect the aesthetics of our beautiful neighborhood.

We are strongly believe that a full E.I.R. should be required so that all alternatives to the current plans can be considered, including possible alternative routes or running the power lines underground.

Please help keep our neighborhood the wonderful scenic place that it currently is. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randall and Susan Naess

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Rex Boyes  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 3:05 PM  
**To:** [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E

Lisa Orsaba

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Sincerely,

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Name: *Richard J. Besserman*  
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Date *11-25-13*

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*CONSIDER BURYING the utilities AS ARE in place on  
Brookstreet Ave within 1/4 mile of my home!*

Sincerely,

*R. J. Besserman*

December 3, 2013

Richard and Karen Chalgren  
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Aptos, CA 95003Address

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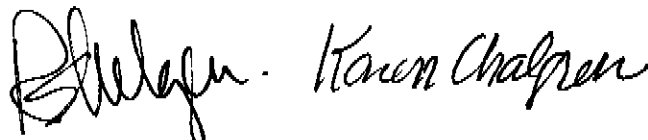
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We are writing to express our concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. We are residents of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. There are any numbers of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. We continue to be amazed at meeting neighbors who have also been in the area for decades. This is because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards and vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Chalgren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K".

Richard and Karen Chalgren

FAX TO 650 373-1211 12/3/13

Name: RICK ULRICK

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City: APTOS

Date 12/3/13

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R. V. Ulrick

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I do not believe that my original letter to the CPUC has been adequately addressed (attached). I believe that it is essential that you or someone from your staff sit down with me at my computer or ride around in a vehicle to determine the facts. Of the three ROW realignments cited as being necessary on the Southern Alignment, two apply directly to the Day Valley alignment but are not mentioned (poles too close to homes and the road). The third cites underground utilities (a gas line). I do not see why a lack of foresight and planning on PG&E's part should be used as an excuse to defile my neighborhood. The PEA is not objective or factual, a full EIR is essential.

I look forward to hearing from you, Richard Ulrich

*R V Ulrich*

**California Public Utilities Commission  
Docket Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2001  
San Francisco, California 94102**

**Re: Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project  
Application Number: A. 12-01-012**

Dear CPUC,

As a property owner on Day Valley Road, I find the PG&E PEA for this project to be very contrived. It would seem that the proponent has dipped into baskets of platitudes from previous PEA's to provide supporting statements for the route they prefer and negative statements for the routes they do not. The Southern Alignment Alternative is by far the best choice but for what ever real reason they have rejected it. Many of the arguments rejecting this alternative can be stated for the Cox, Day Valley, McDonald (CDVM) alternative but were not. The chance of automobile collisions with power poles is cited as a negative along Amesti Road from approximately 0.1 mile south of Bencich Lane to approximately 0.1 mile south of Hawthorne Avenue. This is approximately 2100 feet in length and located along agricultural fields where a relocation would be simple and inexpensive. The CDVM alternative on the other hand is one mile long with power poles in close proximity to the edge of the roads along their entire length. There are approximately 55 home owners along this segment who will resist having the power lines moved closer to their homes. The second example is the realignment for the ROW running through backyards between Calabastas Road and a private driveway approximately 0.3 mile north of Buena Vista Drive. There are approximately ten homes impacted here and perhaps five more along Amesti Road with the same concerns. Remember that this route is currently occupied by a 115KV line that existed when most of these home owners purchased their homes, thus the purchase price reflects the negative impact of high power lines near by. The CDVM route has no existing 115KV line, only a 6KV local distribution line, and approximately 16 homes within 75 feet of the proposed 115KV line. If this is too close in Freedom it is too close in Day Valley and PG&E is not proposing that the existing Southern Alignment be moved for these reasons. An hour or two with Google Earth and Bing Maps can verify my allegations here. I find the argument that adding three wires to the existing ROW over the southern end of Pinto Lake to be specious. This is a public park and lake and the public has the option of visiting the lake with its' wires or not. That is not the case along the residential streets of Day Valley where property values will be negatively impacted.

I cannot judge the environmental impact of the Southern Alternative but after evaluating the areas that I can judge, I would not be surprised if they were equally contrived. The Southern Alternative is a current 115KV line and is maintained as necessary by PG&E. It was constructed long before there was any knowledge of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*) or the robust spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta robusta*) and yet they survived. With current knowledge, construction practices and timing could easily be adjusted to minimize any impact. I do not understand the statement that significant additional tree removal would be required since this an existing 115KV ROW and should result in fewer poles with the use of stronger TSP's. The cables themselves are normally pulled through rollers on each tower and will not effect the vegetation below in any way. The crossing of Aptos High School is also specious. Again this is an existing 115KV ROW and PG&E is not proposing its' removal. The Valencia Hall and the Valencia General Store were cited in the

rejection of another proposed alternative, yet these buildings are reconstructions with no permanent inhabitants and would not be affected in any way unless a TSP was planted directly adjacent. I do not know why the CDVM route was chosen or whether cost or expediency were factors, but I do believe that the factors involved are not accurately portrayed in this PEA.

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Telephone 831-688-4648

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Date: 11-29-13

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Sincerely, *Robert J Halderman*

*I have lived in Corralitos for 22 years and walk under the existing power lines many times a week. I have always wondered why PG&E did not put these lines underground*

in the original installation. Looking to the future  
for many generations, underground wires would remove  
the existing "exposed" wires from view, be much safer,  
and last much longer. Please consider this option!  
RJT

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Robin West  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 1:04 PM  
**To:** Lisa Orsaba  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project

Please consider having an EIR on this project. PGE should not be allowed to proceed without one. This project can have a detrimental impact on this area. It could hamper any road widening in the future. It is inconsistent with Santa Cruz County General Plan. No alternative construction such as underground utilities were considered. The history of PGE shows that often they move in prior to understanding the environment and the local citizens then have to pay for PGE's mistakes.

This project must have an EIR.

Robin West



RONALD J. MORRIS, D.D.S.  
ORTHODONTICS  
*Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics*

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

Nov. 23, 2013

This letter is to record my personal protest regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kv power line proposal for Cox-Freedom Rds and the Rob Roy Substation.

My home is at the intersection of McDonald Road and Day Valley Road. I am a 25 year resident of Day Valley. The valley views and rural setting are what make the area a desirable and beautiful place to live.

As a resident I was very pleased to see that PG&E recently cleaned up their poles and the tangled power lines along McDonald Rd and Freedom Blvd. The existing power poles are unsightly, but that's the way it has always been, and their height is camouflaged by many of the trees in the area. The proposal states that these existing poles average 39 feet in height. The proposed replacements are over twice as tall, with additional larger poles averaging 98 feet! NO!

This is not open country, farmland or some established power corridor. These are residential roads, lined with homes. No one should have the right, without permission, to put up a 4 foot diameter, 98 foot tall power pole in my front yard. They will be taller than almost all of the trees! It will aesthetically offend the beautiful views that we have enjoyed for all these years, and to my mind, diminish our community value. This must not happen.

Some of my primary questions are: Why is this being proposed? Why do we need a new power line? Who will it serve? Why is it being routed through a residential area? Wouldn't a less impactful route be down Freedom Boulevard? Why not up Highway 1?

Secondarily: Has local input really been considered? Please tell me how many local residents are in favor of the project? This is our county, this is our community and we should have the right to protect our properties from intrusion and devaluation by PG&E. I request a full Environmental and Aesthetic Impact Report be done.

If the project is of vital importance, and truly necessary, put the power lines under ground. Rule 20A says that the cost of such a project can be recovered by PG&E through electric rates. I would much rather have my rates increase than have 98 foot power poles in my neighborhood.

I do not see how the California Public Utilities Commission can allow such a project to proceed. Please solicit the opinion of every property owner along the proposed route. You will find overwhelming opposition to the defacement proposed for Day Valley.

I plead for a denial of the proposed power line. At the very least, if it must go through, please place it under ground.

Thank you,

Ronald J Morris DDS

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Date: December 3, 2013

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\* heavy equipment damage to already poor local roads

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Sincerely,

Rosalyn Hilbert

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Owners of property at  
1975 Cox Road, Aptos, CA 95003  
Currently leased

November 28, 2013

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Dear Ms. Orsaba:

We have just recently discovered that the proposed PGE 115 kV Reinforcement project will have an enormous impact environmentally, aesthetically, and economically on residential and agricultural properties in a beautiful neighborhood that is known for its quiet, bucolic, peaceful ambience. As owners, we were under the impression that this project was merely maintenance, and it has been promoted as such. This is not merely maintenance—it is a huge development project encompassing more than seven miles of replacement of wooden poles with massive steel poles and the installation of four-foot concrete bases. Our property and its organic status at 1975 Cox Road will be devastated by an urban invasion of concrete and steel, massive desecration of flora and fauna, and destruction of carefully tended gardens. This project will contaminate our pristine environment.

Clearly, we did not receive notices that defined a project such as this! PGE is moving forward without a formal EIR, which is needed to mitigate a project of this magnitude. Because our property looks like “ground zero” for your work, and it is located in the middle of the Day Valley neighborhood, we are absolutely astonished that PGE has not considered this to be a rural neighborhood, and instead, is marching forward as though this area is located in downtown LA or New York City!

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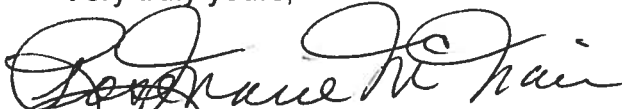


With such far-reaching implications as this project, a formal EIR is REQUIRED when the IMPACTS on the environment:

- 1) will destroy species,
- 2) remove "heritage trees",
- 3) will not follow the General Plan of our County on grading and development,
- 4) will damage precious farm land,
- 5) do not include consideration of the local Water Company and its pipelines
- 6) do not consider the multiple variations in easements including but not limited to surveyed width, depth, and stated right on each unique property
- 7) do not consider alternatives, such as undergrounding
- 8) do not consider the future when roads may be widened, etc.
- 9) do not have completed engineering drawings, and are still pressing forward!

**Please do not move forward on a project that has not fully studied the final result!**  
**At the very least, we demand a formal Environmental Impact Report.**  
**This is NOT the City—this is a lovely, rural neighborhood. Let's keep it that way.**

Very truly yours,



Rose Marie McNair



Peter Trenton McNair



Linda E. McNair

cc: County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors  
cc: CA Assemblymember Mark Stone  
cc: CA State Senator Bill Monning



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

name:

Ruth Barker

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831-662-0267

email:

MABARKER1@hotmail.com

Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

1. This project is not consistent with the aesthetics of our country setting. We have chosen to live in this country setting.
2. I don't want P&E lines in my view - which it will be.
3. Rural environment you are cutting trees - you are working in Pinto Park - this is a bird sensitive area; there must be a complete environmental report.

4. Disruption in Road ways, traffic, noise with all the work that will be going on for more than a year. I do not think this intrusion in our rural environment is appropriate.

5. What about the long toed salamanders that live in our neighborhood?

6. Significant risk of fire with building process & later if there is an earthquake or lines down - Risk of fire in a rural & hard to get areas.

7. Big machinery - helicopter noise - this is not appropriate for a rural area - there is also risk of fire, noise, fuel spills, air pollution, dust pollution.



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

My house is very close to McDonald Rd a 5 foot  
or 20 foot set back will put a pole in  
my front yard or on my porch (20') — so  
directly in my front window & in my  
front yard — I do not believe this is appropriate  
OR FAIR IN A RURAL COMMUNITY, This will ~~also affect~~ my property value

2. I Request A full and complete environment Report.

3. I believe this entire process is difficult to understand, I don't believe there has been proper notice to citizens, neighbors and I don't believe people have been educated well enough in "plane English language" to be able to make good and appropriate decisions & be involved.

4. Having A public meeting and NOT ~~asking~~  
Allowing neighbors, citizens to ASK questions.  
IS NOT appropriate OR fair.

5. (Rule 20A) - STATES we ARE ALLOWED A public hearing & comments. - NOT happened  
6. Additional wires and additional <sup>F181</sup> poles has NOT been mitigated -

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Aptos, CA 95003

December 1, 2013

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I object to PG&E's proposed plan for the Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project, Cox-Freedom segment. PG&E plans to build their project through my beautiful rural Day Valley neighborhood. This is just wrong! My neighbors and I have chosen to live here because of the many advantages a rural neighborhood has to offer. Daily we enjoy beautiful pastoral settings with deer grazing, forested landscapes with large old trees that provide homes for birds, squirrels, insects, banana slugs, salamanders and the dusky footed woodrat thus allowing us the overall sense of being close to nature. We have homes and yards which are creatively disguised and protected by lovely forested growth which starts at the road. As you must know the areas arboreal creatures are very sensitive to timber removal because it both eliminates habitat and creates barriers to dispersal. (Abstract by Andrew B. Carey 1991, USDA Forest Service). Removal of more than 100 trees and destruction of the Day Valley landscape would be a shameful insult to our precious and beautiful rural ecosystem and environment.

My home was built in 1937 and is the second oldest home in Day Valley, it is a darling gem that everyone in the neighborhood knows. Often neighbors comment how sweet it is with the lovely old Cypress tree towering over the front yard. This project threatens the loss of my lovely old tree and its many inhabitants because the existing PG&E pole will be replaced by a giant pole (taller than 6 of my houses on top of each other) that will be likely relocated in my front yard even possibly next to my porch. The new pole will hold high tension wires towering over my sweet little old home! This will no longer be an old neighborhood gem for all to enjoy as they pass by but a neighborhood eye sore. This is not right!

I am extremely concerned that PG&E can so easily change the lovely character of our neighborhood. They can come through Day Valley with a massive eye sore project, providing very little communication to the residents with a process that is clearly stacked in their favor and that minimizes the neighborhoods community values, aesthetics, environment and the community members input. This project does not belong in the Day Valley neighborhood. I believe this project represents a gross in justice to the Day Valley community and seriously risks permanently changing our idyllic rural neighborhood into a deforested landscape dominated by giant poles and wires that tower over the tree line in every direction one my look! I implore you do not do this to Day Valley!

PG&E must be required to complete a full Environmental Impact Report and all alternatives must be sincerely considered.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Barker". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ruth Barker





## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT

Name:

Ruth Bernier

Address:

315 McDonald Rd

Phone:

831-662-0267

Email:

maparker1@hotmail.com

Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

1. We must have a full environment impact report.
2. Substandard Road ways - Country Roads - NOT  
no bike lanes now - will put more stress & ↑ danger of  
our Road ways. <sup>Suited for Country Roads</sup>  
PG & E poles already dangerous & new larger poles  
will increase neighborhood danger

Do NOT cut down our TREES - over 100 trees will be removed!

We do not want to live in San Jose - we want to live in a RURAL AREA don't permanently damage ~~&~~ ~~our~~ our beautiful RURAL AREA.

Earthquake Risk, fire, hazard to our homes/lives  
Our neighborhood very close to Loma Prieta epicenter

Noise from sizzling P&E wires over our homes and yards -

Why would <sup>the company that wrote the PEA</sup> ~~Panorama Inc~~ be asked to do a ~~environmental~~ Report when they have ~~&~~ former <sup>P. 185</sup> P&E employees involved in this project? This does not seem fair or legal.

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Seth Cohen  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Cc:** kimberly@quonundrums.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Lisa Orsaba  
CPUC c/o Panorama  
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

- We are residents and small business owners in Santa Cruz County, California who live in the vicinity of the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project. We are aware that the area population has grown and demand on the electrical system's capacity and reliability needs to be upgraded. We are in favor of projects that provide a reliable power infrastructure to our area and county.

However, we are concerned about PG&E's proposed project for a couple of reasons:

- First, this project travels a rural area known for its landscape. The proposed designs do not take any aesthetics into consideration, but rather install industrial poles of close to 100 feet throughout the countryside, which does not match with the natural geography at all. While the current wooden poles are not particularly pretty, increasing their height by double in some cases, and increasing the number will further add to the blight of lines in the area. This needs to be addressed to bring the development plan more in-line with the community it is being built across.
- We operate a business from our property in Day Valley. The noise from helicopters and other machinery operating between 7am to 5pm 6 days a week will have a **significant impact** on our ability to conduct work in a normal manner and our ability to have peaceful enjoyment of our property. We can attest to this as people who run a business from home in the area, and have lived next to a home under construction for the past year. The notion that flying helicopters throughout this valley will have less than significant impact is laughable.

The determination that a mitigated **negative** declaration was the appropriate CEQA document, based in part of the PEA, allowed this proposed project to sidestep a full Environmental Impact report. We disagree with the Draft IS/MND, which concludes that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Please add our voices to those who have previously objected to this project moving forward without additional review.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sharon Lucchesi <[sharonlucchesi@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonlucchesi@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** November 7, 2013 at 7:23:49 AM PST

**To:** "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)"

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**Subject:** Comments

**Reply-To:** Sharon Lucchesi <[sharonlucchesi@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonlucchesi@yahoo.com)>

I, Sharon A. Lucchesi, R.N. and 27 year resident of the Day Valley Cox Rd. area, and shocked and saddened by the attempts of PG&E to destroy my home with the SC115kv project. Shame on you PG&E. Here are just some of my concerns:

No EIR

No seismic evaluation

No geographical evaluation

Esthetics, when I look out my window now, instead of seeing a pristine valley and tree view I will see ugly Godzilla like poles and numerous wires...you are taking away my right to enjoy my land and my valley.

EMF's...we are all biochemical beings...EMF's ARE a danger to our health, SOME people become very ill, and for some it is a "slow kill" process.

Were options for more non-populated areas explored? I didn't hear anything about that.

Eminent domain, just another word for " we're going to take your land and there is nothing you can do about it because we are a huge corporation with deep pockets and you are out of luck"...20 ft? 30 ft...even 10 ft would make a huge impact on my lifestyle...

Our valley is historical, quiet. We live here because we enjoy TREES, and VIEWS, and rural settings, this project <sup>E-187</sup> would DESTROY our reasons for living here AND decrease the value of our land/homes.

15 months? No doubt more than that...helicopters flying overhead, traffic interruptions on an already busy country roadway. The ability to work any day PG&E desires...

The meeting was really very frustrating, the moderators were there only to offer their impression of the project and what it will look like. When a question was asked, we were referred to the 500 page study. The photo examples were of little use, they did not show tree removal ( atrocious ), not did it show the giant metal monstrosity that will be placed smack dab at the end on Cox Rd. on Day Valley...

I am hoping with all my might, that someone, somewhere, will take these comments into deep consideration...My hope is that PG&E will find an alternative way to obtain their goal without negatively impacting so many good citizens of Day Valley/Cox Rd...

Respectfully,

Sharon A. Lucchesi  
1805 Leslie Lane  
Aptos, CA. 95003

cc: Zach Friend, Second District Supervisor  
KION News  
Santa Cruz Sentinel

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Sid Chandra  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Cc:** Sid Chandra  
**Subject:** Protest the project

Dear PUC

I oppose this project because:

- a) incomplete EIR and determination of endangered species impact
- b) 115kv lines should be erected alongside Hwy 152 and not a residential road like freedom blvd
- c) childrens school on freedom blvd will be impacted during construction
- d) any structure taller than 2 stories scares the birds away and may cause disruption to red tail hawk that lives along woods on freedom blvd. see eco construction guidelines for minimal bird habitat disruption refer to building guidelines at ecoresorts.net for more info.

Please contact me for information regarding the above as ecoresorts network ihas been assisting with bird and animal preservation for the development of environmentally conscious organizations and can assist PG&E

Sid Chandra  
CEO  
EcoResorts Network  
650 Day Valley Rd.  
APTOS  
CA 95001

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

December 3, 2013

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This email is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am a resident of Cox Road and an elementary school educator in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District serving the affected area. I am concerned with effects from this proposed project on our rural community and on the safety of children in the immediate neighborhood.

Specifically, I am concerned about the degradation of the rural values of the Cox Road area. The three mile "loop" of Cox Road joined by Day Valley is valued by all of us for walking, running, and biking. It is highly regarded by persons seeking a safe, uncongested, and serene alternative for exercise and reflection. It is part of a regional bike riding and running network of rural roads that attracts visitors to our area. The proposed project will have a permanent negative impact on those values. The appearance of the poles, the cutting back and/or removal of trees and other vegetation, the noise and visual pollution all will impact the experience of resident and visiting walkers, runners, and riders. Most of these persons have no voice in the current process.

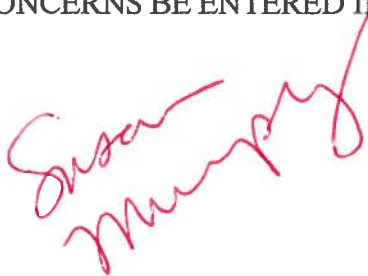
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I understand that this project is in violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan, and supporting documents for the project are incomplete and/or inaccurate. It seems a full and complete EIR should be required before any decision is made. All feasible alternatives (alternative routes, undergrounding of wires) should be considered.

I REQUEST MY CONCERNS BE ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

Sincerely,

Susan Murphy  
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**Susan S. Brooks, RD, MA**

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December 3, 2013

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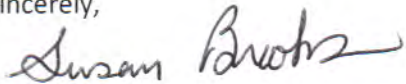
Dear Ms. Orsaba,

This letter is regarding the proposed Cox-Freedom Segment of the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. The published California Environmental Quality Act document for Mitigated Negative Declaration is inaccurate. I believe this project will have a significant negative effect on the Day Valley area environment.

Along with the other residents in the area, I chose to live in a rural environment. This project will contribute to further urbanization of the neighborhood. It will adversely affect the native habitats of a mix of wild life including quail, other birds, bobcats, coyotes, and deer due to large scale tree removal and geological and soil disruption. This corridor is used by many cyclists from both far and near. The local high school track and cross country teams use the area for training. The project will lead to a permanent negative impact on our rural neighborhood and community values.

**I am requesting that the California Public Utilities Commission order an unprejudiced, scientific, official Environmental Impact Review to include the assessment of all feasible alternatives for this project, including all other routes and undergrounding.**

Sincerely,



Susan Brooks

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Susan Kerr  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 10:28 AM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** feedback

Lisa Orsaba,

I am writing regarding PG&E's planned reinforcement project in the southern part of Santa Cruz County, from the Green Valley substation to the Rob Roy substation.

Living in Santa Cruz while working in Watsonville, I occasionally take the scenic backroads to work rather than traveling on Highway 1. I have family living in the rural area off of Freedom Boulevard, so I have opportunities to visit them at their home on their narrow country road in a pastoral setting that will be forever changed if this project is to proceed.

Erecting approximately nine miles of eighty- to one hundred-foot poles from Green Valley to Aptos High School will visually impact an otherwise tranquil rolling countryside that traverses forests, agricultural valleys and pasture lands. What are currently rural parcels of land would be negatively changed with the addition of huge towers comparable in height to multistory high rise buildings dotting the otherwise serene countryside.

The habitats in this area are many and diverse with plentiful flora and fauna likely to be adversely impacted with such an interruption to their environment. The potential affects have yet to be explored without the California Public Utilities Commission ordering an official Environmental Impact Report in which all alternatives to this project, including undergrounding, be considered.

Please assure me that a full EIR will be ordered before this project proceeds.

Susan Kerr  
353 Berkeley Way  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
[kinderkerr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kinderkerr@sbcglobal.net)

**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Susan Murphy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:22 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Cc:** ed murphy  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This email is in response to the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am a resident of Cox Road and an elementary school educator in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District serving the affected area. I am concerned with effects from this proposed project on our rural community and on the safety of children in the immediate neighborhood.

Specifically, I am concerned about the degradation of the rural values of the Cox Road area. The three mile "loop" of Cox Road joined by Day Valley is valued by all of us for walking, running, and biking. It is highly regarded by persons seeking a safe, uncongested, and serene alternative for exercise and reflection. It is part of a regional bike riding and running network of rural roads that attracts visitors to our area. The proposed project will have a permanent negative impact on those values. The appearance of the poles, the cutting back and/or removal of trees and other vegetation, the noise and visual pollution all will impact the experience of resident and visiting walkers, runners, and riders. Most of these persons have no voice in the current process.

Secondly, I am concerned for the safety of children during construction. The Day Valley bus route is served throughout the day by special ed, elementary, middle, and high school buses. There is a bus stop at the Cox Road - Day Valley intersection that is notoriously unsafe. There has been a child fatality at that spot. Students walk up Cox to access their homes in the Brooktree and Calle del Sol areas. The bus route continues down McDonald with multiple stops. It seems certain that a project of this magnitude will add to the safety risks for these children.

I understand that this project is in violation of the Santa Cruz County General Plan, and supporting documents for the project are incomplete and/or inaccurate. It seems a full and complete EIR should be required before any decision is made. All feasible alternatives (alternative routes, undergrounding of wires) should be considered.

I REQUEST MY CONCERNS BE ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

Sincerely,

Susan Murphy  
1411 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

Susanna Honig  
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Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
November 26 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing this letter regarding the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am extremely concerned that this project will compromise the community aesthetics of the Day Valley residential neighborhood and surrounding areas, and I urge you to require a full Environmental Impact Report.

This semi-rural neighborhood is an important recreational site for bicyclists, hikers, runners, and many others who use the habitat as a coupled social-ecological system. The locale has significant community values that would be changed drastically by the implementation of the proposed project. It is simply not true that "the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment" as was stated in the Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Alternative routes for this project were not sufficiently considered, and construction options including undergrounding were not even explored. Considering the devastating potential impact of this project on an important scenic corridor, it is essential that an Environmental Impact Report be required.

I have lived in Santa Cruz County for 23 years. I am astonished that a project that compromises Day Valley area community values, risks public safety on narrow roadways, and is proposed to permanently alter the skyline with poles the height of a ten-story building is consistent with the Draft IS/MN notion that "No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse effects on people."

The neighborhood aesthetics in Day Valley are valued by local residents as well as weekend visitors. The ecological and social community in this area are under significant risk because of this project. A full Environmental Impact Report is absolutely necessary to explore this risk.

Sincerely,



Susanna Honig  
Ph.D Candidate, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
University of California Santa Cruz

November 28, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
C/O Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: Santa Cruz 115 KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

My wife attended a so-called "public meeting" regarding this project on November 6 in Corralitos, California. I was unable to attend. She indicated that company representatives at the meeting would not take any questions and certainly provided no answers.

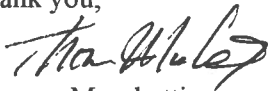
This project should not be allowed to progress without a complete Environmental Impact Report.

The area that this project will impact is a beautiful rural and agricultural neighborhood. Several people in the area have farm animals or raise fruits and vegetables. Wildlife is abundant. The area contains tree-lined roads surrounded by beautiful hills. This project will have major adverse impact on the entire area.

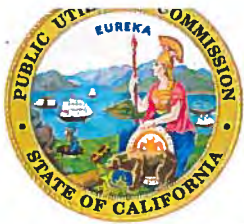
While the roads are beautiful, they are narrow. Having large metal polls up to 100 feet or more tall along the roadway would present a hazard and prevent future widening should the need arise.

As the customers of PG & E will ultimately pay for the project why have alternative plans not been taken into consideration? For example, the feasibility of putting the lines underground was apparently not considered. There is a need for a formal environmental Impact Report because the project.

Thank you,



Thomas Moschetti  
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Aptos, CA 95003  
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**SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT  
DRAFT IS/MND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT**

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

I demand a full environmental impact report for this project. It will have a profound impact on the character of the entire MacDonald Rd. neighborhood. The visual impact alone is significant, and in no way "incremental". It is essential to increase

transmission across the county, existing high voltage routes should be used.

The concept of using eminent domain to traverse a neighborhood with a new high voltage transmission line is inappropriate, at best.

PG&E and panorama have yet to make available a schedule of planned increases in right of ways, trees to be removed and pole locations, so a full consideration and informed comments by those affected cannot be made. Another comment period is needed all information is made available



## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Tricia Kerr  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 12:48 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project

December 4, 2013

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, California 94111  
[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I grew up in Aptos, attended Aptos High School, and have close family in one of the neighborhoods that would be affected if the proposed project goes through. This is a pristine area filled with abundant wildlife, thriving agriculture, and beautiful forests. I cannot imagine what this area would be like if this project went through. In fact, I have never seen a residential area transformed in the way that is proposed.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how the environment would be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: "Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures." Really?!

"No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people." Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet "back roads" for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely affect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed about why the area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the area's aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

Sincerely,

Tricia Kerr

1915 Rose Street  
Berkeley, CA 94709

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** waltspichtig@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 2:54 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com; zach.friend@co.santa-cruz.ca.us  
**Subject:** 115kv Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

We are writing you in regard to the 115kv Reinforcement Project. We have lived on Day Valley Rd in Aptos for 39 years and haven't had enough power interruptions to even consider that this proposed project is worth the removal of 150 trees, the proposed 100 X 4 foot steel poles and the change to the esthetics of the area. Their proposal is 18 poles within approximately 1 1/2 to 2 mile distance between their existing line where it crosses Cox Rd., down Cox Rd to Day Valley Rd to McDonald, down McDonald to Freedom Blvd. How can that be necessary?

PG&E every year sends their line clearance contractor out to make sure there is enough clearance between the lines and trees. The contractor, Davey Tree, comes on to our property and makes a mess of the trees. They lie as to how much they are going to clear and then trim a 90 degree shelf or a V in the middle of the trees. Over the years the radical trimming of some of the trees has caused them to die.

If they are so concerned with the power outages caused by the trees, why don't they go underground with their lines? Then there wouldn't be any interruption due to trees.

Walt & Jan Spichtig  
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831-688-7510

December 2, 2013

Susanne Heim, Project Manger/ Scientist  
Panorama Environmental, Inc  
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Ms. Heim,

We are writing you in regard to the 115kv Reinforcement Project. We have lived on Day Valley Rd in Aptos for 39 years and haven't had enough power interruptions to even consider that this proposed project is worth the removal of 150 trees, the proposed 100 X 4 foot steel poles and the change to the aesthetics of the area. Their proposal is 18 poles within approximately 1 1/2 to 2 mile distance between their existing line where it crosses Cox Rd., down Cox Rd to Day Valley Rd to McDonald, down McDonald to Freedom Blvd. How can that be necessary?

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We are also aware that they haven't done an EIR and would think that with the size of this project one would be necessary.



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December 6, 2013

**VIA U.S. MAIL, EMAIL AND FACSIMILE**

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
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San Francisco, California 94111  
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santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

**Re: Mitigated Negative Declaration for PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

This office represents "Neighbors Shocked by PG&E" regarding the above referenced project and submits these comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on its behalf. There are serious flaws in the aesthetics analysis in the MND. The project will result in severe impacts to the environment, including severe visual impacts to this rural part of Santa Cruz County. The addition of radically tall poles, and replacing existing poles with radically higher poles, (and the overhead wires that will be strung along these poles) will significantly affect and alter the aesthetic quality of the area and thus causes significant environmental impacts. The MND downplays these affects as will be shown in the simulations provided herewith. Moreover, the MND fails to address the project's inconsistencies with the Santa Cruz County General Plan. Because these significant impacts have not been adequately addressed or mitigated, the MND is fatally flawed.

**The MND is Subject to the "Fair Argument" Standard. Therefore an EIR is Required**

The courts have construed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as preferring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The California Supreme Court has "repeatedly recognized that the EIR is the 'heart of CEQA.' [Citations.]" *Laurel Heights Improvement Association v. Regents of the University of California* (1993) 6 Cal.4th 1112, 1123. As the court observed some three decades ago, "since the preparation of an EIR is the key to environmental protection under CEQA, accomplishment of the high objectives of that act requires the preparation of an EIR whenever it can be fairly argued on the basis of substantial evidence that the project may have significant environmental impact." *No Oil Inc. v. City of Los*

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*Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal.3d 68, 75. Indeed, all doubt should be resolved in favor of preparing an EIR particularly in close cases. *Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group v. City of San Jose* (2003) 114 Cal.App.4th 689, 703; *League for Protection v. City of Oakland* (1997) 52 Cal.App.4th 896, 905. CEQA is designed to favor the preparation of an EIR because it is the best way to evaluate and document potential environmental impacts of projects.

Courts have repeatedly affirmed that the fair argument standard is a “low threshold test.” *The Pocket Protectors v. City of Sacramento* (“*Pocket Protectors*”) (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 903, 928. *Architectural Heritage Assn. v. County of Monterey* (2004) 122 Cal. App. 4th 1095, 1110 (“This test establishes a low threshold for initial preparation of an EIR, which reflects a preference for resolving doubts in favor of environmental review.[Citations].”) Evidence supporting a fair argument of any single potentially significant environmental impact triggers preparation of an EIR, regardless of whether the record contains contrary evidence in support of an agency’s decision. *See, City of Oakland, supra*, 52 Cal.App.4th 896; *Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino* (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296, 310. Indeed, an EIR is the preferred vehicle for reviewing environmental impacts of a proposed project.

One major purpose of an EIR is to inform other governmental agencies, and the public generally, of the environmental impact of a proposed project and to demonstrate to an apprehensive public that the agency has, in fact analyzed and considered the ecological implications of its action [in approving a project].

*No Oil Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, supra*, 13 Cal.3d at 86.

**Lay Testimony and Photo Simulations Provided by Neighbors Shocked by PG&E Are More Than Adequate to Make a Fair Argument That There Will be Significant Environmental Effects Requiring an EIR**

With respect to the aesthetics analysis in the MND, lay testimony is considered adequate. Testimony of area residents can qualify as substantial evidence in support of a fair argument when based on personal observations relevant to a potential impact. *See, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea v. Board of Supervisors* (1986) 183 Cal.App.3d 229, 246 fn. 8; *Oro Fino Gold Mining Corp. v. County of El Dorado* (1990) 225 Cal.App.3d 872, 882; *Citizens Assn. for Sensible Development of Bishop Area v. County of Inyo* (1985) 172 Cal.App.3d 151, 173 (lay testimony as to traffic conditions); “Any substantial negative effect of a project on view and other features of beauty could constitute a significant environmental impact under CEQA.” *Ocean View Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Montecito Water District* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 396, 401, citing, *Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation, Inc. v. City of Encinitas* (1994) 29 Cal.App.4th 1597, 1604. Moreover, overall aesthetic impacts “is not the special purview of experts. Personal

observations on these nontechnical issues can constitute substantial evidence.” *Id.* at 402, *citing, Oro Fino Gold Mining Corp. v. County of El Dorado, supra*, 225 Cal.App.3d at 882.

We are aware of many comments that will be submitted on the MND expressing concern regarding the significant aesthetic impacts of the project. However, in addition to this lay testimony, Neighbors Shocked by PG&E are submitting herewith photo simulations done by a photo simulation expert, Chris Yonge. (*See*, Exhibits attached hereto). This expert testimony is dispositive that an EIR must be prepared. *City of Livermore v. Local Agency Formation Commission* (1986) 184 Cal.App.3d 531, 541-542. Indeed, an EIR is required precisely in order to resolve a dispute among experts. *City of Carmel-by-the-Sea v. Board of Supervisors, supra*, 183 Cal.App.3d at 245-246. Thus, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) cannot rely on its experts to support an MND when contradictory evidence submitted by our client demonstrates that there will be significant environmental effects.

The visual simulations in the MND do not take into account the fact that extensive tree trimming will occur along the project’s corridor. Thus, the visual simulations that portray the post-project views are inaccurate since the trees in those simulations (which are unchanged from the pre-project pictures) provide a backdrop that reduces the real extent of the impacts. Nonetheless, some of the simulations themselves even show the dramatic changes that will occur and the significant impacts that will result. (*See for example*, Figures 3.1-13 and 3.1-14). The photo simulations that are attached account for tree trimming that the MND does not take into account. When trimming is factored into the analysis, the impact is clearly even more severe.

Some of the aesthetic analysis dismisses impacts because motorists will only see the transmission lines for a short period of time. However, visually intrusive and ugly infrastructure, even if viewed briefly, can be a significant impact, and the MND fails to address the fact that it affects the community at large and aesthetic values of the community. Ironically, the MND states that “The proposed project would result in a visual change in pattern and scale” in the Cox-Freedom segment. (*See*, p. 3.1-26).

In addition to the general impacts described above, the MND dismisses the aesthetic impacts to Pinto Lake County Park because there is existing electrical infrastructure already present. Like the rest of the MND, it minimizes the true impact of bigger, taller and more intrusive infrastructure that will result from this project. These impacts are significant. As explained in *Pocket Protector, supra*, 124 Cal. App. 4th at 936-937:

Under CEQA, it is the state's policy inter alia to “[t]ake all action necessary to provide the people of this state with ... enjoyment of aesthetic, natural, scenic, and historic environmental qualities.” [Citation.] The CEQA initial study checklist asks four questions as to aesthetic impact, including whether a project will “[s]ubstantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.” [Citation.] n25



Thus, courts have recognized that aesthetic issues “are properly studied in an EIR to assess the impacts of a project.” (*Mira Mar Mobile Community v. City of Oceanside* (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th 477, 492; see *Ocean View Estates Homeowners Assn., Inc. v. Montecito Water Dist.*, *supra*, 116 Cal.App.4th 396, 401; *National Parks & Conservation Assn. v. County of Riverside* (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 1341, 1360.)

**The MND is Legally Flawed Because it Fails to Analyze the Project’s Inconsistency with the Santa Cruz County General Plan**

Finally, the MND does not adequately address the compatibility of the project with Santa Cruz County General Plan policies. The fair argument standard applies to the conclusions in environmental documents as to whether a project complies with the County General Plan. *The Pocket Protectors*, *supra* 124 Cal. App. 4th 903. *Pocket Protectors* held that “if substantial evidence supports a fair argument that the proposed project conflicts with the policies of the PUD, this constitutes grounds for requiring an EIR. Whether a fair argument can be made on this point is a legal question on which we do not defer to the [Respondent’s] determination.” *Id.* at 930. Compatibility with the Santa Cruz County General Plan must be analyzed even if the PUC is not bound by the General Plan. The MND Land Use section and Appendix C of the MND merely reference the County General Plan. However, there is no analysis of the project’s obvious conflicts with the General Plan.

For instance, the County General Plan requires undergrounding.

**Policy 5.10.24: Utility Service Lines.**

Require underground placement of all new utility service lines and extension lines to and within new residential and commercial subdivisions. Require underground placement of all other new or supplementary transmission lines within views from scenic roads where it is technically feasible, unless it can be shown that other alternatives are less environmentally damaging or would have unavoidable adverse impacts on agricultural operations. When underground utilities are installed parallel to existing above ground lines, require that the design of the support towers or poles be compatible with the surroundings and that lines cross roadways at low elevations or curves in the roads in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission regulations for public utility facilities.

Furthermore, General Plan Policy 7.26.1 (Undergrounding Lines) “Require[s] all new power line distribution systems and all services to new development to be placed underground.” Analysis of the project’s conflicts with these policies is not provided and the project clearly conflicts with

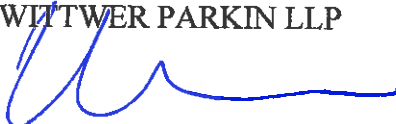
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these policies because the project is entirely above ground, including in residential areas. Thus, the MND is legally flawed.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,  
WITTWER PARKIN LLP












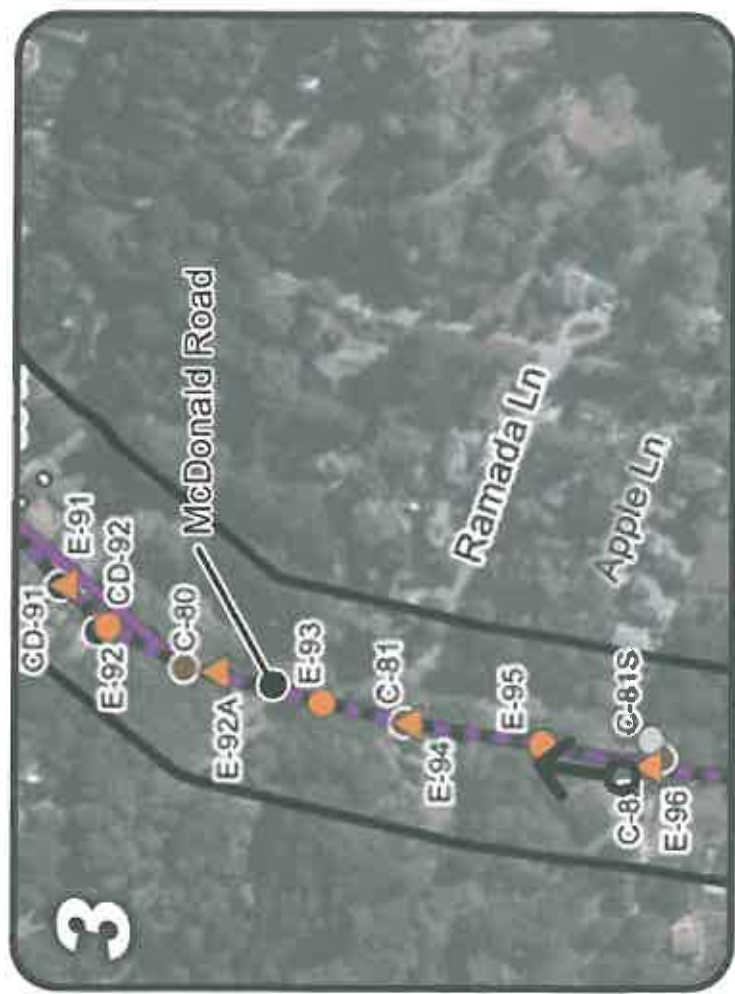
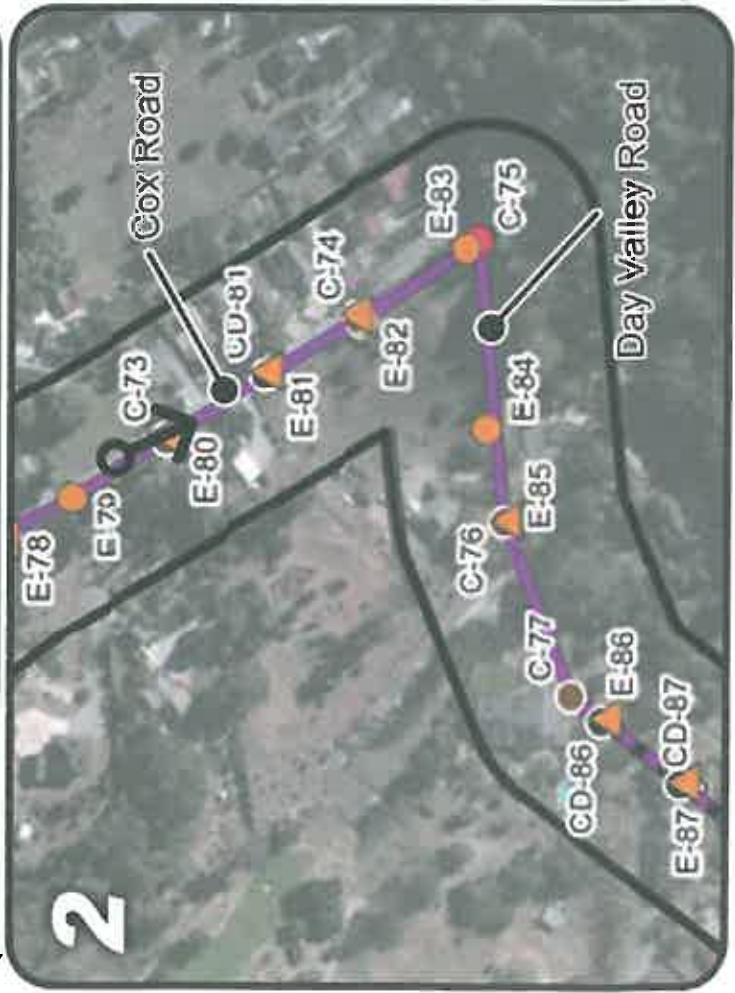
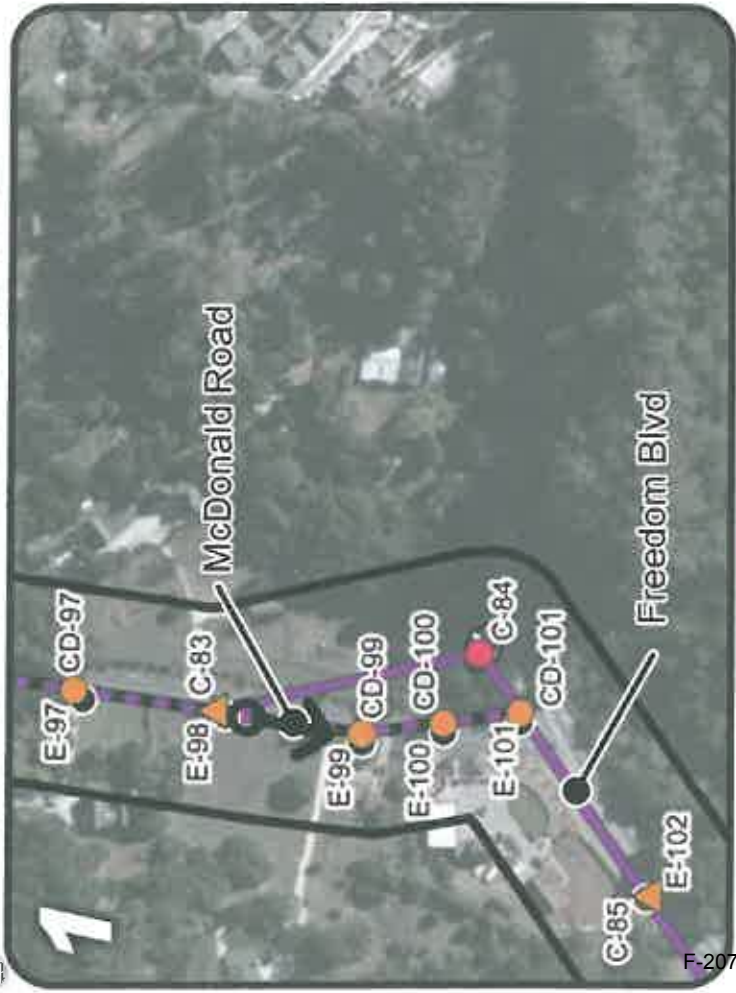
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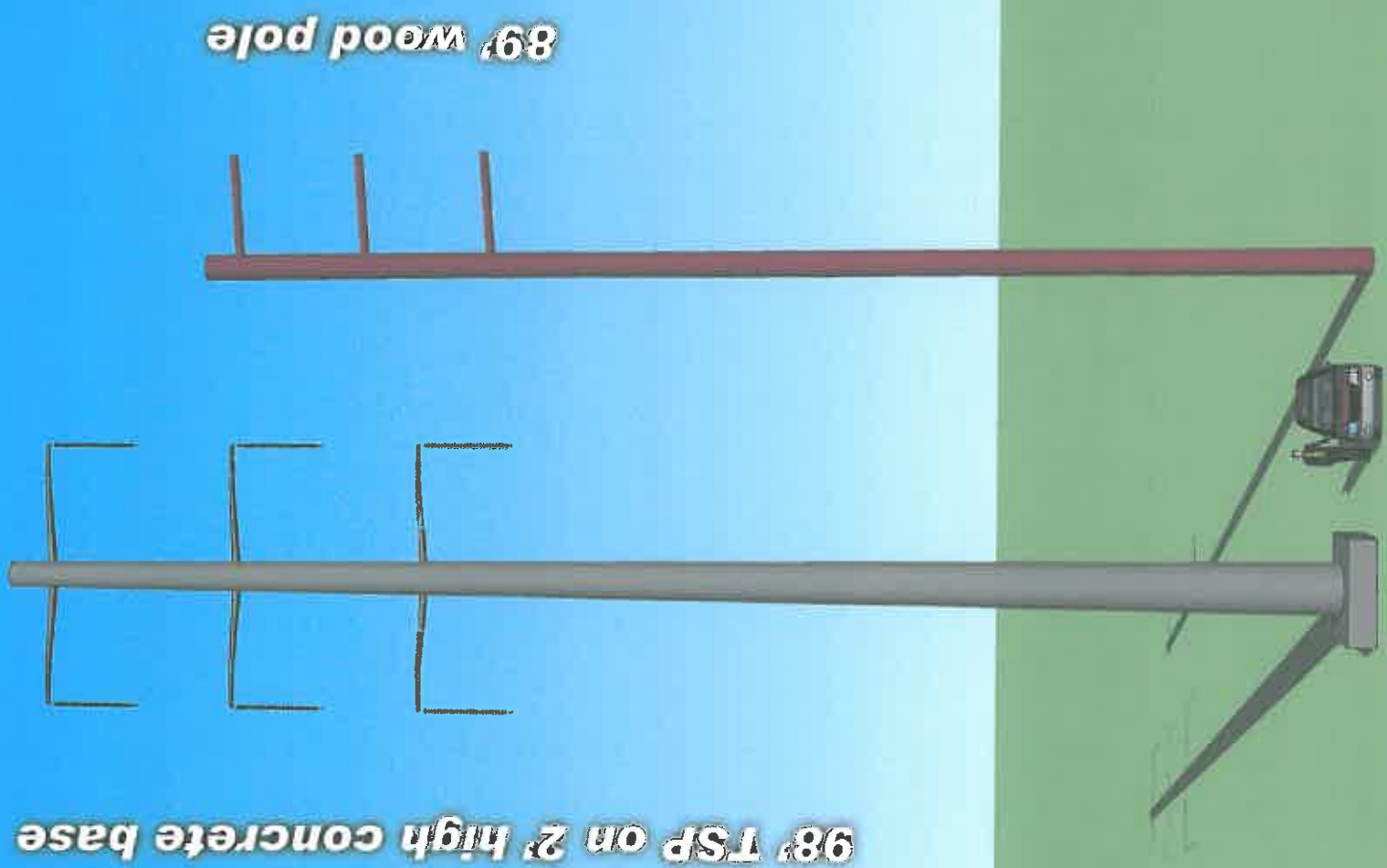
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# photo locations

# key

-  Existing Pole Structure to be Removed
-  Existing Pole Structure
-  New Distribution Pole
-  New Stub Pole
-  New TSP
-  New Wood Pole
-  Northern Alignment
-  Cox-Freedom Alignment
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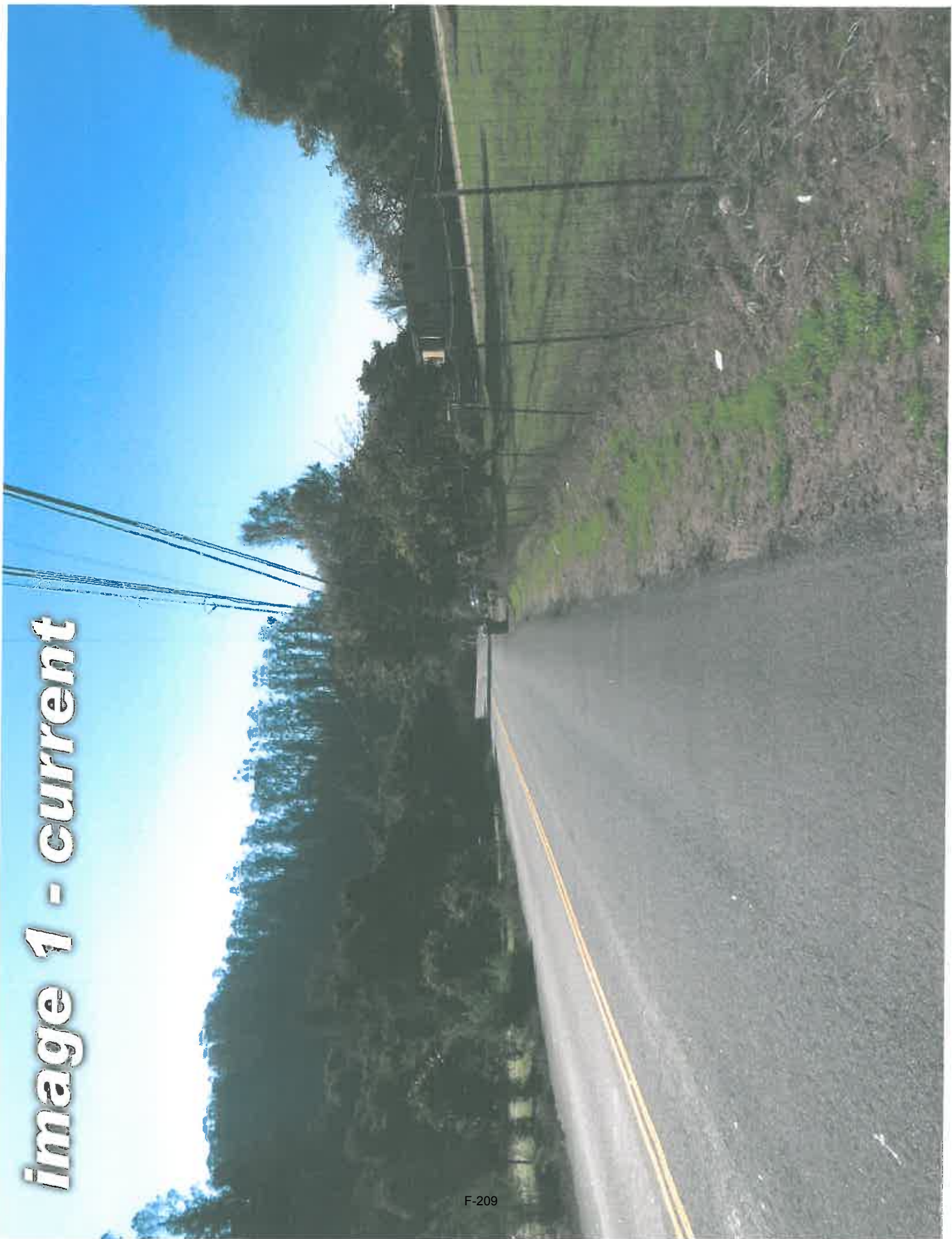


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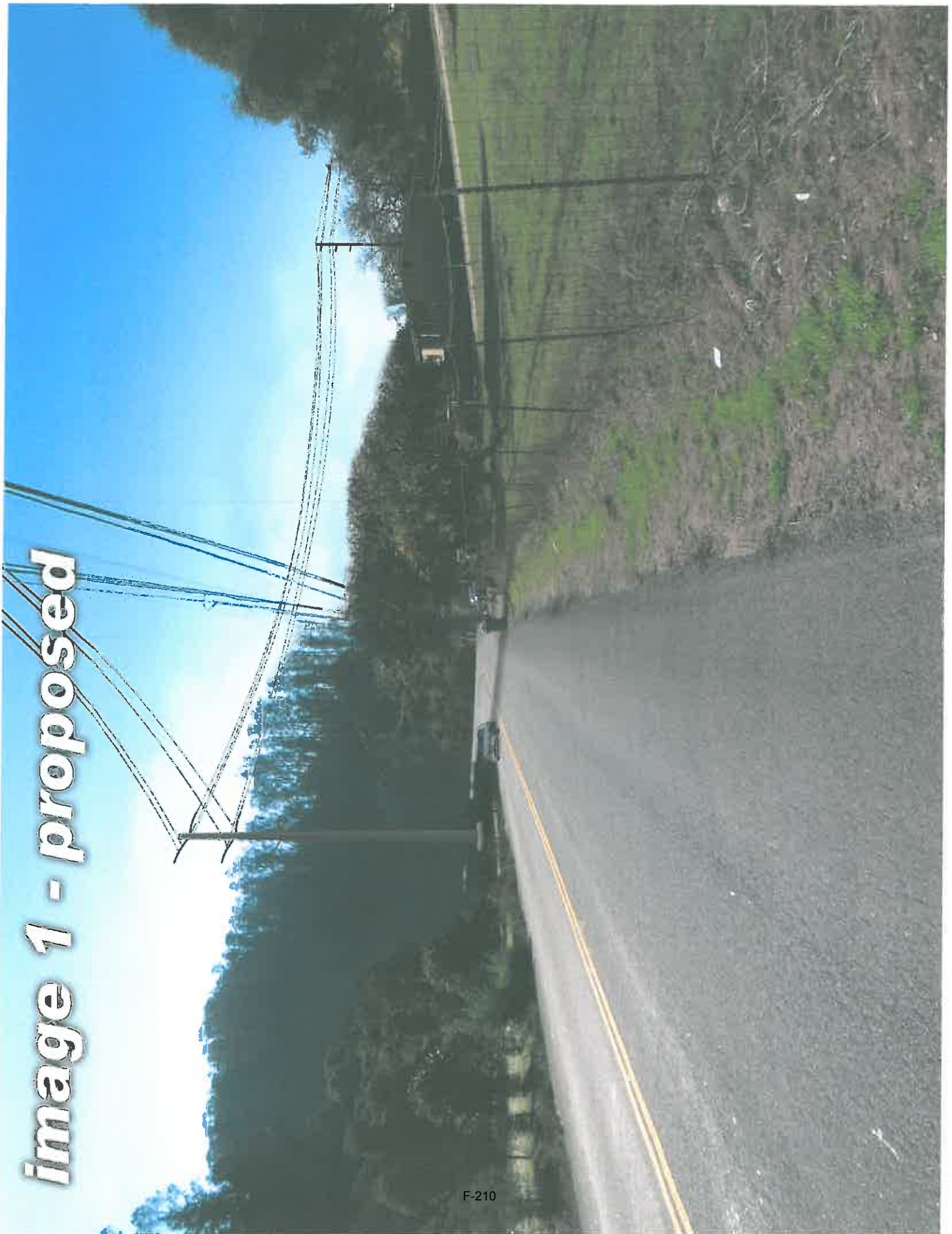
**89' wood pole**



**image 1 - current**



**image 1 - proposed**





# Intersection of Day Valley Road and Cox Road

## *Image 2 - current*



Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project  
Public Meeting

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Figure 3.1-12<sub>28</sub>



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## *Image 2 - proposed*

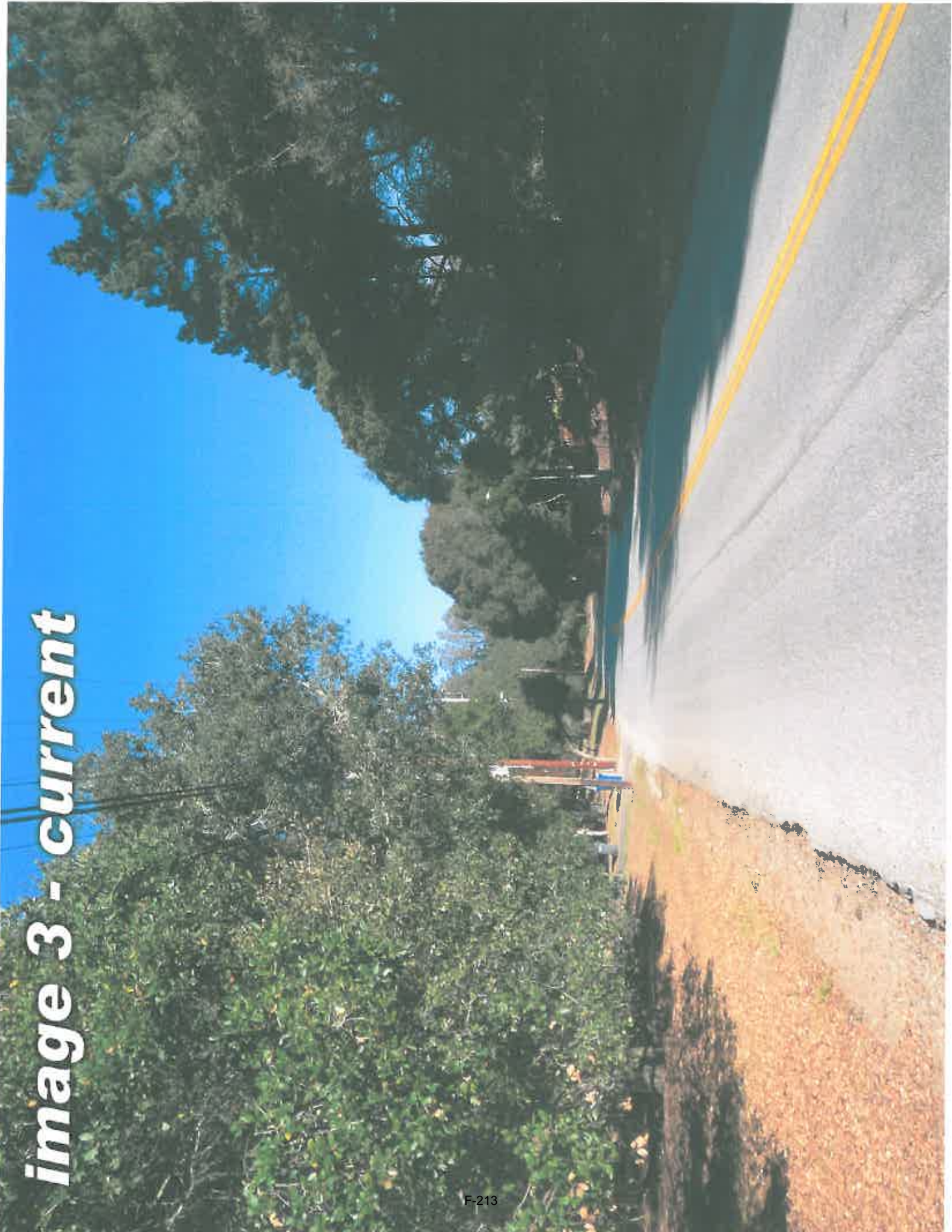


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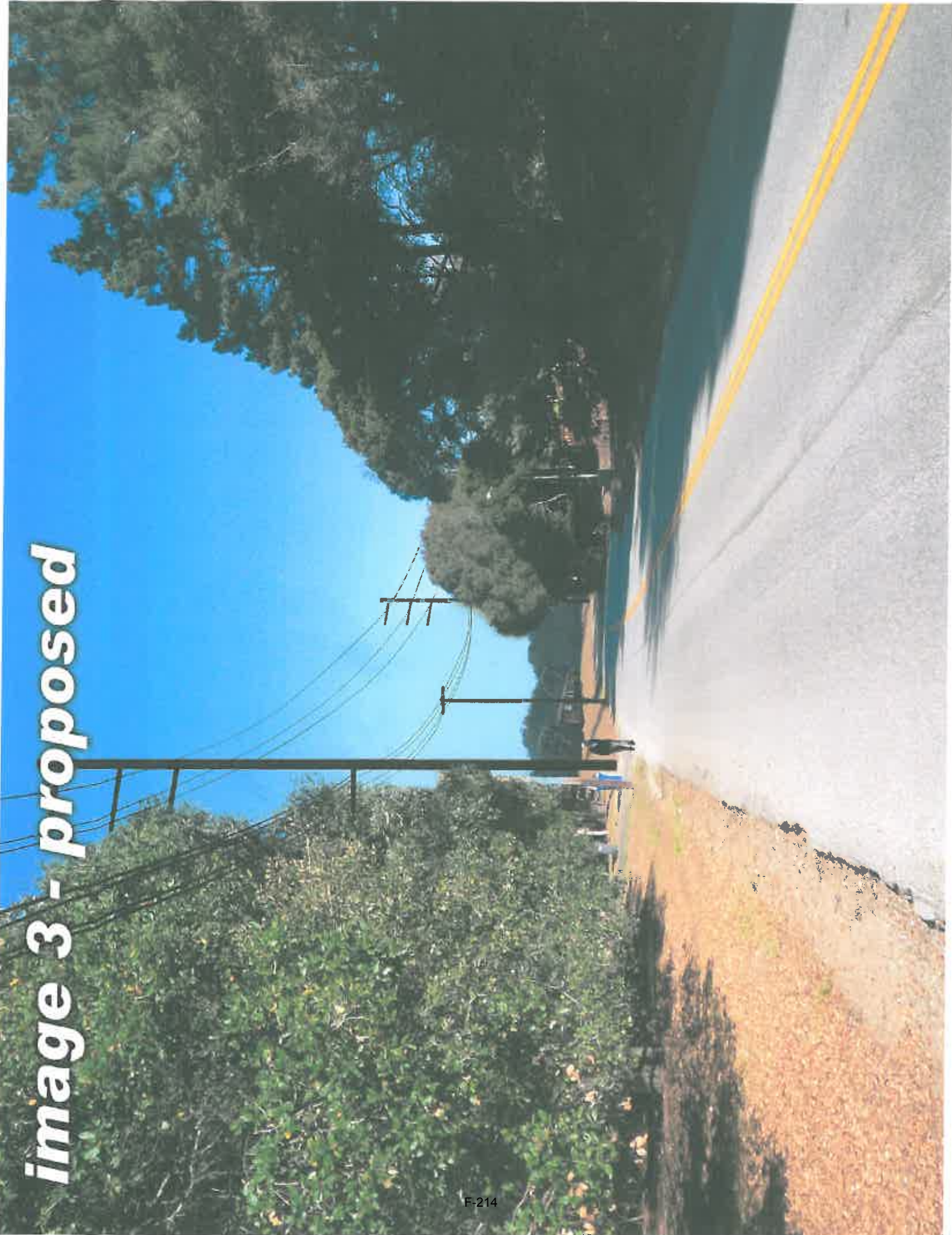


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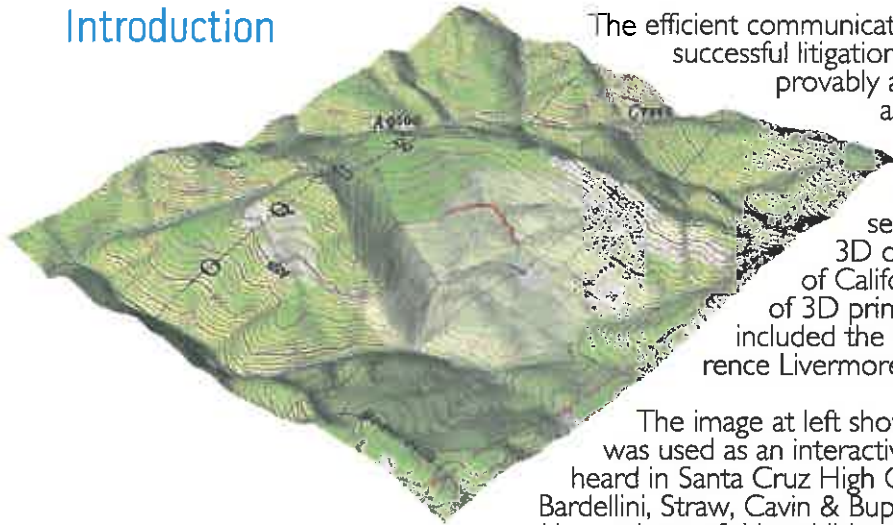


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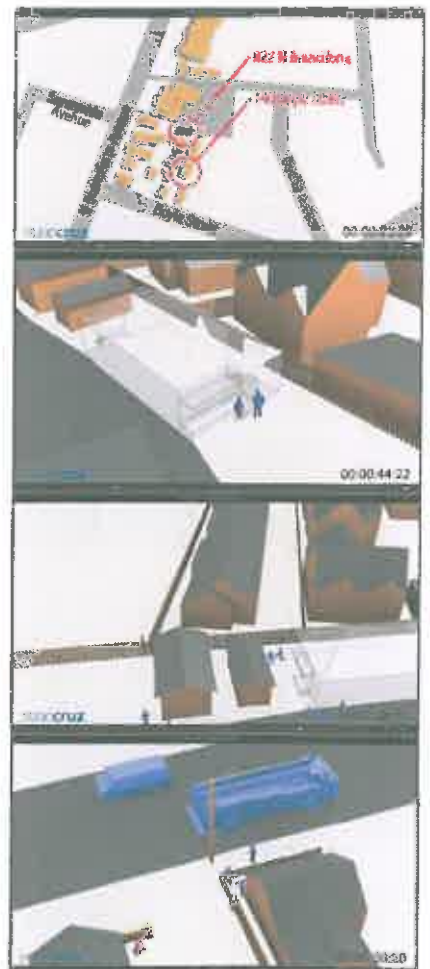
The efficient communication of situations and events is at the heart of successful litigation and mediation. 3D computer visualization is a provably accurate, clear, and engaging way to show actions, terrain, timelines, and structure in a courtroom or other public setting.

StudioCruz is an experienced litigation support service in this field. Principal Chris Yonge teaches 3D computer modeling/animation at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He speaks widely on the use of 3D printing in technical communication; venues in 2013 included the Microsoft campus in Mountain View and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California.

The image at left shows a 3D topographic model by StudioCruz that was used as an interactive visual demonstrative in *Haines v. Farley*, heard in Santa Cruz High Court in 2011. Lead attorneys in the case were Bardellini, Straw, Cavin & Bupp, LLP, of San Ramon. A video describing the making and use of this exhibit can be found at <http://youtu.be/mYe5Lr34DnA>.

## Forensic animation

In March 2013 StudioCruz prepared a six minute animation for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office showing the sequence of events in the January 2013 Jeremy Goulet officer-related homicides. This was used to analyze a complex series of interactions between Goulet and Santa Cruz police officers and detectives. Four frames from the video are shown on the right.



## Graphic demonstratives

StudioCruz is owned and staffed by designers. As a result its demonstratives are created with maximum visual effectiveness. Contemporary jurors are immersed daily in the rich media of television, movies, online video, and print. They are used to absorbing visual rather than verbal information. StudioCruz helps you communicate with them in ways they will appreciate, understand - and recall in the jury room.

## 3D printing

Three dimensional printing is a technology that allows litigators to provide realistic models of objects, situations, and terrain to jurors. StudioCruz uses several 3D print techniques including color ceramic powder, fused plastic, and laser sintered metal. A recent laminated paper printing technology from Mcor is greatly lowering the cost of photo realistic large scale 3D color printing; further details and pricing are available on request.





## Courtroom presentation

StudioCruz has a decade of experience in preparing visual demonstratives and projecting video, animation, slides, and interactive media for mission-critical courtroom and other public presentations. Redundant hardware, proven software, and full preflight checking is used for the utmost reliability.

The typical scene shown on left includes

- 1 Counsel
- 2 Digital projector
- 3 Tripod
- 4 Wires safely secured to floor
- 5 Spare projector with additional bulb
- 6 Review monitor
- 7 Primary laptop
- 8 Backup laptop

## Projects and rates

StudioCruz' efficient operation produces maximum value for your clients' budget; a small animation/presentation contract including courtroom technical support will cost between eight and fifteen thousand dollars. Typical litigation and mediation projects involve the communication of events where timing is of central importance to the argument, and of objects or locations whose three dimensional forms and relationships are also vital. Often these two features of 3D presentation can be combined in one demonstrative. The studio uses state of the art digital modeling, animation, and presentation software for maximum editability and provably accurate foundation.

Development and production	\$125.00 per hour (8 hour minimum)
Principal's time on stand, if required	\$250.00 per hour
Courtroom presentation including technician, duplicated laptops, software, projectors, cabling, and peripherals	\$750 per half day plus travel/expenses
Travel for technicians or principal	\$62.50 per hour plus IRS mileage

StudioCruz works on a retainer basis payable in increments of \$5000 (40 production hours).

## Selected client list

StudioCruz has had the privilege of working with, among others:

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 Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, Santa Cruz  
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**Overview**

Chris Yonge has provided visualization and audiovisual presentation services to Central California litigators and creative professionals for over ten years. He is an experienced public presenter, having spoken at TEDx Santa Cruz in 2012 as well as at the FabLearn conference in Stanford University the same year. Chris also provides voice over work to animation and video companies due to in part to his British accent. In March of 2013 he participated in a panel discussion at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory on the technology and potential of 3D printing. Chris is past President of Santa Cruz Downtown Toastmasters and teaches digital modeling/animation to general entry (180+) classes in the Baskin School of Engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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1994 - 2000	Product design specialist, BOLT Group, Charlotte, NC

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Master's in Industrial Design, North Carolina State University  
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*I live near here, I ride my bike here, I like the natural setting of the area. Let us keep it that way!*

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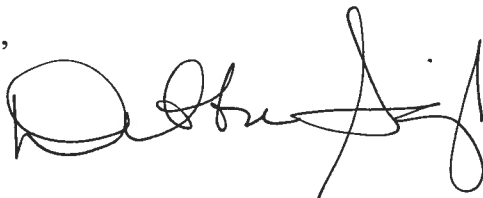
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City: APTOS

Date: 11.25.2013

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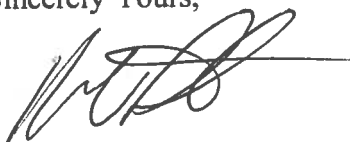
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Date: 11-23-13

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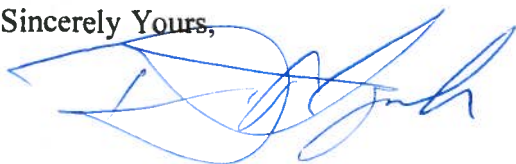
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Name: LISA EVANS (COX)

Address: 1000 COX RD

City: APTOS, CAL 95003

Date: 11/29/13

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*Julie Allen*

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Address: 945 Day Valley Rd

City: Aptos, Ca. 95003

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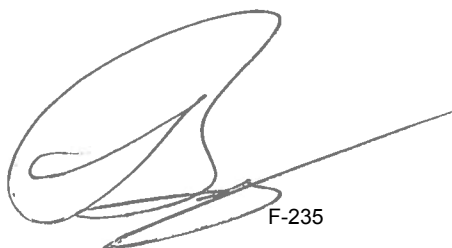
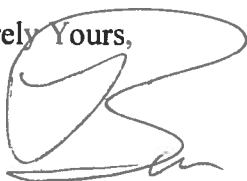
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Address: 111 QUAIL RUN

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Date: 11/26/13 95066

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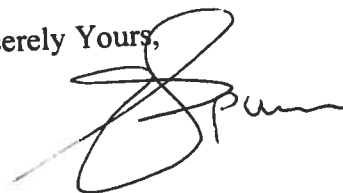
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Address: 2800 FRESNO ST.

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Date: 11/25/13

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Name: Mehrdad Rezhan

Address: 394 Breaktree Ranch Rd

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date: 12-2-13

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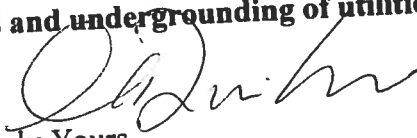
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Name: Monica Carney

Address: 125 Hubbard St. Apt. A

City: Santa Cruz

Date: 12/5/13

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*Monica Marie Carney*

Name: RAFAEL SIAUEINOS  
Address: 310 DAY valley rd

City: APTOS, CA 95007

Date: 12-4-13

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Sincerely,



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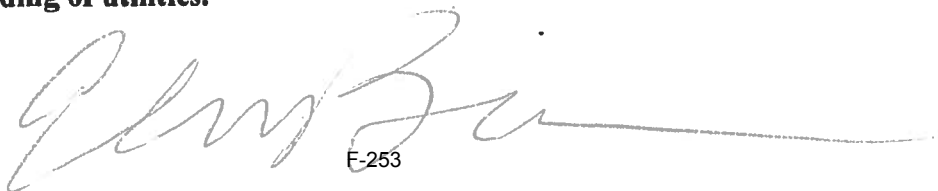
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Address: P.O. BOX 3344  
Freedom, CA 95019  
City: Freedom, CA 95019  
Date: 11/25/13

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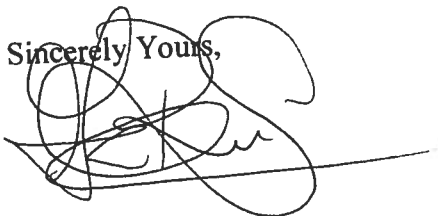
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Name: Andrew Singleton  
Address: 975A Day Valley Rd  
  
City: Aptos  
Date: 11/26/13

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Name: Amber Grant  
Address: 118 Day Valley Rd  
City: Aptos, CA, 95003  
Date: 11/27/13

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Name: Matthew Gleaton

Address: 1763-Cox Rd

City: Arptos Ca 95023

Date: NOV. 29 2013

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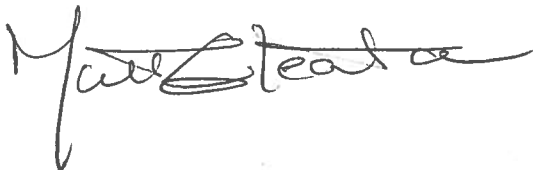
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Name: Erin Whitfield

Address: 1204 Day Valley Rd.

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date: Nov 26, 2013

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Address: 49 Alisa Cir

City: Watsonville, CA

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City: Aptos  
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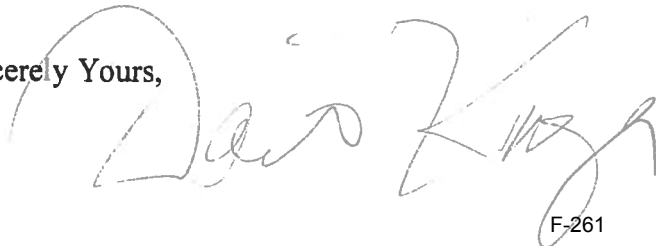
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Name: Joel Houston

Address: 175 Merry Lane  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11/24/2013

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Address: 128 Apple Lane  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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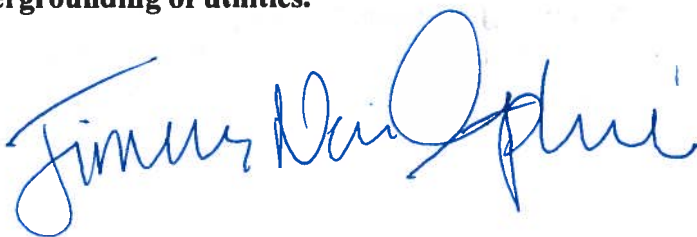
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Address: 7447 GLEN HAVEN DR  
City: SOQUEL, CA  
Date: NOV 25, 2013

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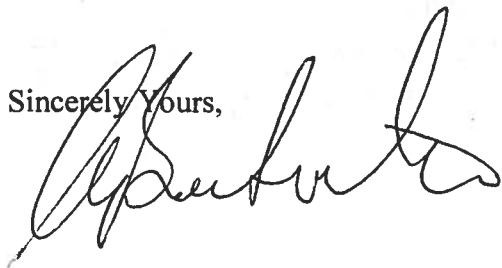
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Date: Nov 25, 2013

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*Charlotte Painter*

Name: Shane George Lucchesi  
Address: 1805 Leslie Ln  
City: Aptos  
Date: 11/24/13

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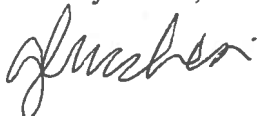
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Ruth Barker

831 - 662 - 0267  
mabarker1@hotmail.com



Name: Norman R. Cook Jr.

Address: 178 Cox Lane

City: Aptos

Date: Nov. 24, 2013

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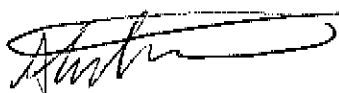
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Date: 12/1/2013

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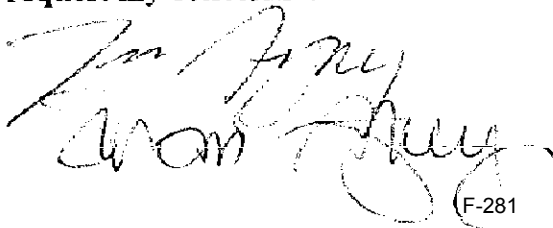
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**Susanne Heim**

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**From:** Nancy Petersen  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 9:33 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project  
**Attachments:** File0001.pdf

Ms Orsaba,

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Sincerely,

**John and Nancy Petersen**

**2200 Pleasant Valley Rd. Aptos, CA 95003**

**831-768-8182**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: KENT M. WIGGINSAddress: 115 DAY VALLEY LNCity: APTOS CADate: 11-23 - 2013

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Name: KATHERINE BROOKS

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City: APTOS 95003

Date: 11/29/13

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Katherine Brooks

Name: Janet Byers  
Address: 41 Oak Tree Lane

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date: 10-3-13

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*Janet Byers*

## Susanne Heim

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**From:** Carlin, Gerald F.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz project

Lisa Orsaba

California Public Utilities Commission

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Inc.1Embarcadero Center, Suite #740 San Francisco, CA

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Gerald F Carlin

1915 Rose St

Berkeley CA.94709



Name: WARD PITMAN  
Address: 123 Apple Lane  
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City: Aples  
Date: 12-04-13

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Address: 2215 Cox Rd

City: Aptos CA  
Date: 95003

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Name: Nancy Wait  
Address: 1371 Day Valley Rd.  
City: Aptos, CA  
Date: 12/1/2013

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*Nancy Wait*

Name: Cynthia Haines  
Address: 211 Rancho Del Sol  
City: Aptos, CA 95013  
Date: 11/26/13

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Name: Joyce Magallanes  
Address: 153 Ranchitos del Sol

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date: Dec. 2, 2013

(Homeowner)

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Date: 12/3/2013

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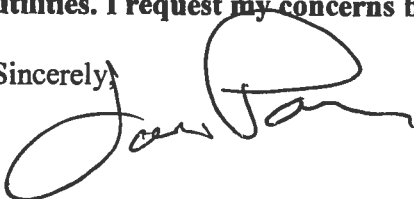
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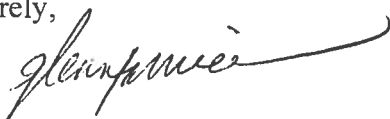
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*Granny wants need an EIR. This project definitely does, at the least.*

Name: MARY-PAT PUMFREY

Address: 8695 EMPIRE GRADE

City: SANTA CRUZ CA 95060

Date: NOVEMBER 27, 2013

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*Mary-Pat Pumfrey*

Willie Honig  
4655 Opal St.  
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November 25 2013

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Address: 130 Casa Linda Ln  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Teri Marchese*

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Address: 127 Apple Lane  
  
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Date: 11-25-13

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Date: 11/26/13

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City: Aptos, CA 95003  
Date: 11/25/2013

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City: Aptos California  
Date: 11/26/13

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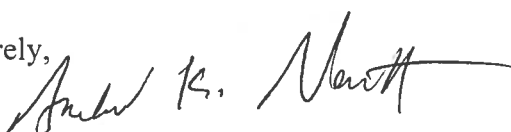
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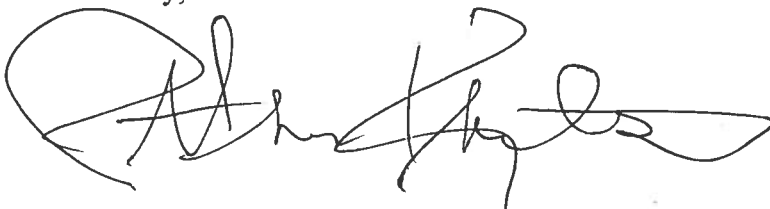
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Address: 127 Apple Lane  
  
City: Aptos, CA  
Date: 11-27-13

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*Cathy McDowell*

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Address: 351 Redwood Hts.

City: Aptos, CA 95003

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Sincerely, Marilyn Garrett  
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Date: 11/27/13

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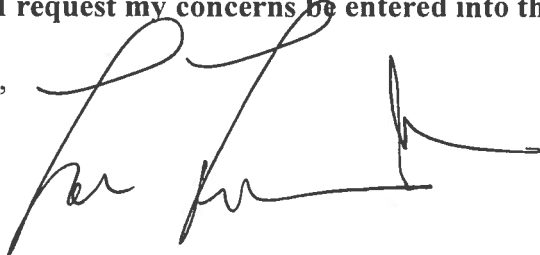
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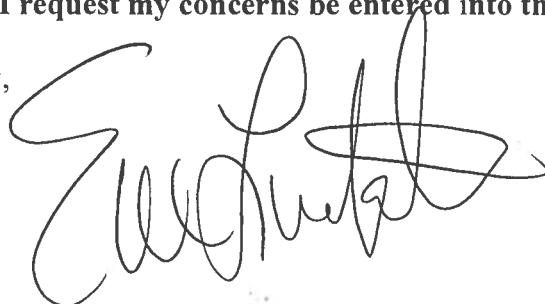
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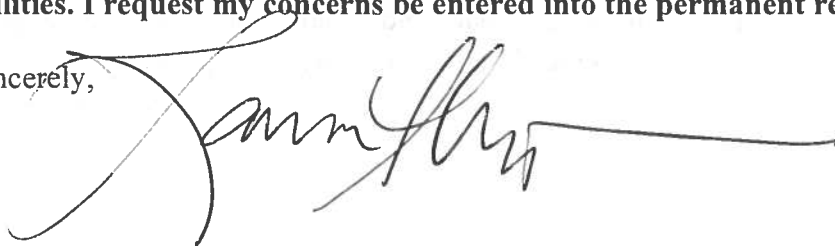
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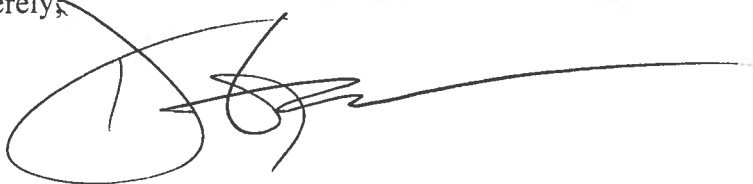
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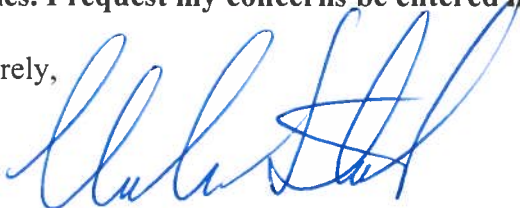
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Name: MARY STAKA

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City: APTOS CA 95003

Date: 11/27/2013

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Date: 11-25-13

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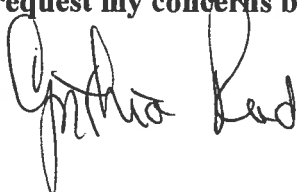
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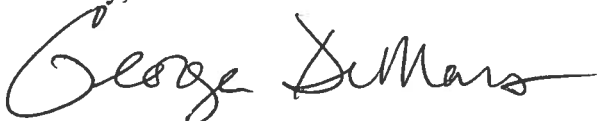
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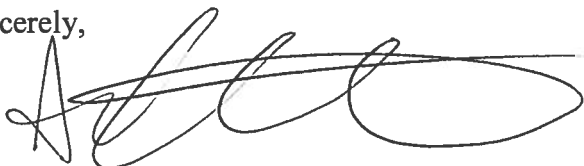
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Date: 11-24-13

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Name: Doreen Salvatore - Demars

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Date: 11/26/13

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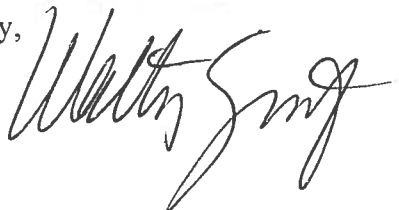
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Address: 150 Bunker Hill  
  
City: Aptos, CA 95003  
Date: 11-25-13

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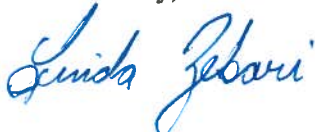
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Name: Vanessa Lewis

Address: 185 Merry Lane

City: Aptos, CA

Date: November 24, 2013

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*Vanessa Lewis*

Name: Paul Lewis  
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Date: November 25, 2017

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Address: 1956 Cox  
rd.  
City: Aglos CA, 95003  
Date: 11/25/13

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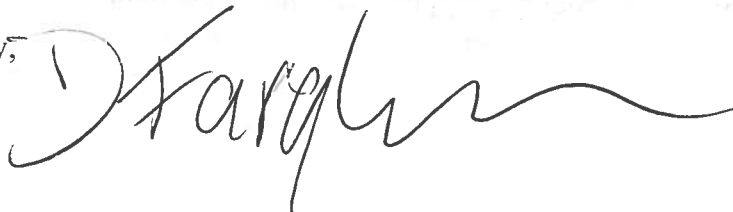
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Address: 520  
Ranchitos Del Sol  
City: Aples  
Date: 11/25/13

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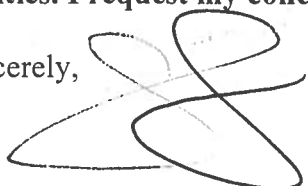
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Name: GARY B. NIBLOCK  
Address: 175 MERRY LN.

City: APPOS, CA. 95003

Date: 11-24-2013

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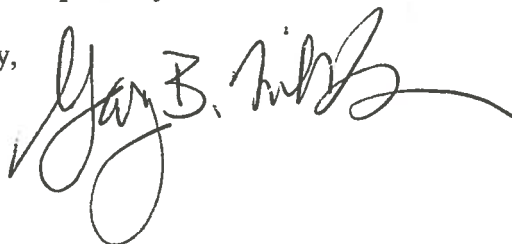
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Address: 475 Quail Run  
Aptos CA 95003  
City: Aptos  
Date: 12/1/13

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*Kelley K Filbin*



Name: Mark Block

Address: 522 Hauer Apple Way

City: Aptos, Ca 95003

Date: 12/2/13

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Mark Block

Name: Gretchen L. Werner

Address: 522 Hauer Apple Way

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Date: Dec. 2, 2013

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Address: 97 Aldridge Lane

City: Corralitos, CA 95072

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Address: 320

Possumwood Ridge

City: Apalos CA 95003

Date: 1 Dec 2013

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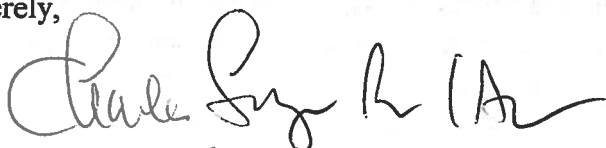
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Address: 1260 Day Valley  
Ridge  
City: Antio, CA 95003  
Date: Nov 29, 2013

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Address: 865 Day Valley Rd.  
  
City: Agatos, CA 95003  
Date: 12/1/2013

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Name: Tim + Susan Fitcher

Address: 1572 Cox Rd

City: Aptos Ca 95025

Date: 12/1/2013

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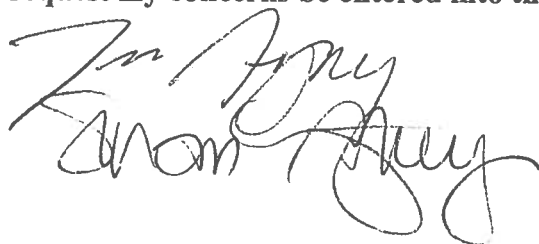
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Address: 1260 DAY VALLEY RD.

City: APTOS CA 95003

Date: 11/27/2013

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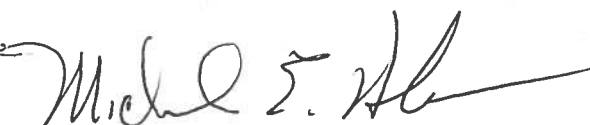
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Address: 505 B Hill St

City: Capitola Ca 95010

Date: 12/1/2013

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Address: 320 POSSUMWOOD R  
APTOS. WI 95003

City: APTOS

Date: 12/1/13

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City: APTOS 95003

Date: 11/29/13

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Date: 11/30/12

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City: APTOS CA 95003

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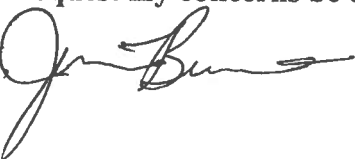
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Felton CA 95018  
City: Felton  
Date: 11/28/13

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City: Aptos, CA 95003  
Date: Dec. 1, 2013

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Address: 157 McKay Rd  
  
City: Aptos  
Date: 12-2-2013

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Address: 305 Day Valley Rd

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Name:

Diana Wickewicz

Address:

300 Apple Lane

City:

Aptos CA 95023

Date:

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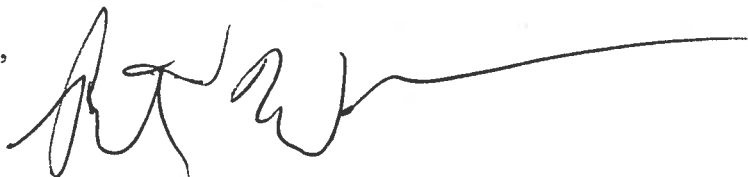
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Watsonville, CA  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: Dec 2, 2013

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Address: 300 Senda del Valle  
  
City: Watsonville, Ca. 95076  
Date: 12-1-13

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*Marcia Smith*

Name: Celestial C. Smith

Address: 1263 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Apt. #3

San Francisco, CA 94122

City: San Francisco

Date: 11/28/13

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94115  
City: SAN FRANCISCO  
Date: 11/28/13

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Date: 12-2-13

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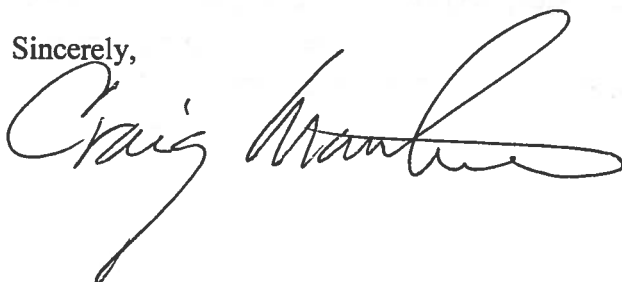
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Address: 116 CHAPARRAL PR.

City: APTOS

Date: 11/28/13

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Address: 240 Cox Rd.  
  
City: Aptos  
Date: 2 Dec 2013

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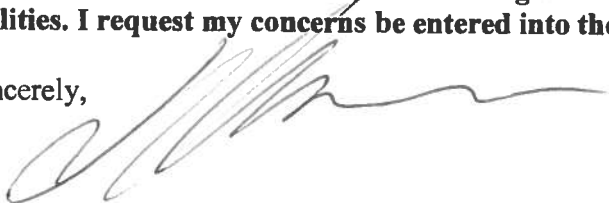
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City: Orland Hills, Calif - 91  
Date: Dec 1, 2013

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Address: 219 Merck Rd.

Corralitos.

City: Corralitos, Ca. 95066

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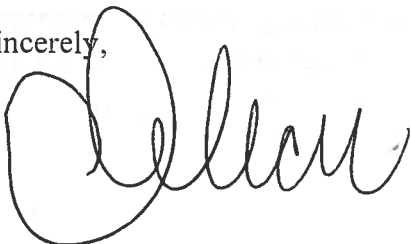
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Date: 12-3-2013

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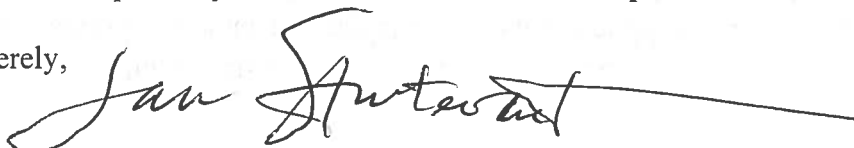
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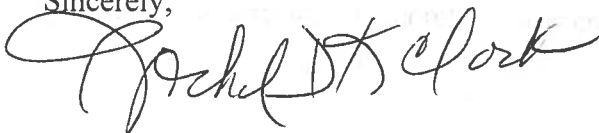
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Address: 18005 Redwood Dr.  
LOS GATOS, CA  
City: 95033  
Date: 12/03/2013

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Address: 153 Ranchitos del Sol

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Date: 12/3/2013

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*Amanda M Magallanes*

Name: MARCIA STEW

Address: 537 S. BRANFORTE AVE #7

City: SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062

Date: 12/3/13

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Name: CHRIS MAGALLANES

Address: 153 RANCHITOS DEL SOL

City: APTOS

Date: 12.2.13

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Address: 2120 Wallace Av

City: Aptos 95003

Date: 12-3-13

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*Linda Walker*

*30 year Resident Home owner  
of this neighborhood*

Name: Mark Bickelmaier

Address: 31 Oak Tree Ln

City: Aptos

Date: 12/3/13

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Address: 324 McDonald Rd

City: Agate

Date: 12/2/13

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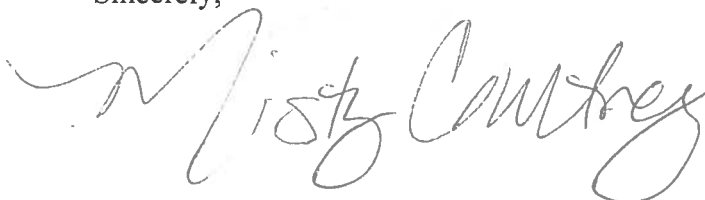
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City: APTOS CA

Date: 12/2/2013

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Address: 1956 'B' CEX Rd.  
PO Box 671, Soquel, CA. 95  
City: APTOS, CA. 95003  
Date: 11/27/13

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Date: 12-3-13

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Address: 650 Day valley rd  
City: Aptos  
Date: 12/1/13

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Address: 650 Day Valley,  
Aptos CA 95003  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 12/1/13

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Address: 141 McKay Rd

City: APTOS CA 95003

Date: 29 Nov 2013

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Address: 150 Casa Linda  
  
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Date: 12/2/13

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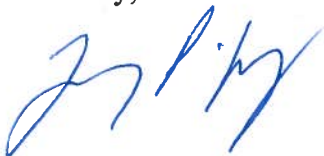
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Address: 240 Cox Rd  
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Date: 12/3/13 950

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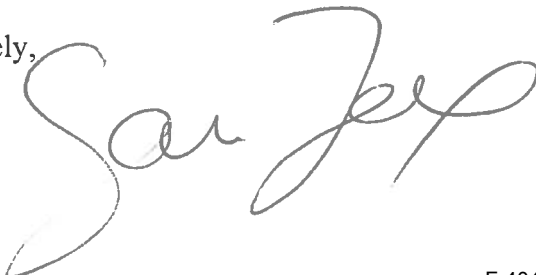
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Date: 12-2-13

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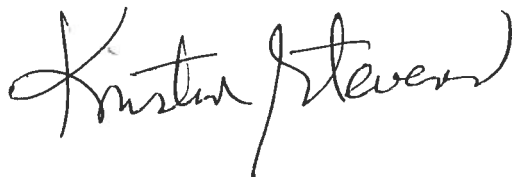
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# 1544 A  
City: Apalos CA  
Date: 12-4-13

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City: Artes  
Date: 11/29/13

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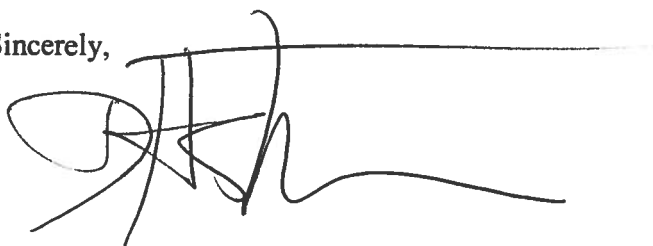
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Address: 185 41st Ave

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City: San Mateo, 94403

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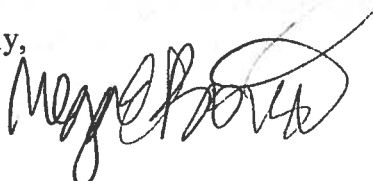
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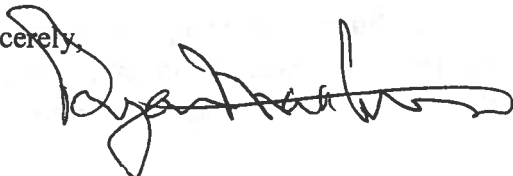
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City: Aptos

Date: 12/3/13

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Address: 175 Day Valley

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Date: 95003 11/29/13

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Name: JAIME LONDONO

Address: 2060 Cax Road

APTOS, CA 95003

City: APTOS, CA 95003

Date: November 24, 2013

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Address: 2060 Cox Rd

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Date: 11/24/13

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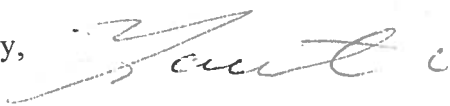
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Name: Petty H Black

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Sincerely,



Name: Mike Sittler  
Address: 765 Ranchitos Del Sol  
City: Aptos CA  
Date: 11-25-'13

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Address: 765 Ranch Road 501  
  
City: Aptos, CA  
Date: 11-25-17

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Name: Malene Kristensen

Address: Cox Rd 2111

City: aptos, ca 95003

Date: 11-25-2013

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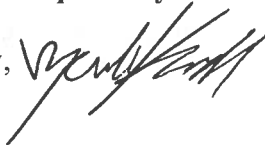
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Name: MICHAEL A. RUSSELL

Address: 1919 Cox Rd.

City: APTOS

Date: 11-25-13

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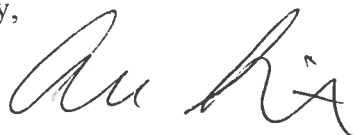
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Address: 115 Day Valley Lane  
City: Aptos  
Date: 12/3/13

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Address:

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Date:

12-3-13

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Name: VICTORIA WIGGINSAddress: 115 DAY VALLEYLANECity: APTOSDate: 12/9/13

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Date: 12-5-13

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Name: **IAN RUSCONI**

Address: **2165 Cox Road**

City: **APPOS, CA, 95003**

Date **DECEMBER 6, 2013**

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Address: 351 Kingsbury DR.  
City: Aptos  
Date 11/25/13

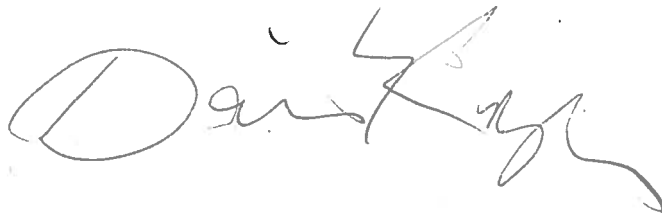
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Address: 66 villa st  
City: watsonville CA

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Name: Sara M. Minor

Address: 188 Sand Hill Rd

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date November 24, 2013

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Sara M. Minor

Name: *Laura Miller*  
Address: *120 Apple Lane*  
City: *Aptos CA 95003*

Date *11-25-13*

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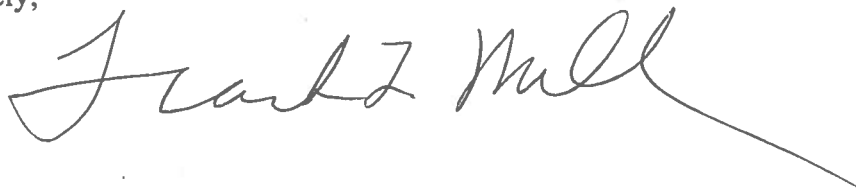
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Name: BARBARA DILLINGHAM  
Address: 331 McDONALD RD.  
City: Aptos CA 95003

Date 11/26/13

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Name: MAHNAZ REIHANI  
Address: 3011 CHILDERS LN  
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Name: ERIC WHITFIELD

Address: 1204 DAY VALLEY RD.

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Name: *JOHN R. BENICH*  
Address: *122 RANCHITOS DEL SOL*  
City: *APTOS CA. 95003*

Date *11/24/2013*

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*Arsen Benich*

Name: STEVEN HARPER

Address: P.O. Box 311

City: APTOS, CA. 95001

RESIDENCE: 1000 DAY VALLEY RD.

Date NOV. 27, 2013

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Address: *111 QUAIL RUN*  
City: *APTOS, CA 95003*

Date *Nov. 30, 2013*

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*EM McGill*

Name: Zeke Moya

Address: 1710 Cox Rd

City: Aptos CA 95003

Date 12-1-2013

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Address: 1170 Day Valley Rd  
City: Aptos, Ca 95003

Date 12/2/13

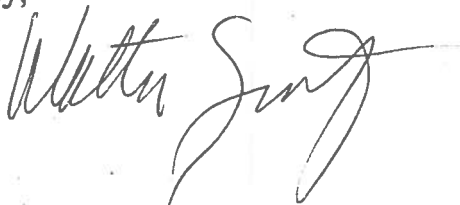
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Name: Edward C. Murphy  
Address: 1411 Cox Rd  
City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date 12 / 3 / 2013

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Name: Nicole Culbertson  
Address: 190 Cox Ln.  
City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date 12/1/13

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Address: 385 Day Valley Rd.  
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Address: 385 Day Valley Rd

City: Aptos 95003

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Name: BROCK STANDAL  
Address: 5 JINGLE LAVE  
City: APTOS

Date 12-4-13

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City: Scotts Valley CA 95066

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Name: LISA PALACIO

Address: 1863 HALTERMAN AVE., APT. 41

City: SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062

Date 11/26/13

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*Antares E. Olson*

Name:

MANUEL LEON

Address:

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City:

SANTA CRUZ CA 95060

Date

12/5/2013

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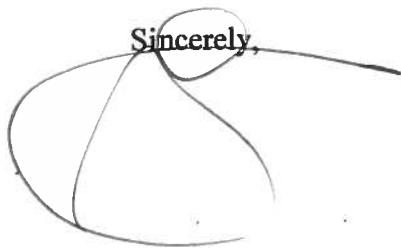
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Name: *Nevin Hongardy*  
Address: *407 Martin Dr.*  
City: *Aptos, CA 95003*

Date *12-5-13*

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Name: Arthur Templeman  
Address: 514 Calle del Sol  
City: Aptos CA 95003

Date Dec 4, 2013

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Do  
Now!

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Address: 123 Apple Lane  
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Address: 2595 Redwood Dr.

City: Aptos

Date 11-27-2013

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Address:

City: Capitola

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Address: 114 Pauline Dr  
City: Watsonville, CA. 95076

Date 11-27-13

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Name: *Olivia Ronan*

Address: *190 Ranchitos Del Sol*

City: *Aptos*

Date *Dec 1, 2013*

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Date 12:2:13

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Name: Mike & Kayce Wilkinson

Address: 115 Ranchitos del Sol

City: Aptos

Date 11/27/13

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Name: Debbie Singleton  
Address: 975A Day Valley Rd.  
City: Aptos, CA: 95003

Date 11/26/13

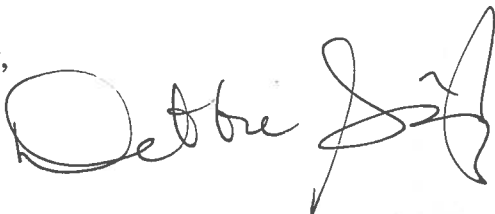
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Name: Katie Singleton

Address: 975A Day Valley Rd.

City: Aptos

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City: Solvang, CA 93906

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City: APTOS, CA 95003

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Address: *975 Day Valley Road*  
City: *Aptos, CA. 95023*

Date *November 26, 2013*

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Name: nicole Rinaldi  
Address: 1660 Cheryl Way  
City: Aptos, CA  
95003

Date 27 Dec. 2013

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Address: 934 N Branciforte Ave.

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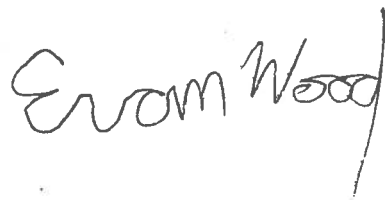
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Name: Bruce Brodie

Address: 2175 Cox Road

City: Aptos

Date 11/27/13

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T. D. Appleton  
B. Appleton

Name: Lorna Young  
Address: 537 Palisades Ave  
City: Santa Cruz CA 95062

Date 11/25/2013

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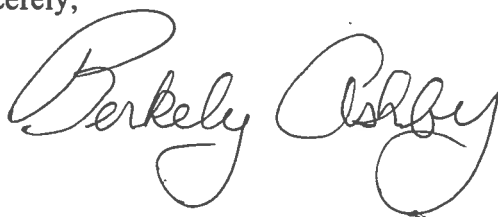
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City: *Aptos CA 95003*

Date *4/28/13*

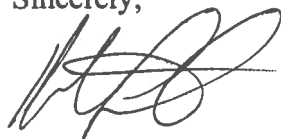
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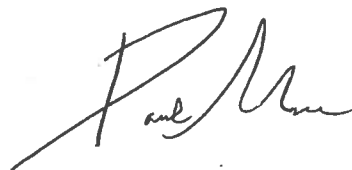
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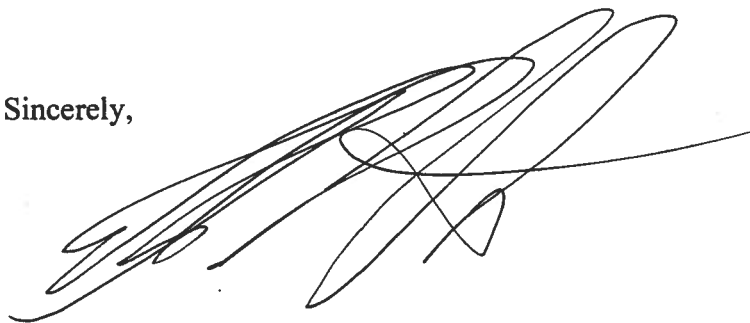
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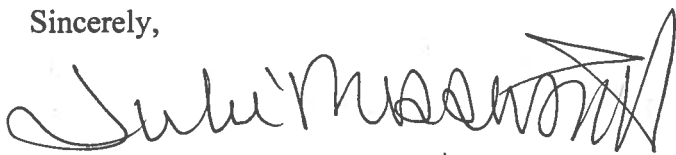
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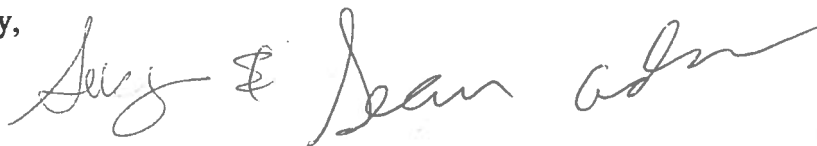
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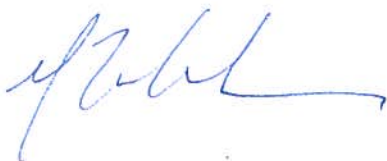
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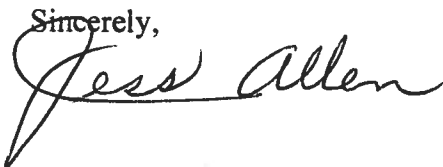
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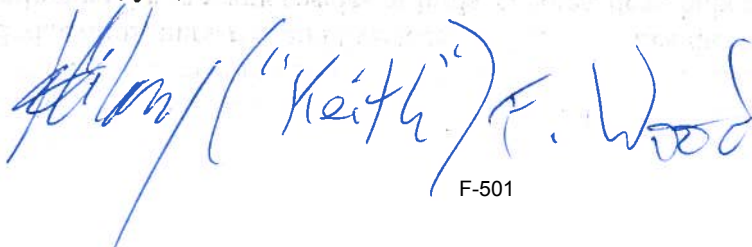
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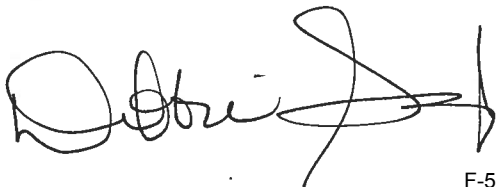
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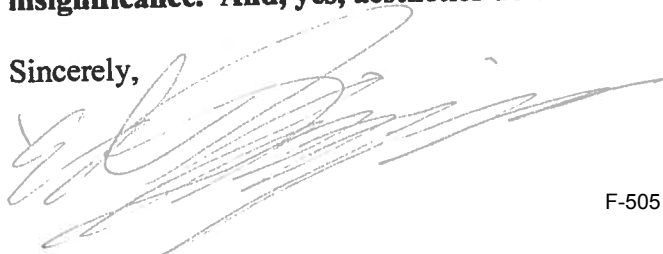
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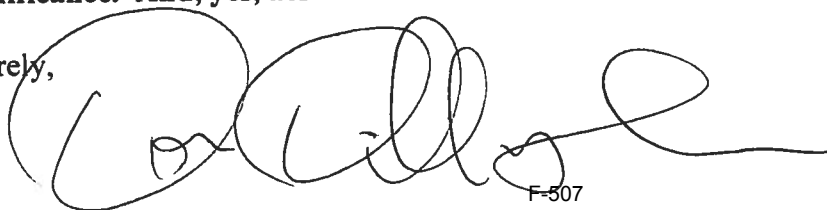
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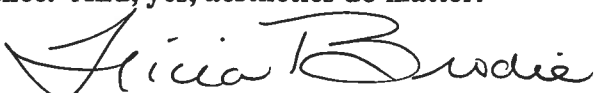
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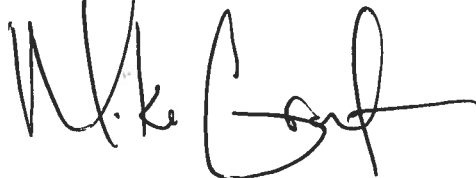
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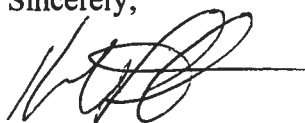
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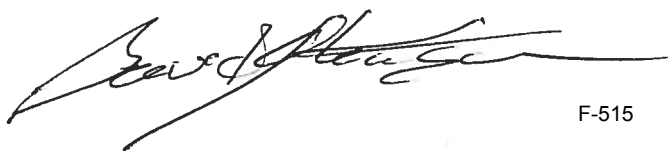
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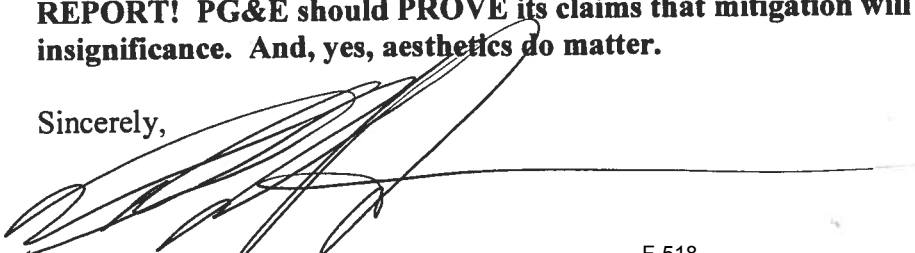
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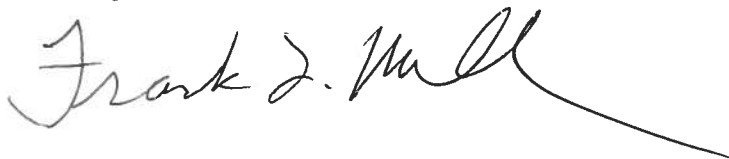
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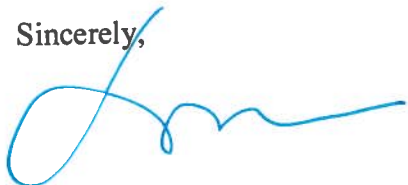
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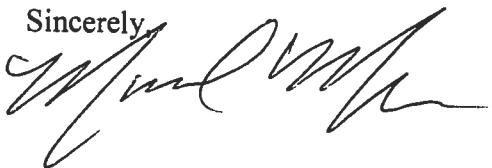
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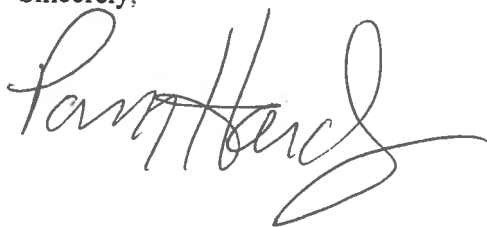
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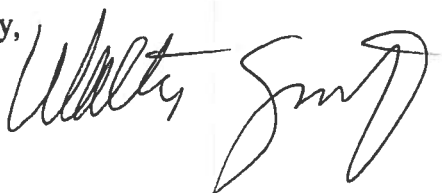
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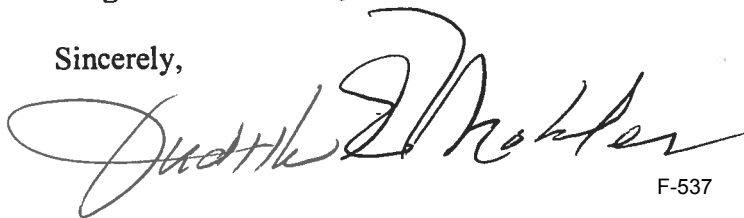
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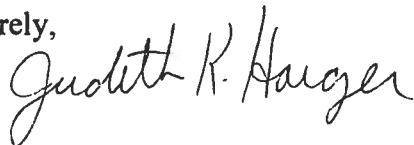
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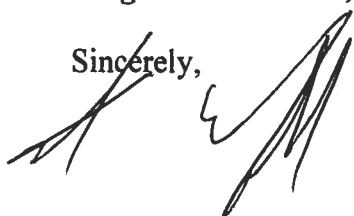
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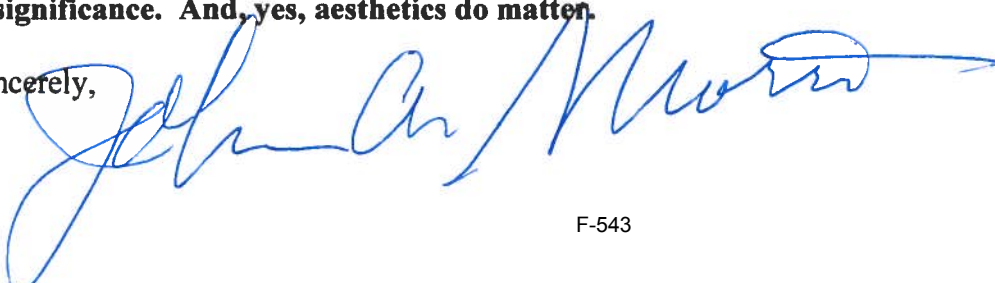
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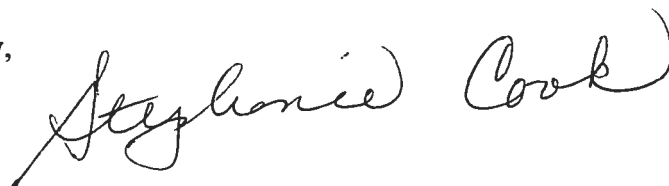
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Thomas V. Barker, MD

December 3, 2013

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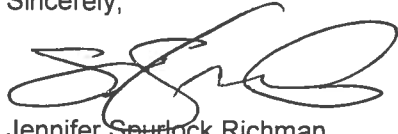
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**APPENDIX ;**  
*Comments Received After the Draft IS Review  
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# **LOCAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

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RE: SANTA CRUZ 115 KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT A.12-02-012

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am writing at the unanimous direction of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to request that the California Public Utilities Commission require the preparation of a full Environmental Impact Report for the project identified above.

As you are aware, PG&E's application would permit the construction of a 115 kilovolt power line in Santa Cruz County between the Green Valley Substation and the Rob Roy Substation in Aptos. The project will include the installation of multiple miles of larger new poles to replace the outdated system.

While our Board understands that improvements may be necessary to enhance service delivery for residents in our community, we are extremely concerned that absent a full EIR, no opportunities exist to consider mitigations to impacts which would most certainly be caused by the project as currently proposed. Upon preliminary review of the application, we have concerns that this project might be inconsistent with the County's General Plan. Specifically, we are concerned about such issues as pedestrian and motorist safety, environmental impacts, alternate routes, and the need to study whether it is possible to locate these transmission lines underground. Clearly, these issues will only be addressed if the applicant is required to prepare an EIR.

Residents in our community deserve to have this project studied in depth. Accordingly, we urge that the Public Utilities Commission require the preparation of a full

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Environmental Impact Report on the proposed project, including alternate alignments and the possibility of undergrounding.

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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I am resident of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. There are any number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. I continue to be amazed at meeting neighbors who have also been in the area for decades. This is because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards and vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how our environment will be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: "Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures." Really?!

"No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people." Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet "back roads" for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely effect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

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Date *11/25/2013*

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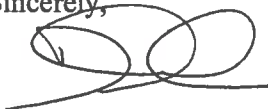
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Genea Sparks".

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## Susanne Heim

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**From:** James Kerr  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 08, 2013 7:42 PM  
**To:** santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Hello Lisa Orsaba.

These were intended to be attached to my comments regarding the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project.

If it's possible to include them, I would appreciate it.

Jim Kerr

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Date *Dec. 4 2013*

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Date: Dec. 3, 2013

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project proposed by PG&E. I am resident of one of the several neighborhoods that will be affected. There are any number of residents in these neighborhoods who have lived here for a very long time. I continue to be amazed at meeting neighbors who have also been in the area for decades. This is because it is a lovely place to live, with diversity of micro-climates allowing for various types of agriculture. We have forests of redwood and oaks, warm sunny hillsides and valleys for orchards and vineyards, nurseries and livestock. Within this area there is a diversity of ecosystems allowing for so many species of birds, coyotes, deer, bobcats, cougars and more.

In reading through your *Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration*, I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of serious concern about how our environment will be affected by this proposed project. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is called for, absolutely. The Draft Initial Study seems to me to take a cavalier attitude: "Based on the analysis in the IS, it has been determined that all project-related environmental impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures." Really?!

"No evidence that implementing the proposed project would have any adverse affects on people." Nothing I have read in the reports mentions the considerable use of these areas for recreation and exercise, by residents and also by many non-residents who travel from other parts to use these lovely quiet "back roads" for scenic drives to the local wineries, for bicycling, jogging, walking, and hiking. This project will adversely effect everyone!

I believe there are alternatives to the proposed locations of these massive poles and high voltage lines. Has PG&E considered other routes? Shouldn't the residents be informed why our area is being targeted, especially the section of Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald Roads and Freedom Blvd, which do not have already existing 115-kV power lines?

I have other concerns; the permanent negative change in the neighborhood aesthetics, the impact on community values and safety. **We need a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! PG&E should PROVE its claims that mitigation will reduce impact to insignificance. And, yes, aesthetics do matter.**

Sincerely,

*Pamela Hicks*

Name: Tom Voontz

Address: 187 CASA CINDA

City: Aptos 95003

Date Dec. 5 2013

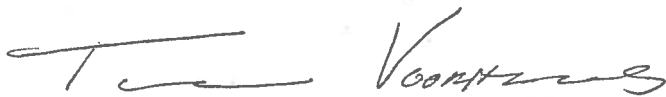
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# **APPENDIX <**

## *Comments Received During the Scoping Period*

# **FEDERAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

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## Fwd: USDA NRCS Comments on scoping Santa Cruz 115kv project

1 message

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Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 12:18 PM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

See attached comments from Rich Casale with the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the Santa Cruz 115k-V project proposed by PG&E in Santa Cruz County. If you should have any questions please direct them to me at the address, e-mail and/or phone number below. Thanks for considering these comments in the development of the Draft EIR for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

USDA NATURAL RESOURCES  
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*Rich Casale*

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February 17, 2014

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Dear Ms. Orsaba:

As District Conservationist for the Santa Cruz County office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), I would like to recommend that the following potential impacts be addressed and mitigated in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for PG&E's proposed Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project in Santa Cruz County:

1. Agricultural land, especially certified organic farms, in regards to construction, period of disturbance, and materials used as well as the potential loss of valuable food producing land and effect on grazing lands in the project area.
2. Fire hazard, both from the sheer high voltage capacity of the power lines and the way that future maintenance of trees and other vegetation is addressed around poles and under the lines. It is extremely important to remove, chip and/or spread cut vegetation thinly over the landscape and not left as "fuel" and become a fire hazard. I strongly recommend that both local fire district officials and CalFire be consulted regarding tree and vegetation removal in the proposed project area and in alternative routes. Additionally, a register professional forester should also be consulted.
3. Landscape character, especially with taller electrical poles, wider easements and additional disturbance to native trees and other vegetation.
4. Possible future new land developments, building, and/or business/commercial enterprises that may occur and made possible as a result of this PG&E reinforcement project.
5. Vegetation removal, including native trees and plants, that help protect the soil and slopes from erosion, excessive runoff and instability not to mention changes to the local ecology and increased likelihood of non-native plants such as Pampas grass encroaching in areas disturbed by this project and eventually spreading to nearby pasture lands, private properties, parks and natural areas, etc.



6. Easement widening affecting private property improvements, such as farm and ranch facilities, and additional disturbance to vegetation, soils, slopes, runoff, wildlife habitat.
7. Wildlife corridors and/or habitat disturbance with vegetation removal including impact to native plant and wildlife species or species of concern such as the San Francisco Dusty footed Wood Rat.

Please note that preliminary resource data on soils gathered in the project area is not completely accurate. All the soils are not “clay and loam” nor are they all “red and light brown”. If the NRCS Santa Cruz County Soil Survey was used to make the soils determination then I need to point out that the survey should NOT be used in place of an on-site specific soils investigation for specific projects on the landscape. *Note: Just the line on a soil map can be wider than a PG&E right-a-way easement on the landscape. It would be extremely easy to misinterpret the soil type without an on-site verification. The consequences of a misinterpreted soil could be disastrous.* I would like to recommend that the writers and researchers of the draft EIR contact NRCS or a private consulting soil scientist regarding soils data for the report.

Additionally, the potential for slope instability as a result of ground/vegetative disturbances, especially on moderate to steep slopes, should not be under emphasized. There is a definite and serious potential for shallow debris flows (mud slides) and perhaps larger landslides to occur in slide prone and geologically unstable areas in the proposed alternative project routes. I recommend that a registered geologist be consulted pertaining to slope/geologic instability potential.

Lastly, I read that Monterey Pine trees would be planted/re-planted in areas where trees would be removed in the project area. Note: Monterey Pines, with exception of one maybe two isolated stands, are not indigenous to Santa Cruz County. They are native to the Monterey Peninsula in Monterey County. I highly recommend that Monterey Pines NOT be planted. If the writers/researchers of the draft EIR would like a list of appropriate plant choices for disturbed soil areas then please do not hesitate to contact NRCS.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and will be prepared to assist Panorama Environmental with soils, vegetation or other natural resource data and/or mitigation for erosion and sediment control/prevention if requested. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions regarding my comments regarding this project.

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January 29, 2014

Ms. Lisa Orsaba, Environmental Project Manager

**California Public Utilities Commission**

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RE: SCH#2013102032; CEQA Notice of Notice of Preparation (NOP); draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the **"Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project;"** located in Santa Cruz County, California

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the above-referenced environmental document.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA guidelines 15064.5(b)). To adequately comply with this provision and mitigate project-related impacts on archaeological resources, the Commission recommends the following actions be required:

Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities. Also, California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 require documentation and analysis of archaeological items that meet the standard in Section 15064.5 (a)(b)(f).

We suggest that this (additional archaeological activity) be coordinated with the NAHC, if possible. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. Any information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure pursuant to California Government Code Section 6254.10.

A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site has been provided and is attached to this letter to determine if the proposed active might impinge on any cultural resources.

California Government Code Section 65040.12(e) defines "environmental justice" to provide "fair treatment of People...with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies." (The California Code is consistent with the Federal Executive Order 12898 regarding 'environmental justice.' Also, applicable to state agencies is Executive Order B-10-11 requires consultation with Native American tribes their elected officials and other representatives of tribal governments to provide meaningful input into the development of legislation, regulations, rules, and policies on matters that may affect tribal communities.

Lead agencies should consider first, avoidance for sacred and/or historical sites, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15370(a). Then if the project goes ahead then, lead agencies include in their mitigation and monitoring plan provisions for the analysis and disposition of recovered artifacts, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.

Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Singleton', is written over the typed name and title.

Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

CC: State Clearinghouse

Attachment: Native American Contacts list

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January 29, 2014**

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Attention: Lisa Osaba - Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project draft EIR  
SCH #2013102032 (scoping comment)

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Glushkoff, Serge@Wildlife <Serge.Glushkoff@wildlife.ca.gov>

Fri, Feb 14, 2014 at 6:46 PM

To: "santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com" <santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com>

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

Thank you for the courtesy delivery of Notice of Preparation for the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project draft EIR.

At this point, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) would like to provide a single comment pertaining to studies proposed by the project proponent, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E).

On page 3.4-29, under the section "Existing and Future Studies," there is a description of a proposal by PG&E to conduct scientific studies to address the migration of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander. The description includes the use of pitfall traps and states that this work "will be undertaken under the guidance of CDFW." The study is also noted to provide utility to the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project through the installation of exclusion fences that will remain in place during project implementation.

In future project descriptions, please delete any and all reference to CDFW guidance or any other form of support for studies on Santa Cruz long-toed salamander. This species is fully protected under Fish and Game Code Section 2080, and no form of take, including capture, is allowed. Section 2081(a) provides an exception for incidental take in support of scientific, educational or management purposes, but the Department does not have a mechanism to guide or otherwise support the study proposed by the project proponent.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Serge.Glushkoff@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Serge.Glushkoff@wildlife.ca.gov) or (707)944-5571.

Thank you,

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# **LOCAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

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## Scoping of EIR

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Please find my letter attached.



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February 14, 2014

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Lisa Orsaba  
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Re: Scoping of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for proposed PG&E  
Reinforcement Project Santa Cruz 115 kV

Dear Lisa Orsaba:

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Water District (CWD), I am particularly concerned with aspects of this project that may affect CWD's ability to deliver safe reliable drinking water to its clients in Day Valley and Pleasant Valley.

I understand that the project involves the removal of a large number of trees, and this would likely have a negative impact on CWD's primary recharge capacity. The entire water district is designated a "primary recharge area" by the County of Santa Cruz and is very important for feeding water into the aquifers drawn on by our production wells. CWD's recharge capacity is directly related to the flow of water from our wells. A number of property owners in Pleasant Valley have already taken steps to promote recharge on their properties to help keep ground water levels high.

Another concern of CWD is the proximity of above ground power poles to relatively shallow water lines and how disturbing these lines with the nearby construction of these poles might cause water line ruptures. CWD would have to repair the water lines and pass the expenses on to its clients.

Are there other routes this project could take that would have less impact on the water supply and our native plant and animal life in Day Valley and Pleasant Valley? Would an underground utility line be preferable? Do we even need this project?

I hope to see these issues addressed in your EIR.

Sincerely,

Carol Hamilton Monkerud

# **OTHER ORGANIZATION COMMENTS**

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February 14, 2014

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project  
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Sent via email [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

RE: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, Application No. 12-01-012 EIR Scoping  
Comments

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I'm writing on behalf of Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends), a non-profit partner of California State Parks, with serious concerns regarding the proposed southern alignment of the above referenced project and its potential impact on the Castro Adobe State Historic Park.

Friends is working closely with State Parks to open the Castro Adobe as California's newest state park. Located at 184 Old Adobe Road, the park will preserve and interpret for the public the only remaining building of the Mexican Rancho era (1821-1848) in the Pajaro Valley. The two-story adobe hacienda is on the National Register of Historic Places and is State Historic Landmark #998. The adobe features a spacious fandango room on the second floor and an original *cocina* (historic kitchen), which is one of only five such Mexican kitchens remaining in California.

The proposed southern alignment crosses and then parallels Old Adobe Rd and then proceeds up the north side of Larkin Valley, just feet away from the park.

The park will be interpreting the rural rancho atmosphere, featuring the historic view from the hacienda on top of the hill with vistas toward Monterey. The existing power lines are immediately in that view shed. Increasing the height of the power lines by 50% and the number of wires by 100% would significantly degrade the view from the Castro Adobe and further detract from the historical setting the State Park attempts to recreate. The cultural significance of the park setting would be degraded.



Furthermore, the proposed realignment is in an area of biological significance. Habitat of the protected Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and California red-legged frog has been identified in the area. The project lies within the recognized boundaries of the Northern metapopulation of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.

Based on these concerns, impacts on Cultural Resources and Biological Resources should be addressed in the EIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed EIR scoping. If I can provide further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 831-325-1504.

Sincerely,



Bonny Hawley, Executive Director  
Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks

Cc: California State Parks  
Senator Bill Monning  
Assemblymember Luis Alejo  
Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors  
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**Fwd: Southern Alignment PG&E EIR A-12-01-012**

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

On behalf of my client, the Aptos Ridge Homeowner's Association, I am submitting the attached letter in response to your request for comments on the Souther Alignment in your EIR Project A-12-01-012. I would appreciate an acknowledgment of your receipt. Thank-you.

**Dennis H. Doss****DOSS LAW**

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**Letter to Orsaba re Southern Alignment.pdf**

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February 17, 2014

(Via email: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com))

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**RE: Environmental Impact Report and Scoring  
PG&E Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project A-12-01-012)  
Your Letter Dated January 17, 2014 ("Southern Alignment")**

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I represent the Aptos Ridge Homeowner's Association, an association of sixteen home owners located between 105 and 820 Aptos Ridge Circle, Watsonville, CA 95076. Members of the Association reside within the area impacted by the above-referenced project (the "Southern Alignment").

For the reasons summarized in this letter, my clients strongly object to the Southern Alignment of these electrical lines and poles.

1. Impact on Larkin's Valley Calabasas Refuse. The Southern Alignment would cross the Larkin's Valley Calabasas Refuse, a federally protected sanctuary regulated by the U.S. Department of Fish and Game. The preserve is also known as the "Santa Cruz Long Toed Salamander State Ecological Reserve," protected by the State of California. This refuge is an important habitat for an endangered species of long-toed salamander, red leg frog and other endangered species. The construction, maintenance and very existence of the poles and lines will threaten these species already on the brink of extinction.
2. Impact on Homeowners. The Southern Alignment would require PG&E to purchase an additional large easement from all of the effected property owners. At least 2 houses would have to be destroyed to create a 120' easement. The quality of life will be severely reduced for those with large transmission lines and larger poles in their neighborhood.



3. Impact of Species in the Southern Alignment. The Southern Alignment would require the removal of at least several hundred large trees including endangered local oak, costal redwoods and other endangered trees. Within these trees are annual nesting areas for owls, hawks, eagles and other endangered wildlife. No matter how careful PG&E tries to mitigate the risk, nesting areas will be destroyed. Some of the trees that will be removed are well over the 105 feet maximum height of the poles. The rural beauty of this area which is home to mountain lions (commonly seen), bobcats and many other animals, some of which are in danger of extinction, will be permanently destroyed.

4. Salamander on Aptos Ridge Circle. The easement for the Southern Alignment would cross an area near Aptos Ridge Circle which contains wetlands inhabited by the Long Toed Salamander. These wetlands were demanded by the state and federal authorities during the building of homes and should remain protected. My clients occasionally see the Long Toed Salamanders. Within their community a common area was required to be set aside for the Salamanders. The power lines of the Southern Alignment will pass directly over this protected area.

5. View Degradation. The proposed power lines will be at least 105 feet above the ground and pass through the Highway 1 costal view corridor. Height of structures is an important consideration in this area, evidenced by the local requirements that homes not exceed a height of 26 feet, be located off ridge lines and landscaping must be optimized to protect views. The new poles and lines will extent well above the ridge line and be directly within the protected view.

6. Flashing Lights. The poles that would be installed on the ridge above White Road (along side of existing lines on the Southern Alignment) would be 626 feet above sea level. Since these poles will be higher than anything else in the area and lie within the flight area of Watsonville Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration will require flashing red lights on the top of the poles. This will disrupt the nesting areas and wildlife in this area and be an eyesore to local homeowners.

For all of the above reasons and others my clients strongly oppose the Southern Alignment and are fully prepared to defend not only their own neighborhood but also the local habitat that will be harmed if the Southern Alignment is approved and built.

Very truly yours,

*Dennis H. Doss*

Dennis H. Doss

Cc: Aptos Ridge Homeowners Association

**MARTHA'S WAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
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February 17, 2014

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc  
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, CA 90111

SUBJECT: Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

As president and on behalf of the Martha's Way Homeowners Association (Valencia Valley) in Aptos, CA I have had an opportunity to review PG&E's Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Proposed Project in Santa Cruz County and have the following comments for your consideration.

We recommend that the following potential impacts of this proposed project be addressed and mitigated in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

1. The impact of vegetation removal, including native trees and plants, whereby vegetative disturbance and removal could cause potential slope instability, soil erosion, sedimentation, runoff, water quality and the probable encroachment of non-native invasive plants such as Acacia, Pampas Grass and French Broom from colonizing in areas disturbed for construction of new electrical facilities.
2. The impact of vegetation removal and disturbance on wildlife habitat and corridors, including impact to both endangered native plant and listed wildlife species or species of concern. *Note: Previous vegetative maintenance work around lines and poles off Martha's Way by PG&E tree service contractors destroyed wood rat nests (potentially the San Francisco Dusty-footed Wood Rat, a species of concern) without any regard or mitigation.*
3. The impact of fire hazard, both from the high voltage lines and the maintenance of trees and other vegetation around poles and under the lines. It has been our experience (lines run through our property and neighborhood) over the years that PG&E tree service contractors have left large amounts of cut vegetation and tree parts on the ground and pushed into other brush, thereby creating serious fire hazards. Please address fire hazard, especially long term maintenance, so that initial and future clearing does not cause a greater fire hazard than leaving the vegetation around the poles and lines.

4. The impact of the project on scenic resources. Landscape aesthetics is very important to us within the viewshed of our homes but also in keeping with the rural character and natural beauty of Valencia Valley and surrounding Aptos hills and Corralitos. Consider other project alternatives including burying all or part of the lines under ground.
5. The impact of possible future new land developments that may occur and be made possible as a result of improved and increased PG&E electrical service.
6. The impact of increased trespassing on private property as open PG&E easement right-of-ways invite unwanted visitors such as motorcyclists, hikers, bikers, etc. that have caused damage to soil and slopes under the lines in the past.
7. The impact of easement widening, where proposed, where private property improvements may be impacted, such as fencing, landscaping, farm and ranch facilities, etc. Also the effect easement widening will ultimately have on additional disturbance to vegetation, soils, slopes, storm water runoff, wildlife habitat and existing infrastructure such as roads, drainage facilities, etc.
8. The impact of noise and construction disruption of the proposed project on private property uses such as horse boarding, horseback riding, etc. whereby such disturbances and noise may/will cause safety issues for horses, riders, and public safety if horses lose their riders or bolt through paddock fencing when frightened by helicopters, construction equipment, falling trees, etc.

We request that the Public Utilities Commission address the issues listed above and the associated impacts, including all possible mitigations. Please also enter these identified resource issues and impact concerns from our homeowner's association into the permanent record and/or EIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you should have any questions regarding our comments then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Electronically signed by,

*Richard Casale*

Richard Casale  
President  
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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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## PG&E Santa Cruz Reinforcement Project

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Sat, Feb 15, 2014 at 12:12 PM

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To: "santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com" &lt;santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com&gt;

**To:** Lisa Orsaba, California Public Utilities Commission

As a long time resident and home owner in the Pleasant Valley area of Aptos I have serious concerns about the proposed PG&E Reinforcement Project.

I urge consideration of the following:

explore and consider alternative construction such as under-grounding instead of the 100 foot tall towers;

the areas in question are mostly rural neighborhoods with abundant wildlife, extensive wooded areas, acres of rich farmland, all of which would be negatively affected by this project;

the current proposal would remove hundreds of trees resulting in a detrimental impact on wild life habitat and the natural beauty of our neighborhoods;

there is a real danger of chemicals leaching into our water supply causing health issues and adversely impacting farming endeavors already existing in the region of the proposed project;

Safety of residents, homes, farmland, wild life, wooded areas during and extending after the completion of the project is a bona fide issue and concern;

One justification for the project is to improve transmission reliability in the Santa Cruz area during outages. I strongly suspect that the majority if not 95+% of outages in our area are caused by weather and falling branches or trees or automobile accidents. I urge investigation of the cause of local outages to determine the urgency or lack thereof of improved reliability. Reliability currently seems to be sufficiently stable in our area. I also urge serious investigation and consideration of alternative routes and methods for this project.

Thank you.

Adele Miller  
Pleasant Vally resident & home owner





**Pacific Gas and  
Electric Company®**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
615 7th Ave  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

January 16, 2014

**We are proposing a new  
project in your community  
to improve electric system  
reliability and power line  
safety.**

**CURRENT RESIDENT OR LANDOWNER**  
404 APTOS RIDGE CIR  
WATSONVILLE, CA 95076-8518

Dear Current Resident Or Landowner:

As you may be aware, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) recently submitted a plan to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to upgrade our electric transmission system in your area by adding a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuit – along existing power line corridors – from a substation north of the Watsonville city limit, passing near the community of Corralitos and continuing to southern Aptos. Near the community of Corralitos, the proposal includes replacing the existing 115 kV transmission line with a larger, more durable line supporting both the existing and proposed new 115 kV transmission circuits. In the Aptos area, an existing distribution pole line along Cox Road, Day Valley Road, McDonald Road and along the Freedom Boulevard corridor would be replaced with a larger pole line supporting the existing distribution line as well as an additional 115 kV transmission line.

If approved, this project will help deliver more reliable electric service, prevent regional power outages and meet our customers' growing energy demand. We estimate that this work will begin in mid-2015 and be completed in late 2016.

**Next steps**

As part of the regulatory process, members of the community requested that the CPUC prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We support the community's recommendation, and we have requested that the CPUC prepare an EIR and carry out additional public meetings as part of the next phase of the process.

Learn more



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**RE: Environmental Impact Report and Scoring  
PG&E Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project A-12-01-012)  
Your Letter Dated January 17, 2014 ("Southern Alignment")**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

This is a supplement to the letter sent by the attorney representing the homeowners of Aptos Ridge regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I would like the EIR to also address the following scoping issues:

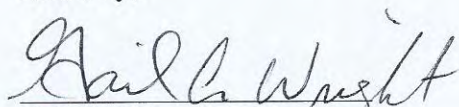
- Reasons for the project as stated in the letter from PG&E dated 1/16/14, "... to deliver more reliable electric service, prevent regional power outages and meet our customers' growing energy demand. . ." The project does not address two of these three goals:
  - The goal of "delivering more reliable electric service" is not addressed with this project. The occurrence of power outages is directly the result of extreme stormy conditions where a tree falls onto the line or lightning strikes a transformer.
  - The goal of "meeting customers' growing energy demand" is unnecessary. The area is built out. There are very few available vacant lots to build anything.
  - Homes and businesses are ever becoming more energy efficient with improvements in appliance energy usage and LED light fixtures. We have reduced our electrical energy usage substantially over the last year.
- Notification for the meeting was sent to "CURRENT RESIDENT OR LANDOWNER". Most people throw things like this away and do not open them - considering them junk mail. We have lived here for 14 years. PG&E successfully sends bills to me with my name on them. Please see attached. This appears as if PG&E did not want its' customers to open their letter. It appears to be a very deceptive tactic.
- Impact on ability to fight fires. The project must address firefighting and the ability of firefighting helicopters to drop buckets of water/fire retardant onto flames near high power transmission lines. Their ability to get closer to the fire needs to be within the scope of the EIR. Rural residents have recently been assessed an extra tax to pay for fire protection. We are in a major drought and high winds often occur in our hills – a lethal combination.
- Will PG&E lease some/all of these poles to cell phone companies?
- Impact on the 'scenic corridor' of Highway 1. The hills east of Highway 1 are a designated scenic corridor for Highway 1. Increase in size and shape will affect that corridor adversely.

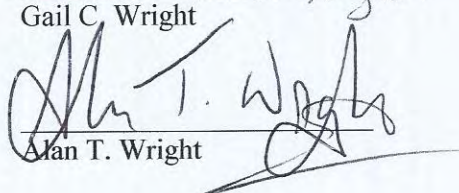


- Does the scope of the project include acquiring at least 30% of PG&E's energy from green sources?
- Has the scope of the project determined that there will be future growth of industrial development in the vicinity?
- We were notified on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 that our scope issues must be in your office by February 18<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Environmental Impact Report. Very short notice for such a huge project affecting our community. Was this notification within County, State, Federal guidelines?
- The Northern Alignment community has known of this project for 2 years. We were told of its' existence on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in a letter addressed to CURRENT RESIDENT OR LANDOWNER. Was this notification method the appropriate one to utilize in such an all-encompassing project?
- The project will adversely affect old redwood and oak trees, wildlife, and endangered species.
- Has the project addressed which cities or counties that will benefit from the projects' implementation?
- In February of 2011 the CPUC declared Aptos Hills Transmission Gas Line as having dangerously high pressure levels. PG&E were ordered to reduce pressure by 20%. We did not know this. Has this reduction been achieved? How often does the CPUC audit PG&E records to evaluate their safety precautions?
- The gas line in San Bruno (the one that exploded and caused all the destruction to that city) is the same type of gas line that runs through our community.

We request to receive any future documents related to this project and to be placed on the mailing list.

Sincerely,

  
Gail C. Wright

  
Alan T. Wright

Attachment



February 11, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This letter regards the requiring of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 115 kV reinforcement project proposed by PG & E in Santa Cruz County. My concern is this project will adversely affect both residents and wildlife in the area. There are many matters that must be considered and dealt with that will adversely impact the community and our environment if this ill advised imposition on our lives is allowed some are:

- Existing roadways are barely wide enough to handle two way automobile traffic.
- Hames road is a main passage to Freedom Boulevard and heavily used by Corralitos and local residents.
- Excessive additional demand on our water system and its infrastructure.
- Public Safety in general.
- How the excessive noise from helicopter ingress and egress impacts local established wildlife.
- Have all other alternatives been considered, such as alternative routes, underground construction, the actual necessity and ultimate purpose of the project?
- Potential of fuel spillage and its impacts on the environment.
- Impacts on all designated farmland.
- Impacts on traffic due to ingress and egress of large delivery trucks, construction equipment and vehicles of all types.
- Rehabilitation of the staging sites.

This poorly conceived project demands a full and comprehensive EIR be prepared and presented for public and environmental review. I respectfully request my concerns and all others submitted be entered into the public record and the PUC investigate and take action on these issues.

Sincerely,

  
Annamarie Dugger



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**Fwd: 115KV Project**

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Lisa Orsaba,

I am not in favor of the 115KV project due to the following reasons:

1. Expanded electrical field affecting the residents where the right of way is granted.
2. Expanding the right of way will affect the land owners property values
3. Possibility of eminent domain use by the county to displace the current property owners
4. Installation of new towers opens the possibility of additional high voltage lines in the future.

Ashok Shevde

240 Fieldbrook Lane

Watsonville, CA 95076



# SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

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Comments due February 18, 2014

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

Community response to the proposed PG&E project indicates there are many areas of environmental consequences to this project - I disrupted a neighborhood, plant, wildlife - configuration of home? Pollution all need response, air, water, soil - service conditions that are thoroughly investigated. PG&E should be able to me what the basic premise should be of the needs to increase electric capacity & should be carefully evaluated. Is this necessary?

From: Betty M. Black  
2111 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA, 95003

To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA, 94111

February 12, 2014

Dear Ms. Lisa Orsaba,

This is a request for specific issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the 115 kV Reinforcement Project proposed by P G & E.

1. The validity of the claim by P G & E that this project is necessary to provide more reliable energy to the greater Santa Cruz area.

2. The installation of new poles will adversely affect the water supply of the Day Valley area.

3. The project will result in a drastic reduction of community values for the Day Valley area.

4. The above ground plan violates the Santa Cruz County General Plan, which states that any new power lines must be placed under ground.

5. Why the Day Valley area is being asked to bear the burdon of this project which will have no benefit to them.

6. P G & E should be required to specify which trees are to be removed during this project.

7. The opinion given in the CEQA document that this project would not have a significant impact on the aesthetics and the environment of the Day Valley area.

8. The historical significance of the Day Valley area to the State of California and Santa Cruz County.

9. The Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald route passing directly through an environment with narrow country roads, steep hillsides, dense forests, and many established nesting bird sites.

I request that the CPUC address and investigate these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

Betty M. Black

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty M. Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brad Asmus  
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Saturday, February 15, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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Re: Santa Cruz, California 115 Kv Reinforcement Project

Dear Sir or Madam

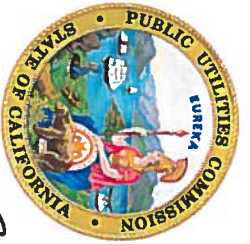
Infrastructure security would be reinforced by alignment that is not rural, such as along Highway 1 or Freedom Boulevard. The eyes and ears of residents and travelers would make it more difficult for bad actors to threaten the hardware. With a rural alignment, bad actors with high powered rifles or other weapons would have a much easier time getting destructive shots off than in the better traveled areas. The recent attack on a substation in Santa Clara Valley high lights the need for care and foresight in the area of infrastructure security.

Additionally, it makes no sense to me that PG&E would consider a new alignment for their proposed 115 Kv Reinforcement Project in Santa Cruz County.

Two substantial alignments or right of ways already exist. Subsuming wild lands and agricultural land for another seems wasteful of resources. Yes, using the existing right-of-ways might be more expensive for PGE to use, but over the long term, those expenses will be amortized and negligible.

Respectfully,

  
Brad Asmus



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PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER MY PREVIOUSLY FILED COMMENTS,

- WHY CAN'T THESE LINES BE BURIED INSTEAD OF SUSPENDED FROM 100' POLES.
- ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ROUTES HAVE NOT BEEN EXPLORED.
- I HAVE LIVED IN APTOS/SANTA CRUZ FOR YEARS. NEVER ONCE HAS MY POWER GONE OUT OR CAUSED ANY INCONVENIENCE. HOWEVER I WILL SUFFER VISUAL IMPACT, AND REDUCED PROPERTY VALUES IF THIS PROJECT HAPPENS, ONLY DOWNSIDERS FOR RESIDENTS COME FROM THIS PROJECT.
- PG&E WILL NOT RUN GAS TO MY HOME DESPITE BEING 150' FROM AN EXISTING LINE. WHY SHOULD I PUT UP WITH THIS?

- VISUAL IMPACT ON OUR SCENIC HOMELAND  
WILL BE FOREVER ALTERED. BURY THE LINES!
- HOUSING VALUES WILL SUFFER. HOW WILL PG&E  
REIMBURSE HOMEOWNERS FOR THESE LOSSES?



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**Fwd: Concerns with Reinforcement Project**

1 message

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Subject: Concerns with Reinforcement Project

To: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I have attended all the relevant meetings on this project and filed objections since originally being notified of the project. I am a property owner living within about 200 feet of the proposed replacement poles on the Northern Alignment. I am concerned and appalled that no alternatives have been suggested for the Northern Alignment which is a substantial section of the entire project and goes through some of the most scenic and rural areas in Santa Cruz County. Putting the project in part or in whole underground should be suggested as an alternative. This would be the perfect time to propose that and it should be presented to the landowners whose property will be affected by this large scale project. This would address all concerns for aesthetic, agricultural and other potential problems associated with the increase of pole height and extra lines running through the Corralitos Scenic View Corridor.

The placement of these higher poles and increased amount of lines will change the entire character of the Corralitos Valley from its current rural and agricultural beauty to a vista more akin to what one sees on I-5 or the 101 interchange associated with vastly more densely populated areas. It is simply not in keeping with our aesthetic character in this area.

Lastly, I have never personally experienced a "rolling blackout" as is cited as a reason for this project. I have experienced many power outages due to falling limbs and those are usually nearby, reported and usually fairly quickly repaired. The evidence seems lacking for this project especially in light of the greener alternatives individuals are installing on their property and the President even is encouraging and supporting with financial incentives such as solar power.

The 115kV Reinforcement Project is neither necessary nor desirable by any of the residents effected and I hope that you will seriously consider these concerns in your environmental review.

Very sincerely,  
Britt Haselton  
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**Fwd: PGE in Pleasant Valley, Aptos**

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February 17, 2014

To: Lisa Orsaba

From: Candace Calsoyas, Ph.D

RE: 115KT Reinforcement Project for Santa Cruz County

I am writing to object to the PGE proposal planned for Pleasant Valley in Aptos.

I've lived in the valley for thirty-five years and was one of the founding members of the California Certified Organic Farmers organization. I also teach Environmental Studies at UC Santa Cruz .

As an organic tree farmer and lecturer, I've thought considerably about preservation and conservation of land and it is not an easy subject with which to grapple. I've made a concerted effort to keep my small tree farm as much like the native habitat as possible and to encourage all wildlife to reside here. I've gone as far as to register my land as a wildlife habitat with the National Federation of Wildlife and determinedly keep the land here unfenced and natural as possible. Given all the environmental problems, it is only recently that we Americans have been forced to think profoundly and deeply about these issues. Even on a small scale it is easy to follow the American norm and prototype of land use: cover it in cement, use herbicides and fences to kill and keep out what you don't want, replace natural vegetation with what you do want, and basically alter the environment as much as possible for personal satisfaction and conformity.

To think differently about land use requires a concerted effort since it is so easy to fall into a belief and mindset that creates the most human affect: change, development and alteration of natural surroundings. And yet, most of us drive cars, use electricity, and rely on our local water supply. So we cannot be sanctimonious about change necessitated by roads and utilities. But we can do proper planning and it sounds like the PGE 115 KV Reinforcement Project is ill-conceived, especially in terms of the location. Why place a commercial project in a rural agrarian area on agricultural land? There are few enough such areas as it is. Why add to the traffic in an already impacted intersection? And where will trucks turn around given the tight intersection of Hames and Pleasant Valley roads?

This proposed commercial operation will have a marked effect at the proposed site and on the surrounding land and farms. My first suggestion is to re-locate this project to a more suitable site. My second suggestion is that consideration of this project should be weighed against the environmental impact; such a large scale operation requires serious thinking about consequences. And certainly these consequences do not justify a project that alleviates a few minor power outages. Anyway, we could use a few more outages so electricity would not be taken for granted!

Thanks for your consideration,

Candace Calsoyas, Ph.D

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**Fwd: Concerns**

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**Ms. Orsaba-----**

I completely concur with the letter sent to you by my neighbors, Gail and Alan Wright. Please take these concerns under serious consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carol Bailey  
788 Aptos Ridge Circle  
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[KalolaLady@aol.com](mailto:KalolaLady@aol.com)



Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

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## Fwd: Project Scope

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As residents of Pleasant Valley, we request that the project scope include:

1. Full discussion of all routes re impact on rural neighborhoods, forested areas and proposed tree removals, abundant wildlife and habitats, farm lands, commercial and noncommercial vineyards and wineries, commercial and private stables and riding academies, as well as local cottage industries that depend on clear, regular ingress and egress in Pleasant Valley.
2. Impact on Central County Water District's aging pipelines, water quality, and potential for chemicals leaching into water supply.
3. Safety of all residents and visitors.
4. Installation of all lines underground and cooperation with ATT and cable companies to put all utilities underground in Pleasant and Day Valleys.

Thank you, Charles and Georgia Mackh

**Charles R. Singer**  
**320 Possumwood Ridge**  
**Aptos, California 95003**

12 February, 2014

Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA 94111

**Re: Scoping: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project/PG&E**

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am a homeowner here in Santa Cruz County that lives in this rural setting where this proposed project is being considered.

Our rural setting is used by many members of our county for it's natural beauty: hikers, bike riders and it's residents that love to live in nature and it's beauty.

The notion of 100 ft metal power poles in our rural setting, invading it's temperament is appalling.

In the past I have traveled to small towns and rural villages in Europe. The Europeans, in their wisdom have protected these small rural spaces by not over constructing, not overbuilding; not because they can not. but because they have used common sense and realized the importance of protecting natural ancient rural areas.

I am concerned for the effects of this proposed project upon our local drinking water, wildlife, our aged tree population and potential agricultural effects.

Why does this have to be done now? Why cannot you wait until underground technologies that are environmentally secure friendly to be developed before mucking up our natural landscape.

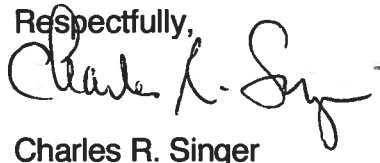
It took forever for our local trees and wildlife to be what they are today. We would never be able to restore the naturalness of this enviroment if this project would go forward.

This project would NOT BE PROGRESS. It would be an environmental insult.

Foolish people built San Jose- they paved over the richest farmland in the world. How smart is that? Because they could?

Please make sure our concerns and respected and thoughtly examined.

Respectfully,



Charles R. Singer

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**Fwd: Comments--EIR scoping**

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Subject: Comments--EIR scoping

To: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I would like to comment on the scoping of the EIR Scoping for the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E.

Requirement to show need for Santa Cruz 115V Reinforcement Project by PG&E:

A. Show past records which provide proof that there is a need to "increase transmission system reliability in the Santa Cruz area during outages", including both past records of outages and illustrate how this project and its parameters would alleviate the supposed electricity reliability/ or shortage. Please include the follow points in a scoping and final EIR for this project:

1. Include records of power outages and their cause, including if outages were caused by inclement weather and it's effects ( fallen trees, rain and winds during storms, lighting strikes etc.), due to human error or malfunctioning equipment ( car or air plane crashes into poles/lines, faulty mechanisms and lines), and outages caused by shortage of electricity.
2. Explain how these new power lines and poles connect over such a small region will change or effect "transmission system reliability during outages", including how distribution would change providing data on the existing line and the proposed line.
3. Examine the cost and increased reliability in terms of voltage transmission and reliability which replacing the current old technology/mechanics in pre-existing substations. Identify how this would not be a adequate alternative to proposed project.



B. Examine the increased risks for fire (both house and wild/brush fire) that during and after the construction. Identify who would be liable if the transmission lines or poles either fell or somehow caused injury or damage to property during construction or in the event of a natural disaster (fire, earthquake).

Detailed in the EIR should be how emergencies will be dealt with and liability for accidents that effect PG&E employees but also those neighbors and passerby's that could be hurt. In addition, please include the follow points in a scoping and final EIR for risks associated with this project:

1. Which parties would be liable in the event emergency services to (health, crime, or fire) would be delayed due to construction, construction accidents both on public/easement areas.
2. Include the need for transmission poles to be so high and why high voltage lines must be so high. Please include the health and risk factors that necessitate specific placements of line and poles.
3. Show that high power lines hung over or near (1- 35 ft) houses do not increase risk of fire in cases of inclement weather or human error (car crashes, flight path and airplane accidents), and other potential negative health or risks that could be contributed lines.
4. Measurement of the decibels of noise that will be produced by helicopters and construction activities, and the duration these activities (length, times, number of days). Neighbors with health issues (such as asthma, PTSD) or infants living near construction or pull sites potentially could also be at increased risk. Loud noise can also spook horses, cyclists, and wildlife. Those who earn their some or all of their income by working out of their home, breeding/boarding animals, growing crops may be adversely and un-proportionally effect by noise and air pollution. Show which areas will be most impacted on a map.

C. Identification of favored routes and alternative routes with specific coordinates and maps of "easements" with measurements in a format that can easily be read, not only for specific power poles but all for all power lines and temporary construction zones (loading, heli pads etc.).

D. Provide data on water table and the how the proposed project with impact ground water, including: depth of poles, amount and type of cement necessary to secure transmission lines, potential runoff to ground water, and area of land cleared of trees or vegetation as such are will increase run-off and increased contamination of surface and ground water. Damage to aquifers and water sources can not be mitigated.

1. How will reduced aquifer recharge due to construction and permanent installations of poles be effected:
  - a. Ground compaction estimates: how will construction both pouring cement, use of heavy vehicles alter the soil composition, and how will impact the capacity for ground water recharge and storage.
  - b. The cubic feet that cement that will be poured for each pole and in total, the depth of poles, and the amount of dirt to be removed.

E. Removal of trees in one of the biggest impact to our region, not only does tree and vegetation removal dramatically change not only our neighbor hood wooded ascetic but also negatively impacts the ecosystem function and stability in our entire area which is known for an abundance of wildlife unique plant communities, including rare and endangered species. Please included suggested comments below:

1. Identify the reason for the removal of any vegetation.
2. Access the impact the removal of trees will have on long term water storage, and how recharge rates lost due to removal of vegetation will be mitigated WITHIN in close proximity to tree removal.
3. Disclose how and where mitigation, planting trees, will take place and the type. Please identify how the proximity repair any ecosystem functions or natural landscape lost.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

Joyce and Chris Magallanes

c/o Amanda Magllanes



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## Fwd: EIR Comments for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project Application No. 12-01-012

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To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project

Here are my comments for the EIR. I request that the EIR include the following:

1) How long will this project disrupt local residents - traffic, noise, land use, etc?

2) How will this project benefit/harm the broader community?

3) How will this project benefit/harm the residents along the selected route?

More specifically:

How will home values be affected?

How will local water supplies be affected?

How will ground stability be affected?

How will fire safety be affected?

Will the new infrastructure include new telephone, DSL, and/or cable circuits for local residents

If not, why not?

Will the new infrastructure improve local power reliability?

If not, why not?

Will old power lines running through trees that are damaged in winter storms be replaced?

If not, why not?

Will old transformers that fail during winter storms be replaced?

If not, why not?

Thank you for your consideration.

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## Fwd: Comments on EIR scoping for Santa Cruz 115KV project

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned about the routing of the alternative Valencia Alignment. There are many important issues with this alignment the EIR must adequately address:

- This route is less developed than the proposed Cox-Freedom route, and consequently contains more potential critical habitat and undisturbed woodlands, soil and other resources.
- The bulk of the route is in steep, highly erosive soils with increased erosion potential and threats to soil stability for property owners in the area.
- Most of this route is not served by developed roads, with a result of more disturbance to habitat and environment and higher costs for construction and maintenance.
- Visual effects of the placement are still present, though for different residents and visitors than the preferred alternative.

- This Valencia Alignment alternative does not eliminate the need for new construction, just shifts it from one route to another, over a longer distance with concomitant effects to the environment. The EIR should quantify the impacts of routes under consideration to ensure the alternative selected minimizes those impacts during construction and afterwards, during operation and maintenance.
- Alternative routes – the original PTC and MND showed 5 alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. All alternatives must be considered, explored, and included.
  - Alternative materials – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

*Curt S. Abramson*

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## Fwd: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project -- Comments on Scoping for EIR

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From: **Dana** <[danabland@charter.net](mailto:danabland@charter.net)>

Date: Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 6:43 PM

Subject: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project -- Comments on Scoping for EIR

To: Lisa Orsaba <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

Attached is a letter I am submitting with comments regarding the Scoping for the Draft EIR of the above-mentioned project.

Please note: **I respectfully request to be notified of any future hearings, meetings, or other public informational gatherings regarding this project.**

I requested this back in December 2013, but was never notified of the January 2014 Scoping meeting.

PLEASE, include me, and ALL my neighbors along the segment of Valencia Road from Freedom Blvd to Day Valley Road (which is listed as an alternative in the Scoping document), in notifications of any future public meetings, release of Draft EIR documents, and comment periods on the Draft EIR.

Sincerely,

Dana Bland

2759 Valencia Road

Aptos, CA 95003

ph: [831-688-2104](tel:831-688-2104)

email: [danabland@charter.net](mailto:danabland@charter.net)



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February 17, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Subject: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project -- Comments on Scoping for EIR

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I live in the neighborhood affected by the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, in particular the Cox Road-Freedom segment. I sent comments on the IS/MND in a letter dated December 3, 2013, and this letter was acknowledged by an email from Susanne Heim of your office dated December 5, 2013.

I specifically asked in my December 3<sup>rd</sup> letter, the last sentence, as follows: **“And please notify me if additional public comment/information meetings will be scheduled on this project.”**

I was **not** notified of a January public Scoping meeting, and only learned about it afterwards from my neighbors. If there was any other type of public notice of the Scoping meeting held in Corralitos, I did not see it anywhere – either in the local paper, or by flyers posted in the neighborhood, etc. Exactly how did PG&E/Panorama notify interested parties in the region of the January scoping meeting??

I would like to participate in the public comment process for the Draft EIR, and again request that I be notified of any additional public meetings and comment period for the Draft EIR.

In addition, I see from the Scoping document posted by PG&E/PUC, that a portion of Valencia Road is included as an alternative for the project. I live on this section of Valencia Road.

**So AGAIN, I request that I be notified of any future public meetings for this project, and that ALL my neighbors along this segment of Valencia Road also be notified. We would all like the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIR.**

My comments on Scoping items I would like to see addressed in the Draft EIR are as follows:

1. Can the upgrade for this area be accomplished by adding transmission wires to the top of existing power lines? PG&E added upgrades by placing wires on top of existing power lines last summer for the segment along Soquel Drive between Freedom Blvd and State Park Drive in Aptos. Please explain why, if this is not possible for the proposed Aptos to Watsonville segment, as described in the Scoping document.
2. Can the upgrades be added to the existing power lines along Freedom Boulevard between the Green Valley and Aptos substations, instead of going through rural neighborhood of Cox Road, Hames, Pleasant Valley, and Corralitos? If not, why not? This would be least disruptive to the rural neighborhoods, and would seem to be the logical, most efficient, and least costly alternative possible. Yet this has not even been discussed in the PEA or IS/MND. Please explain further in the Draft EIR.
3. Please explain more fully and accurately, the visual and biological impacts to all proposed alternatives, including the Valencia Road alternative. Again, please explain why the proposed 100-foot tall poles are necessary for any of these alternatives. Especially considering that additional capacity was added to the much more developed area along Soquel Drive between Freedom Blvd and State Park Drive last summer, without having to add any new (or very tall poles).

Thank you for consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions regarding my comments. **And please notify me if additional public comment/information meetings will be scheduled on this project.**

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Daniel E. Lester

2000 Pleasant Valley Rd. Aptos, CA 95003

This letter is being sent along with the letter to Lisa Orsaba which contains many thought provoking items.

A Helicopter flew over our home today. It was pretty high, could see a little more than a speck. Yet the sound it emitted was a surprisingly loud and reminded me of the movie Acropolis Now. Our nice quiet little valley was instantly changed from Pleasant Valley to Unpleasant Valley.

For years the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has been aggressive in limiting residential growth in Pleasant Valley and its' environs citing the high quality (prime) agriculture benefits as the reason. Whether or not that claim is valid or not, the byproduct is a quiet, low density place to live as I and my family have done since 1969.

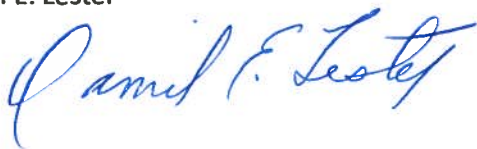
The upgrades, as I understand them, will bring two unsavory conditions, sight and sound. These two conditions bring along two stepchildren - a sure downgrading as an exceptional place to live and a significant reduction in property values. I'm pretty sure the applicant is not proposing reimbursement.

No matter how temporary the Helicopter pads are to be in use, once they are in they will most likely be permanent. Political history will bare that out.

So, I have done nothing but bellyache. Apparently we are facing a problem of such magnitude that if not solved the scope of this project will cause our affected community to come to a screeching halt. I also understand that human nature is such that most of us would be alright with the project just as long as it is in someone else's backyard.

Of Course if this project were placed underground all offensive elements would be eliminated- presto! I suspect PGE would say the cost would be prohibitive, and I'm sure it would be if left in the hands of PGE to construct. It's well known that PGE insists on doing most of its own work or their own choices of sub-contractors at a cost that is multiples of the cost it would be if bid on the open market. Get specifications for a job (which they probably won't do) and bid the job on the open market. I guaranty there would be a "shocking" difference to the good.

Daniel E. Lester



From: David W. Black, DDS  
2111 Cox Road  
Aptos, CA, 95003

To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA, 94111

February 12, 2014

Dear Ms. Lisa Orsaba,

This is a request for specific issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the 115 kV Reinforcement Project proposed by P G & E.

1. The validity of the claim by P G & E that this project is necessary to provide more reliable energy to the greater Santa Cruz area.

2. The installation of new poles will adversely affect the water supply of the Day Valley area.

3. The project will result in a drastic reduction of community values for the Day Valley area.

4. The above ground plan violates the Santa Cruz County General Plan, which states that any new power lines must be placed under ground.

5. Why the Day Valley area is being asked to bear the burdon of this project which will have no benefit to them.

6. P G & E should be required to specify which trees are to be removed during this project.

7. The opinion given in the CEQA document that this project would not have a significant impact on the aesthetics and the environment of the Day Valley area.

8. The historical significance of the Day Valley area to the State of California and Santa Cruz County.

9. The Cox, Day Valley, and McDonald route passing directly through an environment with narrow country roads, steep hillsides, dense forests, and many established nesting bird sites.

I request that the CPUC address and investigate these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Black, DDS". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a horizontal line at the end.

David W. Black, DDS

2/12/13

Hi Lisa,

A.T. & T. came out yesterday to fix a buzzing in our land line.

These are the transmission poles (and the stub pole on my property) across Cox Road from my house.

I thought you would appreciate the topography of the Cox Road segment of P.G. & E.'s plan.

It was tight for the A.T. & T. repair crew to work on that distribution pole up in the Oak tree, but they got the job done.

Why P.G. & E. wants to go down Cox Road with the 115 KV transmission line eludes me.

Sincerely,

P.S. Thanks  
for the CIR!

Dave











Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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## Aptos / Corralitos PG &E Panoram a proje ct

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David Bruce Casterson &lt;dbcasterson@gmail.com&gt;

Wed, Feb 5, 2014 at 9:19 PM

To: Lisa Orsaba &lt;santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com&gt;

Cc: "tbarker66@aol.com" &lt;tbarker66@aol.com&gt;, Heidi and Rich Casale &lt;heidi@portoftravel.com&gt;, James Kerr &lt;jmkerrs@earthlink.net&gt;

It is my opinion that power transmission routes should closely match the location of existing freeways. Electrical energy use is concentrated in that area, there is less disturbance to wild life and native plants and often a there is a buffer zone between the freeway and homes. Routes based on avoiding human development force the environmental and aesthetic costs upon nature, further degrading the natural habitat which should be conserved.

In the broader view, it makes no sense to protect wild areas through zoning, establishing parks and reserves while choosing to dissect them with power transmission lines.

In addition, I also believe that power transmission lines should be placed underground whenever possible.

Please consider these opinions when making your decision,

Sincerely,

David Casterson  
1500 Valencia School Road (28 year resident who has solar panels installed on his roof)  
Aptos, CA 95003  
[831 688-7168](tel:8316887168)



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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important comment to be considered for upcoming EIR

1 message

David Gelpman &lt;davidgelpman@mac.com&gt;

Thu, Jan 30, 2014 at 4:59 PM

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Cc: David Gelpman &lt;davidgelpman@mac.com&gt;, Don Hirschaut &lt;don@cabovillas.com&gt;

I attended the meeting in Corralitos on Jan 29, 2014. The email address I'm sending this to was listed as that appropriate for comments about what should be considered in the EIR that is being performed by Panorama Environmental.

The lines that would be part of the "Valencia Alignment" alternative cross over the properties of 175 Flume Rd and 330 Flume Road as well as Flume Road itself. Currently there is a set of 3 poles that are very close to Flume Road at the base of the property at 330 Flume Road. The center of those poles is the pole numbered with the number 6 just above the numbers 74.

6  
74

As I understand the project, these poles would be replaced by two or more much taller poles. The EIR needs to consider the impact of removing these poles and replacing them with more substantial poles. There are multiple considerations:

\* These poles are quite close to Flume Road, a small private road that serves all the residents that live on it. In the area where the poles are located, the road runs along a relatively steep hillside. Disturbances to the area around the poles pose a risk to the road itself. There is a risk of severe damage to the road itself. In addition, if the hillside opposite the road is impacted by the work on the poles, the road could become irreparably damaged and/or require major repairs.

\* The hillside referred to above slopes down toward Valencia Creek. Should the hillside fail, there is the possibility that material could flow into Valencia Creek, damaging the watershed. In the past we've had to take mitigating efforts to ensure that such events do not happen. The risk of this happening as part of the PG&E project should be established as well as what needs to be done to mitigate the problem.

This particular set of poles is one of many that would be involved in this project. In addition to examining the environmental impact possibly incurred with replacing this specific set of poles, the EIR needs to examine similar environmental impacts that are involved with replacing each of the sets of poles in the proposed project, including the alternatives that are being considered.

Sincerely,  
David Gelpman  
175 Flume Rd  
Aptos, CA 95003  
831-689-9591



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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## Important comment to be considered for upcoming EIR

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Don Hirschaut &lt;don@cabovillas.com&gt;

Mon, Feb 3, 2014 at 5:08 PM

Reply-To: don@cabovillas.com

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Cc: David Gelpman &lt;davidgelpman@mac.com&gt;

To Whom it may concern:

I also attended the meeting in Corralitos on Jan 29, 2014. Please also consider my comments in the EIR that is being performed by Panorama Environmental.

The power lines that would be part of the "Valencia Alignment" alternative cross over a number of residential properties such as those located at of 175 Flume Rd and 330 Flume Road.

Currently there is a set of 3 poles that are very close to Flume Road at the base of the property at 330 Flume Road. As I understand this project, the existing wood power poles would be replaced with much larger and taller steel poles.

The EIR needs to consider the impact of removing these poles and replacing them with much larger and more substantial poles.

Alternatives to removing and replacing the number of power poles and adding additional power lines should be considered.

- \*Use of existing power poles to support the project requirements
- \*Increasing the voltage using existing poles/lines to support increased power requirements
- \*Use of existing poles minimizes environmental impact and mitigates ground disturbance
- \*Increased number of circuits and lines on poles increases electromagnetic radiation health risk to the public
- \*Increased number of circuits and lines on poles increases public fire risk due to increased short circuit potential

Respectfully,

Don Hirschaut  
330 Flume Road  
Aptos, CA 95003  
(831) 274-6357

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 4:59 PM

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Cc: David Gelpman; Don Hirschaut

Subject: important comment to be considered for upcoming EIR

February 15, 2014

To:

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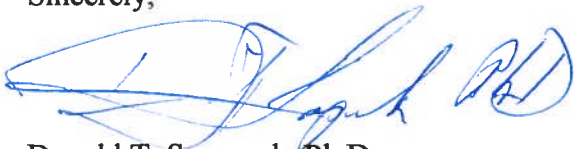
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Donald T. Saposnek, Ph.D.  
224 Sand Hill Rd.  
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## You Might Like to Know

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To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com  
Cc: Jim Seimas <jseimas@santacruzsentinel.com>

Fri, Jan 31, 2014 at 9:14 AM

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To: Kristi Black <kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>

Fri, Jan 31, 2014 at 11:38 AM

Ms. Black,

I would think a potential large scale gas explosion might be an environmental concern, ya think?!

Don Schwartz

On Jan 31, 2014, at 10:54 AM, Kristi Black <[kristi.black@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kristi.black@panoramaenv.com)> wrote:

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Please note that you should contact Pacific Gas & Electric regarding any gas leaks or service issues. This email account is to contact the CPUC regarding the environmental review for the Santa Cruz 115-kv Reinforcement Project only.

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**Kristi Black, Environmental Scientist**

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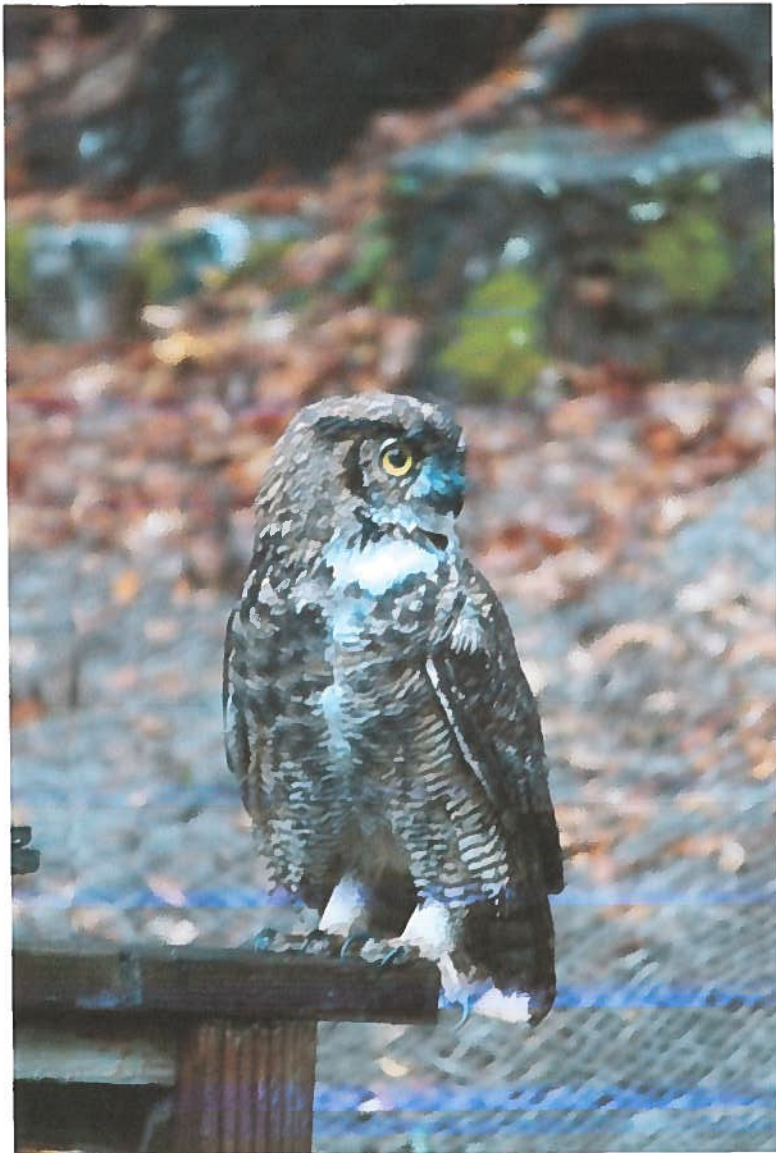
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Donna Saposnek  
224 Sand Hill Rd.  
Aptos, CA 95003

**From:** Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
**Subject:** IMG\_3947 owl on rail by water dish  
**Date:** February 8, 2014 11:07:03 AM PST  
**To:** Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
▶ 1 Attachment, 77.1 KB

— 224 SAND HILL RD.  
Aptos, CA 95003



IMG\_3947

These are representative photos of some of  
the vast variety of wildlife that live in our area.

From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net> - 224 SAND HILL RD.  
Subject: **IMG\_3938 owl in water dish** Aptos, CA. 95003  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:06:22 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
▶ 1 Attachment, 50.2 KB



IMG\_3938

From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net> - 224 SAND HILL RD.  
Subject: **IMG\_4123 5 birds at water dish** Aptos, CA 95003  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:08:17 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
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IMG\_4123



From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_3196 mother and fawn just born**  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:01:40 AM PST  
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▶ 1 Attachment, 155 KB

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IMG\_3196



From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_3204 mother feeding fawn**  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:02:26 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
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IMG\_3204

From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_3177 doe sitting on hillside back door**  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:00:17 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
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IMG\_3177



From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_3163 2 new fawns**  
Date: February 8, 2014 10:59:08 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
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From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_1933 2 bucks on hillside**  
Date: February 8, 2014 10:46:06 AM PST  
To: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
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IMG\_1933



From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_0281 2 deer drinking**

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Date: February 8, 2014 10:37:42 AM PST

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From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_3745 buck on deck**  
Date: February 8, 2014 11:05:20 AM PST  
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IMG\_3745

From: Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
Subject: **IMG\_2751 bobcat sitting on deck**  
Date: February 8, 2014 10:56:08 AM PST  
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IMG\_2751



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**Subject:** **IMG\_2743 bobcat** Aptos, CA 95003  
**Date:** February 8, 2014 10:55:26 AM PST  
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**From:** Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
**Subject:** **IMG\_0455 bob cat at water dish**  
**Date:** February 8, 2014 10:41:21 AM PST  
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IMG\_0455

**From:** Donna Saposnek <dlamantia@charter.net>  
**Subject:** **IMG\_0463 bob cat sitting on hillside**  
**Date:** February 8, 2014 10:42:02 AM PST  
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## Fwd: Fw: 115 kv Project EIR Scoping

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Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 9:51 AM

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Cc: Linda Murrer <lindamurrer@gmail.com>

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

We live at 1583 Pleasant Valley Road, quite near the corner of Hames Rd and Pleasant Valley Rd. We would like to have you include the following information in the EIR scoping for the 115 kv Expansion Project:

1. **Impact on Wildlife Habitat** - this area is rich in wildlife, including deer, turkeys, coyotes, rabbits, bob cats, and much more. The construction work and new poles will significantly disrupt game paths and animal habitats as they pass through pastures and woodlands.

2. **Golden Eagle Protection** - Golden Eagles live, breed, nest and hunt in this location. For 10 years we have witnessed , adult and juvenile Golden Eagles

in the trees on the property located at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Hames near where the staging and helicopters are planned to reside. We believe that by removing trees and having helicopters flying in and out of this location will disrupt the lifestyle patterns of this protected animal. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, effective 1940, clearly prohibits disturbing the birds, nests or eggs. The purpose of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act is to not agitate the Bald and Golden Eagle to the extent of not 1) Abusing an eagle, 2) Interfering with its substantial lifestyle, including shelter, breeding, feeding or 3) Nest abandonment.

3. **Tree Removal** - the local landscape is mature and developed. The tree removal will harm habitat and also affect the aesthetics of the local area. How many trees are going to be removed and where are they being removed from?

4. **Farmland** - this area is well developed as farmland, including vineyards, organic farms, apples and olives? How will this project harm farmland, especially the many organic farms?

5. **Livestock Liability** - we have 25 horses on our property, several of which are geriatric/retired and have lived here for 10 years. How will this construction project disturb what is now a sedate environment? The planned staging site at the corner of Hames and PV includes a helicopter landing site. If animals are injured due to construction chaos (spooking from helicopters) how will we be compensated for loss and injury to animals?

These helicopters will dramatically change their living environment and cause stress to these horses which can lead to health problems. Will PG&E pay for associated vet bills and loss of life? If people are riding their horses and the horse spooks, causing injury to the rider, will PG & E assume liability for causing the commotion which contributed to the accident and injury? This is a liability nightmare. These horses live on our property because it is a quiet, sedate area. Can the staging location be moved to Watsonville Airport where the surrounding environment is zoned for aircraft landing?

6. **Alternates Routes** - Have all the alternate routes been thoroughly



investigated? There have been numerous alternates suggested & investigated. What is the result of those investigations?

7. **Alternate Construction** - Please explore the construction alternatives including, underground construction, additional short wood poles, etc. The proposed metal poles are not consistent with the county plan and do not fit the rural environment.

8. **Water Supply** - the aging water supply system (Central Water District) will be disturbed and possibly disrupted by this project. Has there been a thorough investigation of the impact on the water supply system? What are the actions to mitigate this issue? In addition, there are several wells close to the project, including one on our property. How will this project impact the water table and the quality of the ground water?

9. **Need** - Is there really a need for this project? Outages normally occur during storms when trees or lightning disturb the power lines. For the past 5 years what percentage of outages have been due to insufficient infrastructure? What percentage are due to storms resulting in outages? What percentage are due to auto accidents taking out power poles? It is not clear that there is an infrastructure issue. PG&E needs to show that this project is truly needed by providing this information.

We request that the PUC provides complete answers to the above issues and make them part of the permanent public record.

Ed and Linda Murrer

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2/12/14

My name is Ed Shimizu. I live at 125 Sand Hill Road, Aptos 95003. the placement of the pole you are proposing to put at the end of our Road will cause erosion to our Road. It will also cause a huge blind spot exiting on to Cox Road making the turn very dangerous or not possible any more, most of all I have equipment on 30' trailers for work with I need every inch of Sand Hill Road to get it to my house. If the wire was ran under ground this would be a better alternative. This project is also going to have a huge environmental impact on wildlife in this Area please address these concerns.



Kimi Worrell < kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

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## Fwd: Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project Considerations

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To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

Hello Ms. Lisa Orsaba,

My name is Elizabeth A. Fischer, and this is an e-mail letter to urge consideration of all the following issues regarding the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E, and address all questions and concerns in this matter.

I have been a resident of Pleasant Valley Road since 1964, and with the possible exception of one other person, I believe I have been here longer than anyone else! Throughout the years, I have seen many changes to

Pleasant Valley and our sister valley, Day Valley. I have seen hundreds of people move in, and lands developed. And, although the pristine landscape that once was is no more, the area somehow has retained much of it's rustic beauty and bucolic charm. I love it here, and can't imagine living anywhere else on Earth. I've always felt extremely lucky and, yes, blessed to call Pleasant Valley my "home." That is why I have chosen to write and present these matters before the California Public Utilities Commission.

Allowing a project of this magnitude in our small, quaint little valley would devastate what remains of our beautiful, natural landscape forever, destroy wildlife habitats, throw our delicate ecosystem out of balance, and adversely effect our environment and the quality of life in our community.

Please scrutinize the real need for this project and the reasons Pleasant Valley and Day Valley were chosen for Project 115 kV. Require PG&E to submit a record of all power outages in this area for the past ten years and the cause of each outage. In other words, supply a specific list of how many outages on Pleasant Valley and Day Valley Road were due to a weather event, downed power lines, human error, power grid blackout. PG&E must also provide a complete list of all alternate locations for this project, other potential staging sites, and different routes and plans also being considered.

List alternative construction materials, make design plans known to the public, and give equal consideration to all transmission poles. Include plans for power lines to be installed underground

instead. Explore the option of using existing lines and upgrading systems that are already in place. Examine the need and reason for any upgrade in the first place.

FULLY INVESTIGATE the impact this project would have on our aging 1950s water system and pipes, and how a project of this scope would affect the purity, safety, reliability of our water supply. Address the matter of decreased water pressure to the homes in our valley due to the increased burden on the water pipes. Also explore from a fire defense point of view. Find the capacity of Central Water District's system and survey the strain on our water infrastructure. Research the effects of water leaching into our ground from old pipes, and the toxins and pollutants in our ground water, and a contingency plan in the event this huge project causes our water mains to burst. I, for one, can survive for a long time without electricity and cell phone access. I cannot live ONE DAY without reliable, safe water. The Central Water District MUST BE consulted in this matter.

Examine the increased threat of fire to our neighborhood due to more activity, construction, installation of power lines and towers, equipment, electric stuff, human error. Also, the proposed "Staging Area" at the corner of Hames Road and Pleasant Valley poses a huge fire danger in itself, and happens to be located at Pleasant Valley's ONLY EXIT. Is there an emergency evacuation plan in place? I want to see it. Who will be responsible for defending our lives and homes against a blaze? Who will be responsible and compensate us for loss of property/life due to a fire caused by PG&E? I want to see their emergency plans for us. This entire proposal is a dangerous recipe for an environmental disaster of epic proportions. Add the drought-like conditions we are experiencing to the mix, and 115 kV could easily bring catastrophe and/or loss of life to our area. The Department Of Forestry and local fire departments MUST be contacted and consulted in this matter.

Speak to the loss of wildlife, their habitat, destroying hundreds of trees, and stomping on a very large swatch of land to erect these giant towers. Address the very real and very negative impact to our neighborhood, the loss of life and home to thousands and thousands of creatures, and the ramifications of this loss to our precious ecosystem. The Department Of Fish and Wildlife MUST be consulted in this matter.

Specify the effect this proposed project would have on our local agricultural lands, both commercial and private, and the organic and non-organic farmers that operate in this area. Explain to the organic farmers who depend on their organic status to make a living why they will be losing that status, and are being put out of business. Justify destroying our micro economy because of the activity and pollutants PG&E has brought into our environment. Answer the home farmers' questions about the safety of their produce grown for the family's consumption. Think of the other agriculture-based businesses, too, and how their livelihoods will be threatened or destroyed in the process. The Department Of Agriculture MUST be consulted in this matter.

Determine the amount of pollutants, carbon-based emissions, toxins, waste, dust, dirt, and other seen and invisible debris that will be released into our closed environment over the course of a year due to increased traffic, humans, work vehicles, trucks of all sizes, gas powered engines of all types, and helicopters. Review the effect these pollutants will have on our air quality, the effect on the vegetation and whatever wildlife is left, and the short and long term health consequences of this type of exposure to the residents as a result of these emissions.

The Environmental Protection Agency MUST be consulted in this matter.

Please study the impact on traffic to our area as a result of Project 115 kV. Reveal any plans to avoid gridlock, congestion, delays and unsafe bottle necks at the intersection of Hames Road and Pleasant Valley Road as a result of work vehicles, trucks, helicopters, etc. to the area. Again, present and describe any plans to avoid these problems and deal with any emergencies and/or project related incidents.

Please also inspect any plans to repair and replace our old roads that will sustain heavy long-term use and damage caused by PG&E's heavy equipment and other vehicles. Conduct research about the infrastructure of all the surrounding roads that will be used in this proposal. Caltrans and The Department Of Transportation MUST be consulted regarding this matter.



Please examine the noise level that this project will bring to our valley and the effect of sustained high decibels, will have on the quality of our lives. This high volume intrusion will be more than just a slight inconvenience, it will make every day life unbearable. It will make going outside nightmare. Pleasant Valley is unique in so many ways, one being the shape of the valley itself. The lay of this land acts like a natural amphitheater. It is easy to hear the ocean eight miles away. One can hear traffic and music on Day Valley Road. We can hear the football games at Aptos High School. The train when running. Music and parties. Vehicles a mile down the road. Frogs from halfway down the valley. Conversations of people speaking in a normal voice a quarter mile away. It's a natural audio phenomenon. Planes and choppers flying at a normal height are REALLY LOUD. The deafening sound levels from the cargo helicopters incoming and outgoing six days a week, ten hours a day, combined with the noises coming from the construction site, and the "staging area" would be devastating and create a war-like atmosphere. I want to see a flight plan for these cargo helicopters.

I am requesting that an Acoustic Engineer be consulted and do a noise impact report similar to those done for areas surrounding airports, and test the DB levels of noise produced by the helicopters and all on site vehicles.

The FAA would have to be consulted in the matter.

I strongly urge the CPUC to fully investigate the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project, and I know that the PUC is required to exercise due diligence, and examine every aspect of this matter. I also request that this letter be taken very seriously, all points made be addressed, and my letter be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

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Date: February 18, 2014

Marco and Elizabeth Romanini  
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February 17, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of our bucolic neighborhood. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and the community values. There are many important issues the EIR must adequately address:

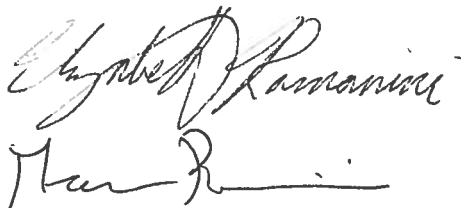
- Impact of removing trees and wildlife habitat – identify which trees will be removed and how this removal will affect the areas aesthetics, wildlife, and community values. The affected areas are wooded bucolic neighborhoods home to wildlife such as hawks, cougars, bobcats, coyotes, deer as well as smaller creatures like songbirds, salamanders etc. The impact to these and other wildlife in the area must be precisely cataloged through out the year in order to correctly asses the impact this project may have.
- Impact to the water supply – identify how this project will not affect the ability for local water companies to deliver safe and reliable drinking water. Central Water District has a very frail water supply system, one that may be vulnerable to leaks as well as contaminants intrusion. This area cannot be left without its water supply system; therefore the EIR must demonstrate how this fundamental utility will not be affected both during and after construction.
- Impact to the watershed – identify how the addition of new treated wooden poles, the cement bases of the TSPs, and the removal of vegetation with in 30 feet of the TSPs will affect the area watershed. This area is a crucial part of the county's water recharge system, the presence of treated wood poles may cause chemical to leach into the ground and thus into the county's water supply. Furthermore, the addition of 100 square foot bases for each of the many TSPs will prevent recharge in that area. Finally, the clear cutting of all vegetation in a 30 foot radius around the TSP may cause erosion which will further damage our water supply. Each of these issues needs to be studied and addressed in the EIR.
- Impact to farmland – identify the effects this project will have on organic, as well as non-organic farms, in and near the affected area. There exist organic and non-organic farms that will have TSPs these TSPs are anchored in 3000 cubic feet of cement, which contains many contaminants including ley. The EIR must study and address the issue of contamination of our farmland.
- Alternative routes – “under CEQA, a ‘reasonable alternative’ is one that could feasibly accomplish most of the basic objectives of the project and could avoid or substantially lessen one or more of the significant effects of the project”; However, the PEA states the “objective

of the project is to add a second 115 kV circuit between Green Valley Substation ...". This is not an objective, this is a proposed solution to a yet unstated problem. The EIR should restate, or require PG&E to restate, the objective not in terms of a solution but rather in terms of what problem is being solved. Once this is done more alternative solutions to the problem will surface and will need to be evaluated. This is evidenced in the fact that the original PTC and MND showed 5 alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. Furthermore, in the PEA PG&E alludes to the objecting being met by adding a circuit from Cupertino to Davenport and finally to Rob Roy. Clearly this implies the objective is not as stated by PG&E. All alternatives must be considered, explored, and included.

- Alternative materials – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan. Recently PG&E upgraded a circuit on Soquel Drive between Trout Gulch Rd and Freedom Boulevard. This upgrade was performed using existing infrastructure. This points out their ability to perform such upgrades without the need for a massive impact to existing communities. The EIR needs to address the alternative of using less impacting construction such as poles more inline with the existing 45' wooden distribution poles and the 65' wooden transmission poles.
- Current alignments – identify reasons for not utilizing existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69' wood poles to 100' TSP. This is an already developed county and there already exists many easements for such projects. The EIR must investigate and address the need for new infrastructure rather than the utilization of the existing one.
- Due diligence – in planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact Central Water District. I request the PUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed. This due diligence should not just be limited ensuring that all utility companies have been notified, but also to ensuring that all affected parties are notified. There are several concerned citizens who sent letters of concern to the PUC during the comment period of the Draft MND who were assured they would be included in all future correspondence of this project. Yet many were not notified of the Notice of Preparation of an EIR. This MUST be rectified immediately.
- Need for project – given the potential ramification of this project it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Elizabeth Romanini'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Marco Romanini'.



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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25 Sakata Lane Watsonville CA

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Fabio Baum &lt;Fabio.Baum@unionbank.com&gt;

Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 4:55 PM

To: "santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com" &lt;santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com&gt;

Union Bank owns the property at 25 Sakata Lane Watsonville CA shown as a contractors yard on p14 of the maps. Can you please put me in touch with the manager of the sub station in Watsonville that is adjacent to the subject if possible or other project manager at PGE?

Fabio G. Baum CFA  
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Thank you.



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## Fwd: Written Comments for Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project

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Lisa Orsaba

California Public Utilities Commission

c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.

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17 February, 2014

RE: Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

Please accept these comments regarding the Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly affect the proposed area(s) in several ways: potential for adverse effects to the landscape for both human and wild inhabitants; irreversible impacts to the local water supply; corruption of local farmlands; as well as

I request the California PUC investigate and address the following issues:

- ⑩ **Impacts due to tree removal** - identify the trees to be removed, how their removal will affect the landscape and local wildlife.

⑩• **Impacts to local water supplies** - identify how the project will not affect both local water companies as well as privately-held wells in providing safe and reliable drinking water.

● • **Impacts to local farmland** - identify how the project will affect both organic and non-organic farmlands in and near project site(s)

Other important aspects that must be adequately addressed:

●• **Use of alternative routes.** The original PTC and MND showed five (5) alternative routes and alluded to the existence of others. All alternative routes must be made known, considered, explored, and included in deliberations.

● **Use of alternative materials.** The proposed 100 ft. tall TSP, and the 89 ft. tall wood transmission poles are not currently in use in Santa Cruz county and are incongruent with the county plan. Alternative materials must be considered which are concordant with the landscape and neighborhood aesthetics.

●• **Use of current alignments.** Identify reasons for ignoring existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69 ft. wood poles to 100 ft. TSP.

●• **Due diligence.** In planning for this project, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact the Central Water District. I request the PUC ensure all required due diligence has been performed related to this project.

• **Necessity for project.** Given potential ramifications to the local community, it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate necessity for the project. The demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.

I respectfully request that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

*Frances Basich Whitney*

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**Fwd: Santa Cruz 115 kv Reinforcement Project**1 message

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Cc: Lisa Orsaba < [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com) >

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

While I believe providing reliable power is a worthy objective I have serious concerns that the negative impact on our community during construction and following completion of a project of this magnitude would greatly outweigh any benefit to Santa Cruz County residents. I do not feel that PG&E has done due diligence exploring all of the alternatives to this plan. Such a project seems far more suitable along multi-lane thoroughfares through commercial zoning rather than through a rural residential neighborhood and an agricultural preserve.

Our roads are narrow and curvy with little to no shoulder and they are already in disrepair from deferred maintenance. They are used not only by residents but by cyclists and visitors coming to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and to visit the wonderful wineries in the area.

How will this project impact the morning and evening commute and the enjoyment of recreational visitors to our area?

There is a proposed staging area in an apple orchard at Pleasant Valley and Hames Rd. which would include a helipad for moving these massive poles over our properties.

How will public safety be ensured?

What will be the impact on the wildlife and livestock in our area?

How will our groundwater be protected from contaminants?

The proposed 100 ft. power poles require much larger pads and much greater clearance around them.

How will the removal of so many trees and the greater visibility of these huge poles impact the natural beauty of our area?

How will the presence of large helicopters and the existence of these new poles affect the ability of Cal Fire to respond to any wildfires in our area?

These are just a few of the questions I have about the viability of this project in our community. I hope that all of the concerns from our area residents will be carefully and thoroughly addressed.

Thank you.

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Lisa Orsaba  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I believe that the following points should be addressed in a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report on the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement project proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric.

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# SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

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To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba

Re: P. G. &amp; E

Santa Cruz Company's Santa Cruz 115-kv reinforcement project

A-12-01-012

February 16, 2014

I live at 415 Aptos Ridge Circle, Watsonville, Ca. 95076

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I strongly object to the proposed Southern Alignment.

The proposed 115 kv line installed on 105 ft. high poles would require an entirely new easement.

1. The Southern Alignment passes over the "Larkin's Valley Calabazas Refuge" a FEDERALLY protected area to safeguard the nearly extinct Long Toed Salamander. As well as the Red Leg Frog, also severely endangered. Any work whatsoever in the area will disrupt the habitat and may cause the extinction of a rare species. The Federal Rules governing the refuge does not even allow people to walk through the area. Any accident during the installation or if there is ever a failure due to landslide or earthquake which would cause the lines to fall into the refuge could end the existence of a species. I am in the compiling a list of agencies who can help with this. We will also be contacting the federal agency that does the permitting. Your lines are going over my property which has 2 ponds on it 1 of them is breeding pond for the salamander and large variety of frogs. Your lines are less than 100 feet from this pond.

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3. The new easement and the 105 ft poles would require the removal of several hundred large trees including endangered oaks, costal redwoods and others.

4. The trees being removed currently provide nesting areas for Owls, Hawks, Eagles and other birds which may be protected.

5. The area along the Southern Route near White Rd. Contains several other wetland areas which the Federal Environmental Protection Laws and State Laws required to be set aside to protect the Long Toed Salamanders and others which are endangered. There is currently a population of these inhabiting these areas. All of the wetlands in these areas must be delineated and protected totally!

6. These protected creatures move between the Federal Refuge and the other habitats and require an undisturbed environment to survive. They can not be moved or relocated. There are simply too few to risk a major project such as you propose.

7. The new lines will protrude into the protected SCENIC CORRIDOR the effected homeowners were forced by law to limit their home size and color and plant trees to protect the view. I have pictures of what this looks like and will have them published. This entrance into Santa Cruz would be a disgusting disgrace. I have been talking to people they feel the same way about the corridor.

8. There are very delicate groundwater recharge areas along the route.

There is a permanent and serves as water shortage in the area. Recharge areas allow water which travels along shallow clay layers and re enters the aquifer in certain spots. If pg & e punctures these shallow layers they can permanently destroy the recharge areas.

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which did not have any of the problems listed above. This list does not discuss the cost of lawsuits which all of the effected homeowners will file once pg & e tries to get the easement. Or the potential lawsuits which will be filed by nearby owners will file once they realize their property values have been severely lowered. All of these costs will be paid by the customers of PG& E. You must consider these unnecessary expenses.

10. There a several active slide areas in this area. The White Rd. and Aptos Ridge have had to be filled and repaved several times.

Please consider the above and please keep in mind that we have only had 2 weeks to become educated on the issues. Whereas the other route has had 2 years. Once the people along the southern Alignment are told by us or by newspaper articles which will soon begin appearing I'm sure you will get many more letters.

Sincerely, Gay Nichols



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RE: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Please find below a copy of the letter sent to each of the CPUC's five commissioners.  
We are also directing this letter to you, as you requested.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ross Audino

**Text of Letter:**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled at PG&E's incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading approaches and methods in "planning" the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project.

I am deeply concerned that this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of our bucolic neighborhood. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values.

**We urge you to complete an accurate Environmental Impact Report that addresses all scoping issues identified by any and all concerned citizenry, and we urge you further to complete due democratic diligence and notify ALL impacted citizenry and not just the landowners living within 300' of the proposed new PG&E poles, using an outdated CPUC "rule." It is patently apparent that most if not all of the addresses within the Green Valley, Amesti, Pioneer, Corralitos, Day Valley, Hames, Pleasant Valley, Valencia, Larkin Valley, and Aptos communities affected by this plan NEED and SHOULD be notified.**

The Draft IS/MND acknowledged the presence of endangered fauna and flora in numerous spots along the proposed project, namely – the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, the white-tailed kite, the bald eagle, bats, the dusky-footed woodrat, the Monterey spineflower, the Monterey pine, California oaks.

Yet, the Study then alleged that it will successfully relocate and replant all affected species.

Interestingly, in Chapter Five of its PEA, PG&E alleged that the shorter Southern Alignment was not a viable route because it had known Santa Cruz long-toed salamander breeding pools.

If the Northern Alignment has the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander living along its stretch as well, in wet, creek areas – then this area is also, similarly to the Southern Alignment, not a viable option.

The Santa Cruz long-toed salamander cannot be successful relocated and protected amidst gross construction related displacements along the Northern Alignment route, but then that same salamander protected in similar circumstances along the Southern route.

PG&E also cited the fact that the Southern Alignment disturbs the federally endangered robust spineflower, and this makes the route unviable. Alternatively, how is it more acceptable for PG&E to make claims that a threatened plant like the Monterey spineflower, which occurs along the Northern alignment, is better to disturb?

**I request that the EIR address the impact of all proposed routes on all threatened and/or endangered flora and fauna.**

Another contradiction is the statement that along the Southern Alignment route, there would be extensive tree removal. There is also extensive tree removal along the Northern Alignment route.

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The original draft of the Study actually included a proposal to re-landscape around the poles to mitigate their impact on vistas, but then PG&E eliminated this proposal as “unfeasible.”

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**I request that the CPUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed.**

In terms of impacts to the local water supply – I am aware that the Water Department, which PG&E and the CPUC did not contact – is concerned about old steel pipes sharing setbacks with the new poles, and the possibility of new poles leaching unsafe chemicals into the water table.

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I am concerned about the 100' TSP high above the natural tree line becoming a hazard to ariel fire fighting resources/equipment in the event of a wild land fire.

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I am also aware that local organic farms and other farm owners are panicked, knowing that this project will negatively affect their efficacy.

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Finally, I am aware that recently, only a few days after the deadline to submit comments to the CPUC about PG&E's Draft IS/MND, my neighborhood on Bollinger Place had a "power outage." I personally witnessed the problem, which was due to gopher activity under the neighborhood's junction box, which caused flooding and shorted the line.

**Given the potential ramifications of this project, it is incumbent upon PG&E/CPUC to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must clarify how many of the local power outages are due to local problems as described above and how of them are actually due to infrastructural concerns. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.**

Also, the PG&E's Draft IS/MND Study limited the definition of scenic or aesthetically pleasing to what people experience in a car while driving down the road in a given number of seconds.

America's scenic roads are not experienced exclusively in a car or in seconds. The Study acknowledges this by stating that "a scenic vista is a distant public view along or through an opening of corridor that is valued for its scenic quality." People walk, run,

bike, and live daily and nightly looking out across these roads – and measure the quality of their life by that inimitable span of quiet, greening, breathing, rising valley.

The valley bordered by Amesti, Pioneer, Corralitos, and Green Valley Roads, as well as the valley bordered by Day Valley, Cox, and Valencia Roads, and also the valley along Larkin Valley are lovely, quiet places, their apple orchards, berry farms, ranches, vineyards, and woodlands interlaced by green row crops and strawberry fields, and dotted by old barns and old California ranch homes.

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And although only low lying farm buildings dot the landscape, the Study claimed that there is other utility infrastructure.

Painters routinely paint the area, trying to make on canvas a poem of the valley's idiosyncratic, peaceful patchwork – but PG&E hired someone to calculate their alleged mediocrity.

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To Lisa Orsaba or TO IT MAY CONCERN:

The current towers and lines lie on the border of our property at 200 Marthas Way, Aptos and the access trail lies on a steep slope along the property border with easement for right of way to PG&E.

The proposed plan would potentially add new lines, raise the voltages dramatically, increase tower heights and widen the access trail.

Please see my comments as a concerned resident who is likely to be very adversely affected by this project.

I am very concerned about the impact of this project due to the following

- will be an eyesore on the spectacular views currently presented and will reduce my property value due to the increased tower heights, the added lines, increased voltages and the widened access trail
- the new construction activity is also going to have a negative impact on our local road, wildlife, vegetation which are already in a very fragile state and may never recover or need significant expense to restore.
- harmful effects on my family and pets due to stronger electromagnetic fields, the accompanying crackling noise and increased catastrophic risks that go along with the higher voltages proposed
- increased erosion due to the wider access trail proposed. We are already seeing the runoff from even occasional showers cause lots of erosion and debris accumulation in drainage channels.
- increased traffic and activity on a wider access trail will have negative impact on the local wildlife and vegetation. Previous maintenance activity has left piles of cut brush on my property and these remain a huge fire danger.
- the current trail lies along a trail used by many local wildlife and the increased activity from maintenance, the reduced cover from widening is bound to cause major disruption and further upset the ecological balance we currently struggle to maintain.
- in the longer term, the increased power availability is bound to hasten the congestion in the area and the faster degradation of this relatively pristine valley today.

I urge the PUC & PGE to factor in these concerns and modify the plan to address or mitigate.

Please let me know that you received these comments before the 5pm, 2/18/14 deadline. If you should have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,

Guadalupe Char  
200 Marthas Way  
Aptos CA 95003

[408 605 4681](tel:4086054681)



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

You may also submit comments to:  
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Fax: 650-373-1211  
Comments due February 18, 2014

Name: Dr. Thelmer Wkyle

Address: 780 BAKER RD, Aptos, CA 95023

Phone: (531) 684-9943

Email: thelmerwkyle@gmail.com

Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

While we know we need upgrades to the power here - (we ourselves are almost 100% solar) but we are concerned about the health effects of high voltage lines. Please include research findings from electromagnetic health.org; EMsafetynetwork.org; radiationeducation.com in your due diligence and address it in public feedback on your website so we know what we are dealing with. Thank you!



Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

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## Fwd: Upset Neighbor

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To: Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 7:42 AM

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Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 7:42 AM

Subject: Upset Neighbor

To: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

I'm very concerned about the impact the overhead power line project will have on our immediate community. My neighbors and I moved to this area specifically to get away from the eyesores and inconveniences that you are proposing. While I appreciate the product you deliver, I feel you can accomplish your goal in a less intrusive manner.

Sincerely,  
Henry Van Siclen  
Day Valley Homeowner



Kimi Worrell < kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

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## Fwd: Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project By Pacific Gas & Electric

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**Kristi Black** < kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>  
To: Kimi Worrell <kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 9:05 PM

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From: **Jacqueline** <[jmcateach@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcateach@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 8:48 PM  
Subject: Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project By Pacific Gas & Electric  
To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

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<[www.santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project By Pacific Gas & Electric

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental Inc  
1 Embarcadero Center #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I have been a resident of my home on Day Valley Road in Aptos for over forty years and I am still enjoying the beauty of this rare natural setting. The residents that live here have agreed to share this paradise with the many beautiful species of flora and fauna that also live here and the tourists that come to enjoy the beaches and forests. You will not find street lights nor sidewalks on this narrow winding road that leads to Cox Road, Valencia Road and Freedom Boulevard. The area is lush with mature trees and bush.

Bicyclists, runners and walkers are as common as the greenery found in this small lush valley during all seasons of the year. This area also supports Santa Cruz county which is known for its natural beauty. This beauty, which attracts visitors, is not man made but a gift that I hope



all people will see and experience forever. It is our job as citizens of the earth to appreciate and protect it. Sometimes people don't realize the importance of trees and bush which provide a natural cooling and cleaning system for the environment remembering to keep a safe place for the animals that live here until they have been cut down in the name of progress.

In the past forty years that I have lived here the planning dept has done a good job of making sure that this little quaint village of Aptos has remained small, beautiful and true to its natural origins and I am asking you to help us keep our small town natural because that is what is honest and true about it.

If P G & E want to help provide better service they must do so in a way that sustains people, animals and the beautiful natural environment. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Jacquelline Cooper

Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

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**Fwd: FW: Objecting to Santa Cruz 115 project::**

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Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 9:50 AM

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From: **james kahl** < [jeki38@msn.com](mailto:jeki38@msn.com) >

Date: Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 8:24 AM

Subject: FW: Objecting to Santa Cruz 115 project::

To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

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Ms. Lisa Orsaba

My names is:: James E. Kahl,  
We reside at 772 Aptos Ridge Ci  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
[831 684 0622](tel:831.684.0622)  
[760 455 9864](tel:760.455.9864) ( mobile)  
[jeki38@msn.com](mailto:jeki38@msn.com)

This e mail will serve as my objection of the PGE company's project "Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project" that PGE is contemplating to construct though through the residential area called Aptos Ridge.

It is my understanding that the original project was to go along: Cox Road, Day Valley Road, along the Freedom Blvd. corridor. apparently this route has been rejected and "Plan B" is going into affect. Please advise in detail what advantage there is to adding or substituting Aptos Ridge to the route.

If PGE continues with the Aptos Ridge Route, I am reserving the right to be provided with additional information that I may request.

Sincerely

James E. Kahl  
(760) 455-9864 (mobile)



February 18, 2014

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping phase for the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project. Please add the following issues for inclusion in the EIR.

**Fully explain the need for the project.**

Throughout the various published documents, the following are simply restated to justify the need for the project:

- increase system reliability and prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are overlapping outages in the existing local electricity supply system
- increase transmission system reliability in the Santa Cruz area during outages
- prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are overlapping outages in the existing local electricity supply system
- increase reliability and responsive support in the area during outages within the local system
- increase system reliability and prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are overlapping outages in the existing local electricity supply system
- improve the area electrical system's capacity and reliability

Common sense suggests that the above argument for a project of this scale is weak. The impacts of increased population and demand are briefly mentioned, but there is no supporting evidence. There has been essentially no argument made that the project is needed. Further, while the above refer only to the **local** system, we have been told that there are high demands in "the valley," and we are warned of rolling brown outs, which I have never experienced in my fifty-plus years living here.

Sincerely,

James M. Kerr  
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831-688-5677  
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Name: Jane P. Miller

Address: 1260 Day Valley Ridge

City: Aptos, CA 95003

Date: February 15, 831-684-593

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

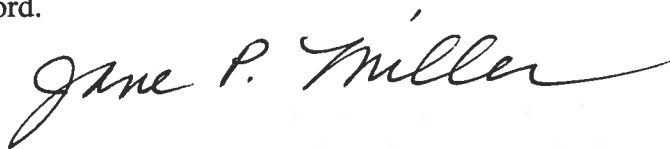
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- **Impact of removing trees and wildlife habitat** – identify which trees will be removed and how this removal will affect the areas aesthetics, wildlife, and community values.
- **Impact to the water supply** – identify how this project will not affect the ability for local water companies to deliver safe and reliable drinking water, preventing contaminants to ground water.
- **Alternative routes** – the original PTC and MND showed 5 alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. **All alternatives including underground, and no project need to be considered.**
- **Alternative materials** – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan.
- **Identify the need for this project with specifics**
- **Due diligence** – in planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact Central Water District. I request the PUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Miller



## Ken Stearns

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**From:** jcnken@cruzio.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 8:08 PM  
**To:** Ken Stearns  
**Subject:** [Fwd: Scoping of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Scoping of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E  
From: "JC Firth" <[jcfirth@cabrillo.edu](mailto:jcfirth@cabrillo.edu)>  
Date: Tue, 18 February, 2014 12:22 pm  
To: [kristi.black@panaramaenv.com](mailto:kristi.black@panaramaenv.com)

Dear Kristi...below is a copy of an email I sent on Monday, Feb. 17. I wanted to be sure that it was received as I have not gotten a confirmation.  
Thanks for your kind attention.  
...Janet Firth

Ms Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panarama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

February 17, 2014

Regarding: Scoping of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E.

Dear Ms Orsaba,

This email is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115KV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I live in Pleasant Valley, right in the center of this project. I am learning a great deal about the scope and magnitude of this project and I am very concerned about the impact this project will have on not only our peaceful valley, but on the whole surrounding area. I and my neighbors all live in this area because we value the natural landscape, wildlife, the rural lifestyle and the peacefulness. This project seems to be entirely in conflict with these values. I believe that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be most helpful in defining and addressing many of mine and my neighbors concerns. To do that I would like to request that the EIR adequately address the following:

Alternate Methods: Thoroughly explore and provide information about removing all the above ground wiring and move it underground. This would be consistent with the Santa Cruz County planning requirements and it would allow PG&E future expansion options should they be deemed necessary without the disruption above ground.

Wild Land Fire Safety: Identify how this project will impact the ability for California Department of Forestry and other fire fighting agencies to fight any wild land fires in this area. By extending the power poles to a much greater height, they may pose an obstacle and/or risk for helicopters carrying water bags fighting wild land fires. This could be eliminated if the wiring was put underground.

Impact on Wildlife and Their Habitat: Identify how this project will impact the wildlife in the area and what trees and other habitat will be removed, eliminated or destroyed to make way for this project.

Impact on the Community: Identify how this project will impact the people who live in this area, the community values and the area's aesthetics.

Alternate Landing Sites for Helicopters: Identify alternate sites for helipads during any construction. The Watsonville Airport is within a few miles of this entire route and could serve as the primary landing site rather than multiple "temporary" helipads carved out of the land which would further damage the environment.

Restoration of the Construction Site: Identify how the land where temporary construction sites such as helipads and construction storage areas or where the actual construction takes place or, if put underground, the trenching area would be put back to the way they were found. What materials and methods will be used to restore the landscape and the neighborhoods.

Alternate Routes: Identify any alternate routes for this project and address the same issues raised earlier in this email.

Size and Scope: Identify alternate methods and materials that could be used on this project to align this project more closely with what is already in place in Santa Cruz County. The size and height of these power poles appear to be inconsistent with any power poles that are currently in place in the County.

I respectfully request that the California Public Utilities Commission address these issues I have raised thoroughly and completely in the EIR for this project. Please submit my concerns and issues into the public record.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Respectfully,

Janet Firth  
427 Pleasant Valley Road  
Aptos, CA 95003  
(831) 345-0888



### **Fully explore all alternatives.**

The PEA considered four possible solutions, and then five power line corridor alternatives for the project. All of these, as well as any others previously contemplated, should be evaluated in greater detail in the EIR.

Per Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code, the project should “consider cost-effective alternatives to transmission facilities that meet the need for an efficient, reliable, and affordable supply of electricity, including, but not limited to, demand-side alternatives such as targeted energy efficiency, ultraclean distributed generation...and other demand reduction resources.” Ironically, much of the project area does not have natural gas service available. To reduce demand, **consider extending natural gas service where it is logical.** There should also be an analysis of the potential effectiveness of all other alternatives to reduce demand.

### **Be mindful of the importance that the Public Utilities Code places on Community Values.**

The Public Utilities Code and California law are clear in directing how the CPUC is to review and approve construction of utility facilities.

“It’s the dawn of a new era in transmission line planning in this state. In urban and suburban areas, we have to look anew at how we site transmission lines, and carefully weigh their role in fulfilling the state’s energy goals against their impact on community values.” – CPUC President Michael R. Peevey

### **Encourage the use of existing Rights-of-Way.**

The Garamendi Principles are statewide transmission siting policies that encourage the use of existing ROW by upgrading existing transmission facilities where technically feasible and economically justifiable. The project as proposed in the IS/MND, whereby a new 115-kV circuit is constructed along the Cox-Freedom segment seems inconsistent with prudent transmission planning and the Garamendi Principles to maximize use of the existing easement corridor where practicable.

**Provide** complete engineering and design information, a project implementation plan (with a detailed timetable) that describes how the project will be constructed, a cost estimate that includes the costs of financing, construction, and operation, a cost analysis comparing the project with alternatives and including the financial impact of the proposed construction, and a design and construction management and cost control plan.

**Specify** a “reasonable and prudent” maximum cost for the project.

Consider undergrounding the project, consistent with the County of Santa Cruz General Plan.

Where applicable, set all new poles, and relocate existing poles, back from the edge of the existing paved roadway five to ten feet, but not less than five feet, to allow a safe shoulder for pedestrians and bicyclists, and to lessen the likelihood of motor vehicles striking the poles.

Where applicable, perform at least rough grading and build retaining walls as necessary, to allow a safe shoulder for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Where applicable, set all new poles and relocate existing poles so that they do not impede drainage, particularly alongside roadways.

The lack of critical information in the MND and the poor quality of the project maps provided to date makes it impossible to understand elements of the project that will have the greatest impact on people. Provide survey or other data as follows:

- Provide a tree schedule and legible maps that identify specific trees that are proposed for removal.
- Provide a pole schedule and legible maps that identify the heights and specific locations of each pole.
- Provide data and legible maps that show where existing and proposed poles are located within the existing easement for utilities.
- Provide a list of specific locations that may require easement expansion.

Meet with Santa Cruz County Public Works to develop a plan acceptable to Public Works, to ensure that County roads are left in good condition. Many local roads are in poor condition; heavy equipment required for the project will likely cause damage.

Consult with Central Water District and private well owners along the project corridors. Identify how the project will not affect the delivery of safe and reliable drinking water.

Meet with those representing the interests of the farming and ranching communities to identify the effects this project will have on their activities.

Please also refer to my previous letter (attached) of December 6, 2013, which includes my comments on the Draft IS/MND.



Kristi Black <kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>

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## Santa Cruz Reinforcement Project

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Jeanne shimizu <jshimizu@charter.net>  
To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Sat, Feb 15, 2014 at 11:57 AM

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Jean Shimizu  
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February 14,2014

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My major consideration is the power pole at the right of my road, Sand Hill Rd. That pole will be increased by 50 FEET! Who is going to reinforce that hill where the depth will have to be increased and what is going to happen to the road if/when you start excavating?! Who is going to pay for that invasion???The right turn onto Cox Rd is already minimal. If major changes which will have to happen if you change the pole, then a right turn off Sand Hill Road onto Cox will probably be impossible. The impact on traffic and road deterioration from increased traffic on that part of Cox Road will be major. This has to be addressed.

There are alternative routes and underground possibilities. Consider them!

Really Is this project necessary for our area? There have been no major outages that have happened in many years, other than from accidents, .Why are you really proceeding with this?A major consideration.  
Sincerely, Jean Shimizu

Jean Shimizu  
125 Sand Hill RD  
Aptos, Ca 95003  
February 14,2014

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Date: 2/15/14

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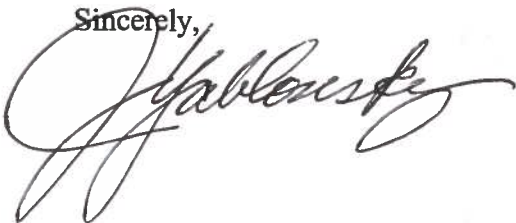
Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of our bucolic neighborhood. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and the community values. There are many important issues the EIR must adequately address:

- Impact of removing trees and wildlife habitat – identify which trees will be removed and how this removal will affect the areas aesthetics, wildlife, and community values.
- Impact to the water supply – identify how this project will not affect the ability for local water companies to deliver safe and reliable drinking water.
- Impact to farmland – identify the effects this project will have on organic, as well as non-organic farms, in and near the affected area.
- Alternative routes – the original PTC and MND showed 5 alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. All alternatives must be considered, explored, and included.
- Alternative materials – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan.
- Current alignments – identify reasons for not utilizing existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69' wood poles to 100' TSP.
- Due diligence – in planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact Central Water District. I request the PUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed.
- Need for project – given the potential ramification of this project it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,



P.S.

I have greatly enjoyed my daily walks for the last 30+ years in my rural neighborhood. Not only am I rewarded with native flora and fauna throughout the seasons, but I also feel more connected to my neighbors waving and conversing with those who are out in their yards.

Thus the impact on wildlife and human quality of life is of utmost concern to me!



Josip Madar  
420 Aptos Ridge Circle  
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email: kkristic@gmail.com  
February 17, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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**RE: EIR- PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am concerned that this project will adversely affect all those who live in the area as well as those who visit or pass through our majestic area. The project would diminish the quality of life for thousands of residents. Laws are in place to protect our precious environment and to protect endangered species and habitats. PG&E has shown careless disregard for our residents and environment by proposing this mammoth project. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, the ground water supply, wildlife habitats, and the community values and brings into question the safety of the residents. The following are important issues the EIR must adequately address:

- Our home is located in the Hwy 1 Coastal Scenic Corridor. The EIR should address how a project of this magnitude will impact the Coastal Scenic Corridor which by law protects the dramatic views on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route.
- Address the affects of the project on highway noise as a result of tree and shrub removal.
- Investigate the impact and possible contamination of the limited drinking water supply for both humans and wildlife.
- Address the impact the poles will have on the water source for the indigenous wildlife. Part of the proposed path will be directly on top of existing ponds and water supplies for animals. With an ever dwindling number of grey foxes and Santa Cruz County Three-Toed Salamanders the destruction of the already limited water poses a threat to their existence.
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- Gas line runs through our Aptos Ridge (Aptos Hills) property approximately 100 feet from our home; in 2011 the CPUC found it unsafe due to pressure on line running above legal limits after the San Bruno explosion; it is also located below utility lines. Does this gas line cross the San Andreas Fault, if so at what point? What measures will be implemented to ensure people's safety in addition to what is listed in the October 18, 2013 **Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**? Is the Aptos Hills gas line seamless or welded? It is part of public record that PG&E's recordkeeping continues to be negligent and that the CPUC has been apathetic in its oversight. How often does the CPUC audit PG&E's records to insure that the transmission lines are not running in excess of the allowable 10% above legal limits?
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Sincerely,

  
Josip Madar



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## PG&E Letter

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Karell Reader <readers@cruzio.com>

Sat, Feb 15, 2014 at 1:30 PM

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Hello Lisa,

I am attaching my letter to your office and will mail a hard copy, as well.

Thank you for working on this project. We all hope for a mutual solution.

Karell Reader



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February 15, 2014

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Re: PG&E 115KV Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

I am a major landowner in Pleasant Valley where my family has farmed for over 100 years. I was quite disturbed to hear about the proposed project installing a 115KV circuit connecting the Green Valley substation in Watsonville with the Rob Roy substation in Aptos. How PG&E attempted to obscure their plans from the public was appalling.

My family has worked this last century to protect the natural beauty and quality of the environment in Pleasant Valley and keep open space for the wildlife to thrive. Now, it appears that PG&E has the ability to cause irreversible harm to everything we have attempted to protect. Before PG&E is permitted to move forward with their plans, there needs to be a thorough Environmental Impact Report written and reviewed.

The rural area is characterized by pastoral farming operations framed by homes and would be completely disrupted by industrial looking steel towers and power lines. My new tenants are spending thousands to restore our family's vintage barn and repurposing it as a wine tasting venue, promoting their wonderful locally produced wines from our grapes. It would hardly serve to have their neighborhood-friendly operation thwarted by the constant hum of wires or the degradation of the view scape with massive towers. Our livelihoods are dependent on the ability to farm and market our products in a peaceful, scenic locale. Another alternative needs to be seriously considered.

We have encouraged a healthy population of Golden Eagles in the Valley. They fly freely and unhindered from one end of the Valley to the other, hunting the small rodents that live on the perimeters of the farms, vineyards and orchards. These eagles often soar in pairs and on rare occasions, in groups, over the Valley. Five of them circled our home the day that my father was buried. It would be a horrible shame to endanger these magnificent residents of our skies. There would need to be mitigations for these and the other wildlife that live in the Valley. They are all needed to keep a balance of nature.

Construction for this kind of project is a temporary inconvenience, but often there are roads built and fences and foundations that permanently damage and disrupt the natural contours of the land and hydrology. This can change the ecology of the location and create negative impacts on the wildlife habitat and grazing and migration patterns. The construction noise, traffic and dust are annoying, but more permanent damage can be created if engineers are thoughtless or contractors are careless. It would be preferable to the towers and overhead lines to explore an underground option.

Please, do everything possible to see that the EIR is complete and considers all the ramifications of the project and all the alternatives. The destruction of a beautiful place unnecessarily is wasteful. We are depending on you to protect us, the environment and all we have worked for.

Sincerely,

Karell Reader



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**Fwd: Our neighborhood**

1 message

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Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 3:23 PM

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Subject: Our neighborhood

To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

February 18 , 2014

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

Please consider these points with santacruz115kproject.

The proposed line is one and a half mile from the Loma Preita epicenter. The earthquake of 1989 caused major destruction to the poles. Our soil is sand and the proposed poles are 90-110 feet tall. This is a danger of unknown proportion.

The Central water district has concern that contamination of our water system is possible with the present plan

We have lived in our present home for 27 years. We have enjoyed our location because of the beautiful trees and natural setting. We spend 75 percent of our relaxation time outside. With the proposed plan we will have three 90-110 foot poles obstructing our view. With that large of lines there is a constant noise factor also. Our way of life will be permanently altered for the worse.

It is my understanding that underground lines can be requested. I propose that this is a better plan for the entire community. We are in a drought . Underground lines would be better for fire hazard.

Helicopters will be used to install the proposed project. This is an agricultural area with an abundance of livestock and wildlife. There are several organic farms.. Fuel spills and noise pollution will alter the environment dramatically.

Our roads are narrow and curved. We still are utilized by many walker and bike riders. Will PG&E widen the roads and install walking paths. The proposed line will take away more of the area available for these activities.

Over a hundred trees are proposed to be removed. This will disrupt our environment dramatically. One of the trees close to the proposed line is over 100 years old. These trees can not be replaced. Planting saplings elsewhere is not a viable solution.

I would like to see the actual proposed cost analysis for the proposed plan and one for an underground plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully ,  
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February 18, 2014

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I would like to advise the board of several criteria that impact our neighborhood with project santacruz115vproject.

We are 1.5 miles from the Loma Preita earthquake epicenter. Many of the P.G. and E poles fell during the 1989 earthquake. The poles are scheduled to be installed are 90- 110 ft tall. The soil that is present in our immediate neighborhood is sand. This is a danger to the people who live in the area.

The Central Water district has mentioned that the infrastructure of our water district is vulnerable to contamination from the present project plan. Many of the pipes are very old and will be disturbed. A new infrastructure should be considered .

It is my understanding that helicopters will be used to install the project. We will be at risk for excessive noise and contamination from fuel spills. This is a farm and agriculture area. The horses and livestock will be put at risk. We have an abundance of wildlife. Those animals will also have their environment disrupted.

Our roads are very narrow and curved. This is an area that is used by many bikers , walkers and nature lovers. How will the new poles impact this usage? Will there be trails installed and a widening of the streets?



We have lived at this address for 27 years. Our families have been raised and the neighborhood has remained consistent. The outdoor living that we have enjoyed will be greatly impacted. From our deck we will see three 110 foot poles. The noise that this amount of power creates will change the peacefulness that we presently cherish. One hundred plus trees are scheduled to be removed. It does not help us to have trees planted elsewhere in the removed trees place. One of the trees that is dangerously close to the proposed line is over 100 years old.

In the 27 years that we have lived here we have had possibly 3-4 outages from storms. They were usually fixed within a 24 hour window of time. I understand that PG&E is wanting to upgrade the infrastructure. I believe that all the information concerning this has not been disclosed. I would like to have a copy of the intention and purpose of this project. I would also like to have a cost analysis of the project as proposed and if it was put underground. I would also like to see proposed profit charts.

It is my understanding that our community can request that this project be put underground. We are in a serious drought in California. Fire danger is very high. I would like to know the boards ideas on comparison of fire hazard of the proposed above ground lines and underground lines.

Thank you for your time in considering these issues. Please feel free to e-mail me your response.

Respectively,

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To: Lisa Orsaba  
Calif. Public Utilities Commission

2/12/14

As an elder person who lives in the area which would be heavily impacted by the proposed project of PG&E to put in new transmission lines with huge poles (unlike anything else required in the entire county), I am distressed that many reasonable questions about this project remain unanswered. I have been to meetings of neighbors, and also the one in Corralitos run by Panorama Environmental Inc. but nothing was said about why PG&E feels the need to do this enormous project in a rural area with a settled community. I did not feel alternatives were presented e.g. what is the consequence, if any, of not doing the project, or of doing a smaller, scaled back project, say, with ordinary poles not requiring helicopters for installation or causing so much disruption to the local human and animal populations. Also, have alternate routes for the transmission lines been examined?

Have there been any studies done with regard to the safety of these 100 foot structures? We have had some severe windstorms & lightning storms over the years. Has the danger point for a 100 foot tall slender structure been determined <sup>or</sup> and taken into consideration?

Lastly, I understand the plan includes the cutting down of a number of trees. Has the total number and locations of these trees been determined and the impact such removal will have on birds & animals?

I hope that the PUC, an agency responsible for the well being and safety of local citizens, will make sure that these questions will be dealt with before such a plan could move forward -

Dr. Katherine Brink





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**Fwd: EIR**

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Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 9:03 PM

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Subject: EIR

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This is regarding the scoping of the EIR Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV reinforcement Project by PG&E

1) Are there any Federal agencies or Federal money involved in this project, and if so, wouldn't that require a National Environmental Quality Act review process instead of a California Environmental Quality Act review process?

2) If the proposed alternative mitigation of underground portions of the Cox-Freedom segment is implemented, how will this impact our underground utilities such as water pipes? Can this project avoid those pipes?

3) Perform an atheistic evaluation of the project which was not done in the initial study.

4) Analysis and determine the increase of power needs of the Cox R,d Day Valley area stipulated by PGE

*request that the PUC investigate and address these issues and that my concerns be entered into the permanent records.*

*Thank You, Katherine Gleaton*

15 Feb 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

We are writing to express our deep concerns about plans put forward by PG&E to alter the power towers and lines in our neighborhood.

The area is one of rolling, heavily treed hills, vineyards, small farms, and rural neighborhoods. The existing poles are wood, and have apparently been in place a long time, as trees and bushes have grown up around them, without compromising safety and access.

The proposal by PG&E to replace the existing 40' tall poles with much wider, taller, cement structures -- some the height of a 10' building -- will have a devastating impact on the residents of this country community as well as those driving through, enjoying the Corralitos Road scenic corridor, for example. The massive destruction of forested areas along the route will demolish flora that is home to our abundant wildlife. These poles would be an environmental and visual blight.

Why has there been no consideration of putting the existing poles underground? Newer neighborhoods, such as Day Valley's Forest & Meadows, elected to put all utilities underground -- a smart, environmentally appropriate choice for the area. The photo below is of Meadow Road in Forest & Meadows. The only power poles and lines you see are those from the existing 40' wood poles. Try to imagine the impact of replacing these with thicker, cement-colored, 110' poles with 4 to 5' wide bases, and heavier lines. Now imagine this bucolic scene without the poles and wires at all. Forever.



It is our understanding that PG&E's proposal is inconsistent with the Santa Cruz County General Plan. This alone should trigger the agencies involved to study alternatives that do not destroy the rural nature of our community while meeting the goals of PG&E.

Thank you for your time,

*Kathryn Hermansen*

Bruce and Kathryn Hermansen  
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Dear Lisa,

This email is regarding the scoping of the upcoming Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I live approximately 1 mile from the proposed section along Hames Road and regularly commute the Freedom Valley Road. Parts of these roads are targeted to be part of the project.

I have several concerns that have the Environmental Impact Report needs to address for this project.

1. A study of how aerial fire fighting resources will need to adapt to such a tall and long structure is critical to all residents in the region and must be addressed in the EIR. In other words, will this tall and long structure negatively affect the abilities of airplanes and helicopters to effectively fight fires? The fire control impacts on this project for the overall region must be researched to ensure that the community will not have a greater risk to their homes and properties than they currently have. The oak and eucalyptus forest did catch fire off of highway 1 near Buena Vista road several years ago. Several homes were lost and homes several miles away were on notice to evacuate. The area where my house is located was on notice to possibly evacuate. This fire occurred when the region wasn't in the drought conditions it is currently experiencing and the fire was located next to a highway where firefighting resources had excellent access to fight it. It is now mid- February and we have received about one third of the rainfall that we had last year at this time. This region is bone dry and even more at risk than ever.
2. The EIF must provide a thorough study on how these structures will aesthetically impact the region, not just the ground underneath the power lines and 300 feet on both sides of the poles. Does the structure reflect the goals of the community where it is being placed? Alternative shapes and even underground placement of the lines must be considered.
3. The scope and effects of the project will physically extend farther than 300 feet into the community so the EIR must reflect this fact and address this concern. Only a limited part of the community (located within 300 feet of the project) has been directly informed of the impacts they can realistically expect to experience.
4. It must be documented in the EIR how the project will meet the goals of the County Master Plan. This project involves installing several miles of 80-100

foot high power poles and multiple power lines that have never been installed anywhere in Santa Cruz county. Even large homes being considered for construction must pass certain county requirements and this project must be brought up for County approval.

5. The EIP must address how the construction, native vegetation removal, and subsequent maintenance of the proposed system will impact the diverse populations of wildlife and what actions will be taken to mitigate the impacts. We have diverse wildlife in the region that includes wild turkey, deer, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions. These and other animals will have their established habitats significantly impacted and clearly taking all measures to ensure we preserve the flora and fauna for future generations is appropriate and must be implemented.
6. The need for the project was stated to eliminate “rolling” blackouts such as in the past. In my 30 years in the county, past experiences on power losses were attributed to weather related issues or vehicle damage to power lines. PG&E has not brought forward the need to implement a project of this scale to the public before so it is prudent there is a detailed justification to prove their allegations.
7. The construction of this massive power line system will be a onetime event that will have significant impacts on the skyline and oak forest where it is placed. Once installed, changes to the environment, topography and visual panorama will be permanent. Alternates to installation must be investigated and the justification of the system must be offered to the community at large for approval.

I request that my concerns are reviewed and added to the public record.

Sincerely,  
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**RE: EIR- PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am concerned that this project will adversely affect all those who live in the area as well as those who visit or pass through our majestic area. The project would diminish the quality of life for thousands of residents. Laws are in place to protect our precious environment and to protect endangered species and habitats. PG&E has shown careless disregard for our residents and environment by proposing this mammoth project. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, the ground water supply, wildlife habitats, and the community values and brings into question the safety of the residents. The following are important issues the EIR must adequately address:

- Our home is located in the Hwy 1 Coastal Scenic Corridor. The EIR should address how a project of this magnitude will impact the Coastal Scenic Corridor which by law protects the dramatic views on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route.
- Address the affects of the project on highway noise as a result of tree and shrub removal.
- Investigate the impact and possible contamination of the limited drinking water supply for both humans and wildlife.
- Address the impact the poles will have on the water source for the indigenous wildlife. Part of the proposed path will be directly on top of existing ponds and water supplies for animals. With an ever dwindling number of grey foxes and Santa Cruz County Three-Toed Salamanders the destruction of the already limited water poses a threat to their existence.
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Sincerely,

  
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Lisa Orsaba,

Please submit the attached letter for EIR scoping suggestions. I would appreciate an email response that you are in receipt.

thank you,

Kristen Totah, ASID

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February 14, 2014

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This letter is to inform you of issues we want included in the scoping process of the Environmental impact report for the 115 kV reinforcement project by PG & E in Santa Cruz County. We want the following items addressed:

Helicopter landing pads at Pleasant Valley/Hames road Intersection:

- Impact on local farms, dust, noise and organic status of local farming businesses
- Impact of removal of bees kept on the staging property for local farmers (currently being moved to accommodate PG & E).
- Impact on local residents who board horses and livestock. There are numerous horse boarding and riding facilities up Pleasant Valley Road. How will those neighbors be compensated if horses need to be moved or if there are riding accidents as a result of the Helicopter noise.
- Access roads to this area: these also flank horse boarding facilities, and create more traffic and dust in otherwise rural areas.
- Pleasant valley road north of Hames road is essentially a 1 lane road with no shoulder and no center line- large trucks and increase traffic could cause car and pedestrian accidents
- Hames Road is a popular road for cyclists with no shoulder. Large trucks and equipment will only cause potential for accidents involving cyclists
- Dust from Helicopter activity- there are 3 pads planned- why do they need so many and how frequent do they anticipate them coming in and out? It appears that this staging area is not just for this section of the project, but rather for the entire line from Freedom to Green Valley Road- this is unacceptable for local residents to be burdened with this intrusion- it is like having an airport in our backyard.
- The effect of watering down the area prior to landing as proposed permeating the fuel down into our water supply-
- Why can they not use the Watsonville airport for refueling? Bringing fuel into this area during an unprecedented drought poses a threat to all residents. Watsonville airport is only a few miles away.
- Potential effect of fuel leakage into our water supply, and surrounding wildlife's limited drinking water- our system is old and vulnerable
- Effect of the Helicopter noise on local birds and wildlife. There are numerous nests in the area, eagles, hawks, and even Great Blue Heron who live on that property and eat gophers, voles, etc. Birders come to the area to take photos

- Pleasant Valley is a natural amphitheater- we can hear dirt bikes from a mile away. The Helicopter activity will create unacceptable noise levels for residents and frighten animals
- We want a more detailed list of ALL vegetation to be removed for this entire project- not just the 12" + diameter trees, and this needs to be reviewed in the EIR for impact on wildlife, threatened and migratory species, and aesthetic considerations for our view corridors.
- Most projects take at least twice as long as projected. How long do they intend to use this staging/maintenance area and for what sections of work? We have been informed that PG & E intends to use this area indefinitely as a stop between longer sections of proposed work up and down California. They are already contracting/directing work at this staging area without final approval- clipping trees, removing bee housing and clearing the property.
- What remediation will occur or be required after the project to remove all seepage of fuel, oil, and maintenance equipment from the valley? If this project proceeds we want a full evaluation of the property and subsequent remediation at PG & E's expense.
- When/how do they intend to remove the landing pads, fueling stations, access roads, and to what level are they going to bring it back to its original condition, if ever?
- Who holds PG & E accountable for excessive noise, trash and pollution impact to our area? Workers leaving their lunch trash, human waste removal, etc?
- WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NECESSARY WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OR IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE. WE HAVE HAD NO BROWN OUTS, OR BLACK OUTS THAT ARE NOT WEATHER RELATED OR ACCIDENT RELATED. THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF POWER TO OUR AREA, ESPECIALLY WITH THE INCREASE OF SOLAR POWER USAGE AND TITLE 24 REGULATIONS. THIS IS FOR PG& E TO INCREASE RATES, AND TO LEASE THEIR POLES TO CELLULAR AND CABLE COMPANIES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR PROFIT SPECIFICALLY SINCE THEY ARE MAKING LESS MONEY DUE TO TITLE 24. THIS IS A BIG BUSINESS RAPING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. DO NOT BE FOOLED! WE WANT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRUE MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS PROJECT!

Sincerely,

Kristen Totah



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Mon, Feb 3, 2014 at 2:51 PM

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One of the Panorama documents mentioned workers were restricted regarding smoking. The mere fact that this is mentioned makes me uneasy because of the deadly potential from fires especially now during our present drought conditions. Fires can quickly get out of control and they are terrifying. Unfortunately during the Trabing Fire we learned that Santa Cruz County lacks the infrastructure to move people away from the dangerous areas. Santa Cruz County was gridlocked for several hours during the Trabing Fire. At one point the fire spread to the median on Hwy 1 with cars at a standstill in both northbound and southbound lanes. You can understand my

concerns about the PG&E project regarding the fire issue considering high voltage lines and gas lines are involved. In fact one of the 3 toed salamander habitats on our property is in a wetland area next to the gas line.

I was never as thankful as I am now that the 3 toed salamanders resides on our property. Although I am not certain what it says about our society when these little creatures are valued more than the humans sharing the same space.

Thank you for your help in obtaining information from PG&E regarding the projected lines across our property.

Santa Cruz County Board Supervisor Chairman Zach Friend wrote today to let me know he had written PG&E for the list of roads involved in the Southern Alternative Route.

Please forgive this long letter but there is one more point that is important, it was touched upon when Craig and I spoke with you after the meeting on the 29th - Freedom Blvd is a direct and major route from Watsonville to Aptos, and has a good infrastructure, in fact it was the Old Santa Cruz Highway when I was a child.

Thank you for your help, I look forward to dealing with you in the future,  
Margaret

Kristo Kristich  
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February 18, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: EIR- PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am concerned that this project will cause irreparable damage to those who live in the area and will diminish the quality of life for thousands of residents. It will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape and severely damage the dramatic views which are protected by the Highway One Coastal Scenic Corridor.

The following are important issues the EIR must adequately address:

**AESTHETICS**

- Identify the quantity and variety of trees and shrubs that will be removed on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route.
- Our home is located in the Protected Hwy 1 Coastal Scenic Corridor. The EIR needs to address what impact the project will have on the dramatic views on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route and how it relates to the law.

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- We live in an environment with a rich diversity of sensitive habitats including the Federally Protected Endangered Santa Cruz Three Toed Salamander and red legged frog. It is home to falcons, hawks, owls, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, foxes, and so much more.

**EASEMENTS**

- Due diligence in the EIR regarding exact locations of the easements on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route; acres involved; scope of these easements as well as entire impact on resident's homes and how many homes will be demolished to accommodate the easements.

**GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

- The EIR should address the geological instability of White and Larkin Valley Roads in the Aptos Hills and how the heavy equipment and trucks will further degrade the integrity of the roads. **Background:** In 1998 White Road experienced a dangerous rapid landslide resulting with an elderly couple losing their home. The six month road outage caused major disruption. Repairs have been needed continually but due to a lack of funds the road continues to fracture with each new rain and the load of daily traffic.

**HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

- Impact on our water supply – the EIR needs to identify how this project will not affect the local water districts from providing safe and reliable drinking water. What is the impact on our underground water supply from chemically treated utility poles?



### SAFETY

- In 2011 the CPUC found that the Aptos Hills gas line which crosses approximately 100 feet from our home was unsafe due to dangerously high gas pressure which exceeded the legal limit. The CPUC ordered PG&E to reduce the pressure by 20%. According to public record PG&E is still negligent in their recordkeeping regarding the gas transmission lines and the CPUC is apathetic in its oversight. What is the schedule for CPUC's audit of PG&E's gas lines? What steps will be implemented to ensure people's safety in addition to what is listed in the **Draft Initial Mitigated Negative Declaration**? Is the Aptos Hills gas line seamless or welded?
- The current drought is a SIGNIFICANT concern in regards to the dangers of fires ignited by equipment, workers smoking and accidents involving gas and utility lines. What provisions will be added to the 10/18/2013 **DIS/MND** to protect people from a catastrophic fire? **Background:** Santa Cruz County had three major fires in 2008, two of which were close to our home, the Trabing fire resulted in the loss of 26 homes, 49 outbuildings and deaths of numerous animals. This fire which forced our evacuation was caused when a car's catalytic converter sparked the dry grass along Hwy 1.
- The EIR must answer with complete full disclosure what the impact of a wildfire would have on the Aptos Hills gas line during a period when PG&E had a "temporary" increase in operating pressure.

### ALTERNATIVE

- Need for project – given the potential ramification of this project it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.
- I would like the EIR to address the alternative of no project.

I request the CPUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record. Please add me to your email list regarding future notifications.

Sincerely yours,



Kristo Kristich  
420 Aptos Ridge Circle, Aptos Hills, Watsonville

February 16, 2014

Ms Lisa Orsaba

In regards to your letter regarding PG&E Santa Cruz 115 kv reinforcement Project A

Dear Ms. Orsaba

My wife and I are sending you this letter to let you know of our dissatisfaction of the possibility of PG&E using the southern alignment for the electrical lines and their poles that would run right through our subdivision. To keep this as short as possible we will try to summarize the best we can.

Two homes within our subdivision will be greatly impacted because of new easements that would be needed to do this project. The health issue of new larger electrical lines passing over these houses has never been studied enough.

Many animals along with native trees( identifying which ones is important) will be affected since it is a nesting area for hawks, eagles and owls. There is also the long toed salamander that is protected and can be found readily in the electrical line path.

When we built our house 25 years ago there were requirements for the view corridor that we had to go by and the new lines will break these requirements because of the height that these new poles will need to be plus we would expect some kind of flashing lights on the wires that will ruin views for people to look out because of the proximity of Watsonville airport and planes will need to see the wires.

An EIR report has not been done in our area. Along with that we just found out about his project two weeks ago as mailing came out as current occupant or junk mail and I do not even know if we received one or not but the fact that only 500' was used for mailings is a joke as anyone living close to the affected areas will certainly be affected for property values when homes within the subdivision are lowered because of view restraints but also the noise that these large wires put out.

There are certainly more reasons but please look at this closely.

Sincerely

Mark and Laurie Scurich

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## Comments pertaining to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kv Project

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Sean &lt;bluethistle@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 11:36 AM

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Cc: Sean &lt;bluethistle@sbcglobal.net&gt;, Leslie.K.Fitinghoff@wellsfargo.com, Lizabeth Morell &lt;liza@lizabethmorell.com&gt;

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Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Leslie and Sean Fitinghoff

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## Fwd: Comments pertaining to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kv Project

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Wed, Feb 19, 2014 at 10:25 AM

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Currently leased

February 17, 2014

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Dear Ms. Orsaba:

This follows our first letter to you dated Nov. 28, 2013. Please thank PGE for agreeing to do the EIR. However, we MUST emphasize that the intensity, accuracy, and careful scrutiny of the data for all of the scoping elements must be verified with accurate, provable, scientific data to the highest degree possible, under the law. Given the enormity of the numerous impacts of this project on this quiet, bucolic, rural area, we request that the scoping include the ramifications of a cursory examination, which would be subject to challenge if not thoroughly vetted.

Therefore, we ask that the EIR scoping project, include, but not be limited to the following detailed items:

1. Inclusion of the legal justification and authority to enter on private property only within the confines of any and all recorded easements specifically defined, for each property, and where such easements are NOT clearly defined, there shall be no legal justification or authority to enter on private property. Scoping shall include the foregoing.
2. Scoping shall include the possibility that aircraft warning lights will need to be part of the TSP poles, whether they will strobe or be permanently illuminated, what colors they will be, whether they will create light pollution in an area that does not have existing light pollution (i.e., this is a pristine night sky with no light pollution). Scoping should also include the effects of aircraft warning lights on the local nocturnal and diurnal wildlife.

3. We are currently beset by what some experts are calling a '100 year drought'. Scoping should include the possibility that local endangered species may have migrated from sensitive areas with the intention to return after the drought has run its course. Scoping should include the danger to the return of endangered species to an altered habitat.
4. Our driveway appears to be a location for a "Tension Pull Site". Scoping should include explanations for the equipment and procedure used at a Tension Pull Site. Scoping should also include the duration of such procedures each day, and for the duration of the project. Scoping should also include the possibilities for disruptions to the existing certified organic farming operations that take place at 1975 Cox Road. Scoping should also take into consideration the damages that might be incurred by such equipment and procedures to an oil-and-screen driveway and, if such damages require repair, the costs and disruptions to an existing certified organic farming operation upon completion of such procedures.
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10. Provide comparisons to alternative construction materials to the currently proposed 100 foot tall TSP, and the 89 foot tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in Santa Cruz County and are incongruent with the County plan.
11. Finally, scoping should take into account that the reason for this project has been ill defined and should be deemed unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration, and we trust that you will include the above scoping items in a fully documented EIR.

Very truly yours,



Linda McNair



Kristi Black <kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>

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## Santa Cruz 115V Reinforce ment proje ct

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Linda Ponzini <linda.ponzini@gmail.com>  
To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 7:47 AM

I am part of this group, and I add my voice to the opposition to the Santa Cruz 115V Reinforcement project. we do not want 115 foot utility poles marring our neighborhood, damaging the watershed and endangering the flora and fauna.



Kimi Worrell < kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

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## Fwd: Comments pertaining to the proposed Santa Cruz 115kv Project

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**Kristi Black** < kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>  
To: Kimi Worrell <kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 10:46 PM

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From: **Lizbeth Morell** <[liza@lizbethmorell.com](mailto:liza@lizbethmorell.com)>  
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Cc: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)

Dear PG&E,

I speak for many in our local Corralitos, Brown Valley and Freedom Boulevard communities to object and oppose the proposed changes contained within PG&E's proposed doubling of the existing transmission / distribution system. There are many concerns and harm that will be caused by the Project EIR with no real demonstrated need.

1. Health impacts on wildlife and the impact on local properties ecosystems has not been addressed or studied. It must be substantiatively demonstrated that:

- a. there is a need for the new transmission system
  - b. That this is the most efficient and effective system
- ( exploring alternative energy systems development & underground cables as

viable/preferable systems)

2. There are real economic costs to this transmission system that property owners will have to be compensated for.

The new transmission lines will not only damage property during construction but damage the real estate values of the area and individual properties on an ongoing basis.

These costs will have to be quantified and repaid by PG & E to the property owners facing the damage incurred by the transmission system.

3. Instead of creating an increase in transmission lines with their inefficiencies and further use of petroleum based and non-renewable energy, PG&E can assist in the development of solar energy produced from homes and excess electricity sold back to

the transmission system- put the resources which would be used to build higher transmission poles into this kind of production and distribution system.

Many people are concerned about the environmental impacts of this project. It is time to stop making larger systems and concentrate on renewable local systems that PG&E can make as much, or more money from- and provide sustainable energy for generations to come.

Yours Sincerely,

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Re: Santa Cruz 115Kv Reinforcement Project.

Dear Ms Orsaba,

I am responding to the call for comments on the EIR scoping. I am concerned that the project will significantly alter and degrade the natural environment and the visual beauty of our rural community. The project would adversely affect wildlife habitat, the core values of the community with regard to the natural environment and general neighborhood aesthetics. We have chosen to live in a rural community which is not an appropriate location of industrial strength power poles and lines. In the EIR please address the following issues:

First and very importantly, what is the need? And where is the need, where is the service area receiving this increased electricity? If the argument for need has been based on projected growth in rural Santa Cruz, please review how the projections have been adjusted for energy conservation, distributed energy production, and zoning laws that limit new construction. How does this plan fit with the state's avowed commitment to green energy?

Supposedly reliability and outages indicate a need for this project. Please include concrete data on power outages. In years past we experienced multiple outages in the winter due to storms. PG&E made a concerted effort to trim tree limbs and now we very seldom experience outages.

I am concerned about the broad removal of trees and acres to be cleared. Please ID each tree that would be removed and evaluate its services as habitat and in the balance of the local ecosystem. Please take especial note of how significant oaks are to the ecosystem. Will redwoods be removed? Please indicate which ones. Please include an examination of habitat for both local nesting and migratory birds.

Please review the effects of tree removal, clearing of acreage, and maintenance of vegetation free zones on predators such as hawks, owls, bobcat and coyote which live in our neighborhood and keep rodents from overwhelming us.

Please address the issue of erosion. The area under many of the proposed poles is steep slope composed of sandy soil. How will erosion be controlled when vegetation is not permitted to grow.

Please detail the right of way needed for the project and any condemnation of property that would be needed in each alternative route.

Please review with CDF the potential dangers this system would pose for aerial fire fighting in our wildland area.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

I would like to be advised of all additional communication on this project.

*Sincerely,  
Kelli Can*

February 11, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This letter is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 115 kV reinforcement project proposed by PG & E in Santa Cruz County. My concern is this project will adversely affect the environment and general quality of life for both the residents and wildlife in the area. There are many salient issues that will be impacted adversely by this ill advised and ponderous imposition on our lives and the environment, including, but not limited to:

- Public Safety.
- Impact on water usage, water quality and infrastructure of the existing system.
- Impacts on all designated farmland and production of crops in the area.
- Impacts on air quality.
- Dust control and its impacts on humans, wildlife and crops.
- Impacts on traffic due to ingress and egress of large delivery trucks, construction equipment and vehicles of all types.
- Impacts on Golden Eagles, Hawks and other wildlife common to the area.
- Demonstrate and investigate the necessity of helicopter pads and their use. Explain why helicopters and a fueling station are necessary for this project and assurances it is not permanent and only project specific.
- Investigate the alternative of underground installation in lieu of overhead.
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- Potential spillage at fueling station.
- Rehabilitation of all impacted sites.

This ill conceived and misguided project demands a full and comprehensive EIR be prepared and presented for public and environmental review. I respectfully demand my concerns and all others submitted be entered into the public record and the PUC investigate and take action on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lon R. Dugger", with a stylized, flowing script.

Lon R. Dugger

1085 Pleasant Valley Rd.

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Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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420 Aptos Ridge Circle , Aptos Hills, Watsonville and PG&E line

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Tue, Feb 4, 2014 at 12:48 PM

To: Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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Dear Ms. Black,

The purpose of the letter to Lisa Osaba was to give her our parcel # so that she could obtain from PG&E the location of the proposed power line on the Southern Route. Ms. Osaba and I spoke after the public meeting on January 29th in Corralitos and she offered to contact PG&E and her email address was in the NOP EIR letter of January 17, 2014.

This is to confirm that you forwarded my email to Ms. Osaba.

Thank you,  
Margaret Kristich

## ----- Original Message -----

From: [Kristi Black](#)To: [conaught2](#)

Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:56 PM

Subject: Re: 420 Aptos Ridge Circle, Aptos Hills, Watsonville and PG&amp;E line

Thank you for your interest in the Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This email confirms that your comment has been received. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will review all scoping comments received and will consider them in preparing the EIR.

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**Kristi Black, Environmental Scientist**

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On Mon, Feb 3, 2014 at 2:51 PM, conaught2 <[conaught2@charter.net](mailto:conaught2@charter.net)> wrote:

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Fri, Feb 7, 2014 at 12:12 PM

To: Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

Dear Kristi,

Thank you for your quick response with the clarification regarding the "data request" to PG&E. I misunderstood Lisa and thought she was contacting PG&E for a data request for our specific property.

I will look forward to receiving the information regarding location of the alternative alignments, specifically the Southern Alignment since it is supposedly runs less than 100 feet from our home on Aptos Ridge Circle in the Aptos Hills.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Thank you,  
Margaret

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Subject: Re: 420 Aptos Ridge Circle, Aptos Hills, Watsonville and PG&amp;E line

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Best regards,  
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Fri, Feb 14, 2014 at 11:17 AM

To: Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

Hi Kristi,

I was reading some of the documents online and noticed that PG & E needs more easements for the gas line in the Southern Alignment Route. Is this a question I should submit by February with my other questions or can Lisa Osaba submit a data request for this topic. At the January 29th Corralitos meeting it was mentioned that the Southern Alignment Route did require a larger percentage of easements but not specifics were mentioned. Since the gas line is just below our home, approx 100 feet this particular easement is troubling and we need to know the details of what is involved with the easement regarding the gas line.

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February 18, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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**RE: EIR- PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am concerned that this project will cause irreparable damage to those who live in the area and will diminish the quality of life for thousands of residents. It will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape and severely damage the dramatic views which are protected by the Highway One Coastal Scenic Corridor. PG&E has shown careless disregard for the safety of our residents, environment and wildlife habitats in proposing this mammoth project.

The following are important issues the EIR must adequately address:

**AESTHETICS**

- Identify the quantity and variety of trees and shrubs that will be removed on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route.
- Our home is located in the Protected Hwy 1 Coastal Scenic Corridor. The EIR needs to address what impact the project will have on the dramatic views on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route and how it relates to the law.

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- We live in an environment with a rich diversity of sensitive habitats including the Federally Protected Endangered Santa Cruz Three Toed Salamander and red legged frog. It is home to falcons, hawks, owls, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, foxes, and so much more.
- The EIR should explain how the wildlife habitats will not be negatively impacted by this project.

**EASEMENTS**

- Due diligence in the EIR regarding exact locations of the easements on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route; acres involved; scope of these easements as well as entire impact on resident's homes and how many homes will be demolished to accommodate the easements.

**Forestry**

- The EIR must address the impact on the Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) Tree, which is considered sacred to Native Americans and is in declining health.
- Impact of extensive plant removal on the rich chaparral found in the Aptos Hills.

**GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

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#### HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- Impact on our water supply – the EIR needs to identify how this project will not affect the local water districts from providing safe and reliable drinking water. What is the impact on our underground water supply from chemically treated utility poles?
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#### SAFETY

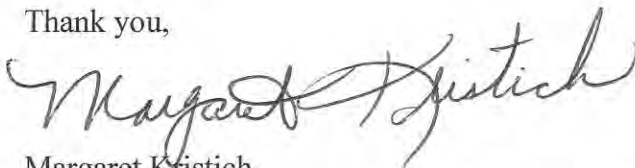
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- The EIR must answer with complete full disclosure what the impact of a wildfire would have on the Aptos Hills gas line during a period when PG&E had a "temporary" increase in operating pressure.

#### ALTERNATIVE

- The EIR should include alternative materials – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan.
- Need for project – given the potential ramification of this project it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.
- I would like the EIR to address the alternative of no project.

I request the CPUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record. Please add me to your email list regarding future notifications.

Thank you,



Margaret Kristich  
420 Aptos Ridge Circle, Aptos Hills, Watsonville

Feb 15, 2014

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RE: Santa Cruz115kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E

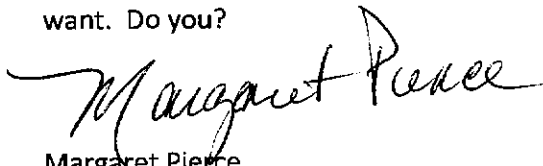
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It doesn't seem that appropriate measures have been taken by them to continue the planning stages of destroying my peaceful & beautiful neighborhood. Have alternative routes been explored? I know the population continues to grow as well as the need for a solid power grid but at what price? Aren't there other portions of the PG&E service area that require more attention to secure that power grid than in our little neck of the woods? We have lovely redwoods, oak trees, & pines that are in jeopardy but we don't know which ones are destined for removal to be replaced by even taller metallic poles?

The private road I live on has 2 very large visible power poles & lines that I drive under every time I leave my house. Currently, they are about tree height so they are not visible from my house but the proposal seems to want to increase the height considerably & then the lines as well as the ugly metal poles will be visible from my property.

I'm sure you get a lot of "not in my neighborhood" comments whenever "progress" takes over – but come take look around for yourself & understand what we are really trying to say. It doesn't seem this plan has been adequately researched or other options explored to meet the need. Which is my biggest question – is there really a need????

Please investigate, listen to the people, address our concerns & don't let PG&E "over-power" us. Yes, we are customers & pay for what we get – however, I don't like being forced into something I don't want. Do you?



Margaret Pierce  
340 Quail Run  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing to submit my input as a homeowner and resident in one of the areas to be affected by the Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project, because I understand that we are in the *scoping* period for the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for PG&E by Panorama Environmental, Inc. This project would have a significant negative effect on the natural beauty and tranquility of our rural neighborhoods, home to so many species, in addition to the people! We choose to live in this area because of the pristine beauty of the natural environment in which our homes are located. Many non-residents enjoy this area, as well, for recreation. Common daily activities we observe include bicycling, running, walking, country drives, and week end winery tours (in Corralitos). There are a number of artists in this area, whose studios are open to the public in the fall as part of Santa Cruz County's annual Open Studios. The proposed 115 kV project will have a very negative impact on all of these things which are important (if not VITAL) community values!

Please address in the EIR:

- **Community values**, as explained above.
- The effect on our local **water** systems and providers—especially pollution, and disruption of availability.
- **Alternatives!** Only one route has been investigated in depth. This route is populous and has many factors making it unsuitable.
- **NO PROJECT as an alternative!** Residents here and in other parts of Santa Cruz County doubt that this project is necessary at all. Please address the need for this reinforcement specifically, including data about outages that will be prevented, and where.
- **Undergrounding electrical lines.**
- Why not utilize existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69' wood poles to 100' TSP?
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- I request the PUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed. In planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact Central Water District. Residents find this outrageous and unconscionable!

Please include my requests regarding the EIR in the pertinent permanent records.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MK Kercheval". The initials "MK" are written in a stylized, overlapping manner.

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Dear Ms. Orsaba,

My family has lived at 1649 Hames Road for 15 years. Our home is approximately 100 yards away from the PG&E power line that is part of the PG&E 115-kV Reinforcement Project. This project has raised many concerns for our family and our community. I would specifically like to have the following questions and information included in the Environmental Impact Report being prepared for this project.

1. **Mt. Hermon June Beetle.** On January 24, 1997, The Mt. Hermon June Beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) was officially added as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. [Federal Register: January 24, 1997 (volume 62, Number 16)]. At the time, it was documented that a cluster of this beetle had been found in the sandy soils near Corralitos. Each summer, we experience a major hatch of these beetles in our yard, which is literally 100 yards from the PG&E poles and shares the same sandy soil and microenvironment. We are concerned that the activity required to upgrade the power poles, including temporary roads, helicopter pads, storage areas, lights, and human traffic could have a devastating impact on this endangered species. We would specifically request that the *Polyphylla barbata* be included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
2. **Golden Eagles.** There are one or more breeding pairs of golden eagles that live in the Pleasant Valley region. They are common sights in our valley and appear to live, breed, nest and hunt in the valley. In fact, the eagles are a common sight perched on top of one of the wooden power poles that is in question for upgrades, or in the nearby trees. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 states clearly that the birds, their nests and eggs are protected from agitation and disruption of their local habitats. I am concerned about the impact this project will have on our resident golden eagles. I am requesting that our local golden eagles also be included in the EIR.
3. **Local Wildlife Habitat.** The field in which the power line runs and the local coastal hills on both sides of Pleasant Valley are rich in local native wildlife. We commonly see deer, coyotes, bobcats, wild turkeys, quail, and on one instance a mountain lion. I am concerned the planned construction work, the helicopter pad(s), the intense human presence before, during and after this project, and the removal of mature shrubs and trees, will have a significant impact on our local wildlife. Due to the surrounding urban

encroachment and intensive agriculture, local wildlife have very few natural corridors to move from one location to the other. I believe that this project will have a major negative impact on our local native wildlife.

- 4. Inconsistent Use of Rural Land.** Pleasant Valley, and the other surrounding valleys and coastal hills represent a combination of wild and open space, organic and conventional farming operations, and rural homesteads. PG&E's proposed "upgrade" of the wires from 40' wood poles to 100' concrete superstructures is wildly inconsistent with the rural and natural environment. The project in itself will require heavy equipment, noisy and disturbing helicopter usage, the creation of new roads and access points, and the clear cutting of mature and native trees and brush. This project will leave a long term scar on a once wild and rural environment and could permanently impact our bird, mammal and reptilian populations.
- 5. Ultimate Need.** I challenge PG&E to demonstrate a dramatic need for such an intensive and harmful project. I would like for PG&E to demonstrate that this project, as proposed, is really necessary.
  - a. Has PG&E truly explored other construction alternatives, including keeping the current wooden poles, underground construction, or smaller less impactful concrete poles?
  - b. Has PG&E thoroughly vetted all alternative routes, including routes along major highways and urban corridors? What is the result of those investigations?
  - c. Is the significant boost in power really necessary? How is PG&E justifying this need?

I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact of this project and collateral damage that upgrading the existing PG&E wires will do to Pleasant Valley and our surrounding neighborhoods. I am requesting that the Public Utility Commission provide complete and detailed answers to my concerns and that you make my questions and your answers part of the permanent public record.

Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA 94111

**Re: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project/PG&E**

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

This is in regards to the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report for the above named project.

My concerns are many and I feel they need to be addressed within this report:

- a) the effect upon our local ancient trees
- b) the effects upon the local wildlife
- c) effects upon our local water sources: construction materials leached into groundwater, now and into the future.
- d) Impact upon local apple orchards and other farmland
- e) consideration of using underground environmentally secure materials if this project is attempted
- f) potential increase of land instability if there were to be an earthquake.

Please respond.

Respectfully,



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**RE: EIR- PG&E Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project**

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am concerned that this project will cause irreparable damage to those who live in the area and will diminish the quality of life for thousands of residents. It will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape and severely damage the dramatic views which are protected by the Highway One Coastal Scenic Corridor. The following are important issues the EIR must adequately address:

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- We live in an environment with a rich diversity of sensitive habitats including the Federally Protected Endangered Santa Cruz Three Toed Salamander and red legged frog. It is home to falcons, hawks, owls, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, foxes, and so much more.
- The EIR should explain how the wildlife habitats will not be negatively impacted by this project.

**EASEMENTS**

- The EIR needs to detail the exact locations on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route and specify the acres involved and the scope of these easements and the impact on the residents.

**SAFETY**

- In 2011 the CPUC found that the Aptos Hills gas line which crosses approximately 100 feet from our home was unsafe due to dangerously high gas pressure which exceeded the legal limit. What steps will be implemented to ensure people's safety in addition to what is listed in the 10/18/2013 **Draft Initial Mitigated Negative Declaration?** Is the Aptos Hills gas line seamless or welded?
- The current drought is a major concern, in regards to fires ignited by equipment, workers smoking and accidents involving gas and utility lines. In addition to the 10/18/2013 **DIS/MND** what steps will be implemented to ensure our safety from a catastrophic fire?

**GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

- The EIR should address the geological instability of White and Larkin Valley Roads in the Aptos Hills and how the heavy equipment and trucks will further degrade the integrity of the roads.

**HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

- Impact on our water supply – the EIR needs to identify how this project will not affect the local water districts from providing safe and reliable drinking water. What is the impact on our underground water supply from chemically treated utility poles.
- The EIR needs to adequately address how this project will adversely affect the animals who rely on local springs for their water source. The proposed power lines on the Southern Alignment Alternative Route would invade several water sources used by local wildlife.

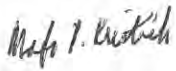
**ALTERNATIVE**

- The EIR should explain and provide support why the project is needed for our community. To date the PG&E explanation is vague and does not address the necessity of the project.

- The EIR should include alternative materials – include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall TSP, and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan.
- Need for project – given the potential ramification of this project it is incumbent upon the PUC and/or PG&E to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.
- I would like the EIR to address the alternative of no project.

I request the CPUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record. Please add me to your email list regarding future notifications.

Thank you,



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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I am contacting you regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. This project will have a huge impact on all area residents, our rural environment, chosen neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values. I would like to see the EIR address the following topics:

- What is the impact of removing trees and wildlife habitat – specifically how the removal alters the landscape, wildlife, and community values.
- What is the impact to the water supply? Has the Central Water District been contacted and allowed to comment on the impact to the water supply?
- What is the impact to organic and in-organic farmland?
- Are there Alternative routes?
- Are there other Alternative materials that can be used?
- Fully demonstrate the need for project.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,



Mike and Thais Lee



## SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

You may also submit comments to:  
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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

We purchased our property in 1997 - At that time I had paid  
for a EMF audit in EASement, at possible house site a  
down at the bottom of the valley. I placed our house  
At this site that gave me the same EMF reading  
As my old house in Suburbia. By increasing that  
wiring will the EMF reading increase at my  
house site?



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February 16, 2014

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Dear Lisa Orsaba:

This letter is in response to the California Public Utilities Commission request to address issues and make comments during the scoping period of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement PG&E Project. This project adversely affects the safety of residents, environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values. I request that the scoping involve the following issues:

### **Need for the Project**

**I request full transparency regarding exactly what PG&E and the CPUC is trying to accomplish with this project, why this project is necessary, and who/what will benefit from it's completion.** The PEA and the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting states that the project will increase system reliability and prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are overlapping outages in the existing local electricity supply system. Please explain what is meant by this statement. To my knowledge Santa Cruz has not experienced large-scale service interruptions nor overlapping outages or black outs. Include the history of blackouts in Santa Cruz County and include what caused the blackouts. What would cause large-scale service interruptions and overlapping outages and blackouts in Santa Cruz County? Please include how bringing a 115kV line to Rob Roy Substation will stop blackouts in Santa Cruz County. Does this project have anything to do with over usage in other areas? Will Santa Cruz Count or other areas experience large-scale service interruptions or overlapping outages or black outs if this project is not completed as planned? What time of year are blackouts expected and where? What future projects are projected for Santa Cruz County that would require an extra 115kV line from Green Valley to Rob Roy Substation and require both substations to be modified to accommodate the new circuit. Please give projections to the year 2060. Is the Northern and Southern Alignment power line system going to be upgraded in the future? If so, when is this project planned? Why isn't the entire Northern and Southern Alignment power line system being upgraded at this time? Why wasn't this project addressed 10, 15, 20 years ago when the area was less populated and developed. This looks like poor planning on PG&E's part.

### **Maintainance on existing Northern and Southern Alignment**

PG&E claims they cannot use alternate routes due to the existence of endangered wildlife (steelhead, long toed salamander, red-legged frog, bats, birds, and woodrats), plants (robust spineflower, howell's spineflower, Monterey pine and oaks). **Explain how PG&E plans to accomplish maintainance on the Northern and Southern Alignment power line system, since these endangered species live along these routes?**

## **Alternative Routes**

**Explain in detail all the different system alternatives that were considered during the development of the project, including the four possible solutions in section 5.2 Methodology in the PEA, and the reasons why they were aborted. All alternatives must be considered, explored, and included. Please look at all the alternatives on the table and make each alternative work for all the parties concerned. Please involve rerouting and under grounding utilities when appropriate and possible.**

### **1. Northern Alignment/Cox Road/Freedom Segment**

**Please explain how under grounding the project would address the serious safety issues are associated with the Cox Road/Freedom Segment of PG&E's proposed Santa Cruz 115-kV Reinforcement Project. Please explain why the CPUC has supported PG&E's choice to use the most densely populated route that affects the most heavily used roadways. Why invade an established neighborhood that currently does not have 115-kV lines? I've studied the route on the Southern alignment and Alternate 1B and 1C is routed around neighborhoods and heavily populated communities and historical sites. Please explain why PG&E chose to slice right through our populated neighborhood and decided not to reroute around our neighborhood as they did in the Southern Alignment.**

### **2. Southern Alignment**

Rebuilding the Southern Alignment appears to be the shortest route. Alternate 1B is routed around a heavily populated area and Alternate 1C routed around a populated area and historical site on Old Adobe Way. Identify gas mains and show new easements that are required on this route. The Southern Alignment power lines stretch over a portion of Pinto Lake and across the lower Aptos High School parking lot. The new line could be rerouted around Pinto Lake. The line that stretches across the parking lot at Aptos High School is below the football field and is 648 feet from the closest permanent building and 641 feet from the closest portable building. **Please explain ways in which using the Southern Alignment could work as a solution for the people that live in the area and for PG&E.**

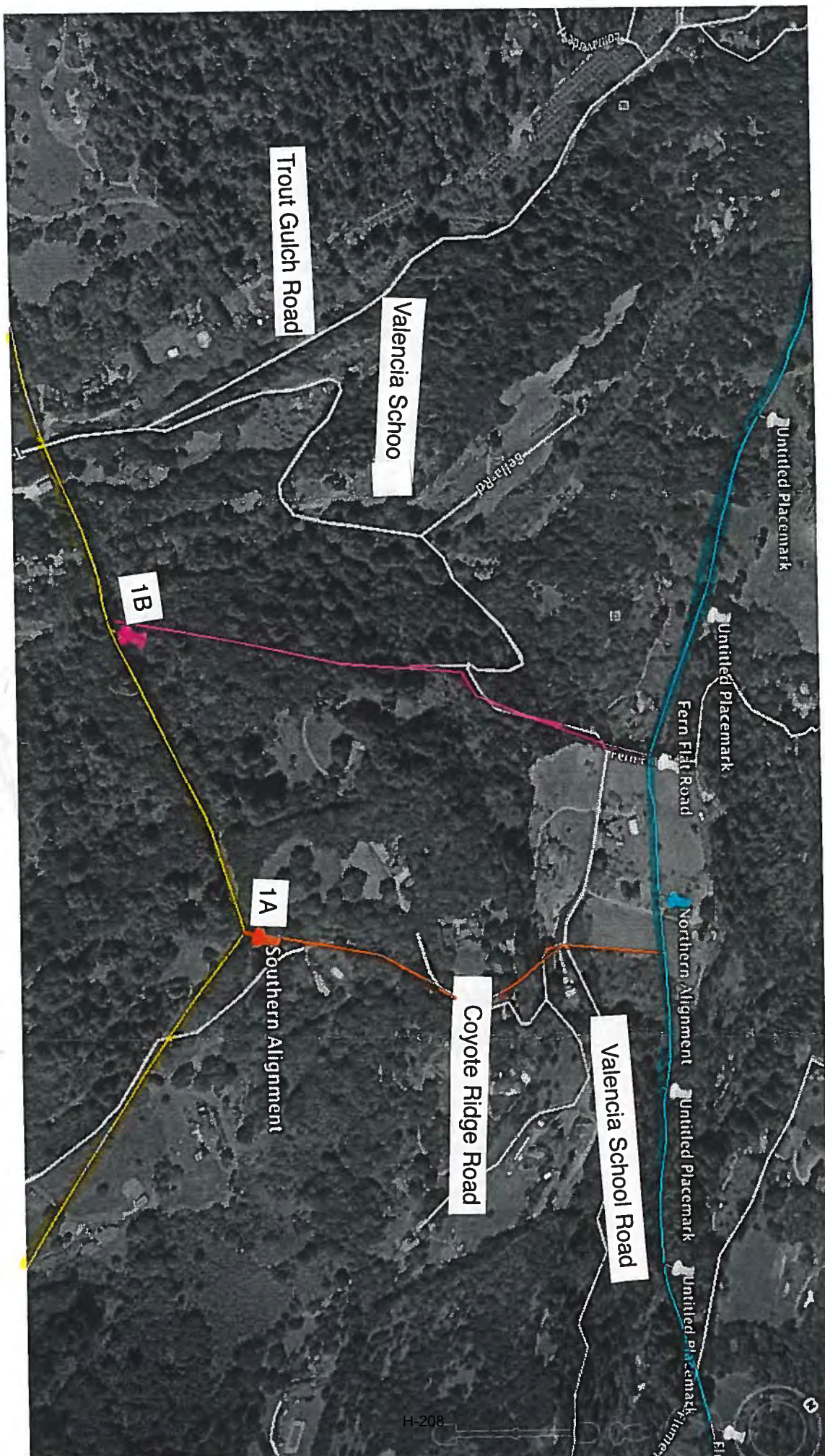
### **3. Northern Alignment/Valencia Alternative**

Although the Valencia Alternative is the longest alternative it is almost entirely located within the existing ROWs of the Northern and Southern Alignments. It is appealing because the distance between the two alignments is only one-fourth of a mile at Fern Flat Road. It also affects the least populated area and properties and the least traveled roadways. There are two routes that could be used on the Valencia Alternative (See map enclosed). Please address under grounding the one-fourth of a mile that could form a connection between the Northern and Southern Alignment at Fern Flat Road. The Southern Alignment spans over a robust spineflower reserve off Valencia Road. However, it is my experience that the spineflower doesn't grow under oak trees, and the spineflower reserve area that the 115kV lines cross is heavily populated with live oaks. The Southern Alignment passes over View Court and may need to be rerouted in that area. **Please explain ways in which using the Northern Alignment/Valencia Alternative could work as a solution for the people that live in the area and for PG&E.**

I request that the California Public Utilities Commission investigate and address these issues in the scoping process for the EIR, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mauro Bensen







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## Fwd: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project EIR SCOPING Public Comment

1 message

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Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 5:00 PM

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November 5, 2013

Dear Ms. Orsaba  
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RE: Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Please find below a copy of the letter sent to each of the CPUC's five commissioners.  
We are also directing this letter to you, as you requested.

Sincerely,

Nina Genkin Audino

**Text of Letter:**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled at PG&E's incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading approaches and methods in "planning" the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project.

I am deeply concerned that this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of our bucolic neighborhood. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and our community values.

**We urge you to complete an accurate Environmental Impact Report that addresses all scoping issues identified by any and all concerned citizenry, and we urge you further to complete due democratic diligence and notify ALL impacted citizenry and not just the landowners living within 300' of the proposed new PG&E poles, using an outdated CPUC "rule." It is patently apparent that most if not all of the addresses within the Green Valley, Amesti, Pioneer, Corralitos, Day Valley, Hames, Pleasant Valley, Valencia, Larkin Valley, and Aptos communities affected by this plan NEED and SHOULD be notified.**

The Draft IS/MND acknowledged the presence of endangered fauna and flora in numerous spots along the proposed project, namely – the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, the white-tailed kite, the bald eagle, bats, the dusky-footed woodrat, the Monterey spineflower, the Monterey pine, California oaks.

Yet, the Study then alleged that it will successfully relocate and replant all affected species.

Interestingly, in Chapter Five of its PEA, PG&E alleged that the shorter Southern Alignment was not a viable route because it had known Santa Cruz long-toed salamander breeding pools.

If the Northern Alignment has the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander living along its stretch as well, in wet, creek areas – then this area is also, similarly to the Southern Alignment, not a viable option.

The Santa Cruz long-toed salamander cannot be successful relocated and protected amidst gross construction related displacements along the Northern Alignment route, but then that same salamander protected in similar circumstances along the Southern route.

PG&E also cited the fact that the Southern Alignment disturbs the federally endangered robust spineflower, and this makes the route unviable. Alternatively, how is it more acceptable for PG&E to make claims that a threatened plant like the Monterey spineflower, which occurs along the Northern alignment, is better to disturb?

**I request that the EIR address the impact of all proposed routes on all threatened and/or endangered flora and fauna.**

Another contradiction is the statement that along the Southern Alignment route, there would be extensive tree removal. There is also extensive tree removal along the Northern Alignment route.

**In the EIR, please address the impact of removing trees and wildlife habitat in any and all of your proposed routes – identify which trees will be removed and how this removal will affect the area’s aesthetics, wildlife, and community values.**

The original draft of the Study actually included a proposal to re-landscape around the poles to mitigate their impact on vistas, but then PG&E eliminated this proposal as “unfeasible.”

**In the EIR, please address the use of alternative materials in any and all of your proposed routes, including the use of alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100’ tall TSP, and the 89’ tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plans.**

In the EIR, please address the apparent lack of due diligence – in planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the CPUC neglected to contact Central Water District.

**I request that the CPUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed.**

In terms of impacts to the local water supply – I am aware that the Water Department, which PG&E and the CPUC did not contact – is concerned about old steel pipes sharing setbacks with the new poles, and the possibility of new poles leaching unsafe chemicals into the water table.

**I request that the CPUC ensure that all impacts to the water supply are identified – identify how this project will not affect the ability for local water companies to deliver safe and reliable drinking water.**

I am concerned about the 100' TSP high above the natural tree line becoming a hazard to ariel fire fighting resources/equipment in the event of a wild land fire.

**I request the the CPUC ensure that all impacts of the tall 89' and 100' poles to wild land fire fighting conditions are identified.**

I am also aware that local organic farms and other farm owners are panicked, knowing that this project will negatively affect their efficacy.

**I request that the CPUC ensure that all impacts and effects this project will have on organic, as well as on non-organic farms, in and near the affected area, are identified.**

Furthermore, the original PTC and MND showed 5 alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. I am aware that originally, PG&E had identified 9 alternative routes.

**I am requesting that the EIR must consider, explore and include ALL ORIGINAL 9 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES, including undergrounding and including a NO Alternative option.**

**Furthermore, I am requesting that PG&E/CPUC identify reasons for not utilizing existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69' wood poles to 100' TSP.**

Finally, I am aware that recently, only a few days after the deadline to submit comments to the CPUC about PG&E's Draft IS/MND, my neighborhood on Bollinger Place had a "power outage." I personally witnessed the problem, which was due to gopher activity under the neighborhood's junction box, which caused flooding and shorted the line.

**Given the potential ramifications of this project, it is incumbent upon PG&E/CPUC to fully and adequately demonstrate the necessity for this project. Such a demonstration must clarify how many of the local power outages are due to local problems as described above and how of them are actually due to infrastructural concerns. Such a demonstration must be included in the EIR for public scrutiny.**

Also, the PG&E's Draft IS/MND Study limited the definition of scenic or aesthetically pleasing to what people experience in a car while driving down the road in a given number of seconds.

America's scenic roads are not experienced exclusively in a car or in seconds. The Study acknowledges this by stating that "a scenic vista is a distant public view along or through an opening of corridor that is valued for its scenic quality." People walk, run,

bike, and live daily and nightly looking out across these roads – and measure the quality of their life by that inimitable span of quiet, greening, breathing, rising valley.

The valley bordered by Amesti, Pioneer, Corralitos, and Green Valley Roads, as well as the valley bordered by Day Valley, Cox, and Valencia Roads, and also the valley along Larkin Valley are lovely, quiet places, their apple orchards, berry farms, ranches, vineyards, and woodlands interlaced by green row crops and strawberry fields, and dotted by old barns and old California ranch homes.

In the summers, green throated hummingbirds crowd the by ways and small lanes. Red tailed hawks perch in the pines. At night, frog song rolls along the culverts and from out the low wet places. Bats slice up the dark – and the occasional owl. Among the trees, in the apple orchards, coyotes travel, always looking, their voices more prevalent than the sound of a passing car. It is that quiet.

Nothing towers higher here than the occasional stand of rogue eucalyptus or the brotherhoods of Monterey pine and California oak. The eye is drawn up from this middle distance to the Santa Cruz mountains beyond.

Yet the study claimed that the 100 foot plus steel poles that would bisect these valleys would not significantly change their aesthetics and scenic value.

And although the 100 foot plus new steel poles would cut up from Green Valley, Amesti, Corralitos, Pioneer, Day Valley, Cox, Valencia, and Larkin Valley Roads across the distant vistas and the view of the Santa Cruz mountains, the Study claimed that there is no view obstruction.

And although only low lying farm buildings dot the landscape, the Study claimed that there is other utility infrastructure.

Painters routinely paint the area, trying to make on canvas a poem of the valley's idiosyncratic, peaceful patchwork – but PG&E hired someone to calculate their alleged mediocrity.

The Study used a trumped up statement that deconstructed the beauty of the valleys to a variegated mix of built up structures, farmland, and open green space that is not uniform enough to qualify as “highly” aesthetic. Uniformity, of course, being high art's most pleasing aesthetic.

**I am requesting that the EIR identify all appropriate siting, architectural design and landscaping to mitigate the impacts on those visual qualities, in particular wherever the Santa Cruz County General Plan Policy 5.10.11 states that “visual qualities worthy**



**of protection” should be “identified” and then appropriate “siting, architectural design and landscaping” should be used to “mitigate the impacts on those visual qualities.”**

**I request the CPUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.**

Sincerely,

Gregory Ross Audino  
Nina Genkin Audino

Feb. 15, 2014



Patricia Lester  
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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

My husband and I have lived in Pleasant Valley since 1969. We are now in our mid 70's and are very concerned about the proposed PG@E project in our valley as well as the project's scope from Rob Roy Junction to Corralitos. I realize that there is a need for improvement on old structures so my concern is how this new improvement is going to impact the local residents.

The traffic is extreme at certain hours of every day here in Pleasant Valley. The Hames and Pleasant Valley intersection is already an accident ready to happen. If the Highway Patrol wanted to make their ticket quota for the day, they could do it quite easily on that corner. When dozens of trucks, equipment, helicopters enter this picture it is going to be like a war zone.

We have Owls, Golden Eagles nesting in trees very close to your proposed site for the expansion plus, many other forms of wildlife that will be affected. Deer roam this countryside by the dozen and no shooting is allowed. We have many new vineyards planted in this valley plus numerous apple orchards, some of these farms organic at that. Noise is not something the residents of the affected areas are open to especially 5 or 6 days per week, 8 AM to 6PM. Gas tanks are put above ground these days and this could be a target for vandalism and could be a danger to the people of the area. I understand that there will be a guard station and you wouldn't be putting that on site if vandalism wasn't a concern from your side.

I am very concerned about access roads. We in Pleasant Valley Road have fought long and hard to keep our road a dead end one. If it were to connect to Day Valley it would become a greater traffic problem than we have now. I understand that there is an access road planned to connect Day Valley to Pleasant Valley in your plans and this is of great concern about its longevity at the end of your project and also what kind of vehicles will be using this proposed road during your project. Dust is a huge factor as we have a very light, sandy soil which forms dust easily when driven on. The helicopters which you will be using will most likely be industrial type which will also stir up a lot of dust and noise. Water is precious to this area and having to water down the soil to keep dust down seems like a terrible waste of our precious commodity.

I propose that PG@E look at undergrounding this project and then we wouldn't have to deal with all the commotion which comes with your proposed plan. It would also be much more friendly to the environment as far as the beauty of the area around us.

I realize that improvements have to be made, but what is the plan for the old poles and ties that lean sideways along our narrow roads, transmitters that blow out when we have storms and winds?

I feel that this plan needs some boundaries set before we can accept it.

Sincerely, Patricia E Lester

73 years of age, 44 years living on Pleasant Valley Rd. When I was 8 years old, my father and I visited the old man, Mr. Lettis, now passed on, and used to pick cherries on the land and now it might become an ugly, noisy, dusty wasteland with two helipads unless there is more thought put into this project,

unfortunately, man's handprint left from PG&E proposal to make our lives better through upgrades. It is going to bring about a lot of downgrades to residents who live close to the proposed site. I feel sorry for their loss of value in their properties from the effects of this plan.

*Patrick C. Lester*

17-February-2014

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the landscape around property that I own. There are many important issues the EIR must adequately address in each of the alternatives for this project to allow us to appropriately comment on the EIR Draft:

- Alternative routes: the original PTC and MND showed five alternative routes and alluded to the existence of more. All alternatives must be considered, explored, and included.
- Alternative materials: include alternative construction material to the currently proposed 100' tall steel poles and the 89' tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our county and are incongruent with the county plan.
- Current alignments: identify reasons for not utilizing existing infrastructure, such as the Northern and Southern Alignments, without the need to upscale from the existing 69' wood poles to 100' steel poles.
- Due diligence: in planning for this project, as well as during the CEQA MND phase, PG&E and the PUC neglected to contact Central Water District, which supplies water to the properties I own. I request the PUC ensure that all the required due diligence for this project has been performed, as the water system is in the path of several of the project options.
- Identify which trees will be removed by each alternative proposal.
- Identify all "right-of -ways" that will need to be created by each proposal and what properties will be affected. Document the differences between "overhead" construction right-of-ways and "undergrounding" right-of-ways.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely,

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## Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project

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To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Fri, Feb 14, 2014 at 9:57 PM

I am writing in re the Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, and in particular in opposition to the southern alignment alternative, which crosses and then parallels Old Adobe Rd and then proceeds up the north side of Larkin Valley.

The southern alignment alternative should not be the alternative selected, for several reasons:

- 1) Unlike the northern alignment, the southern alignment contains the two main natural gas transmission pipelines for Santa Cruz County. Because of that, doubling the capacity of the existing 115kV power line in that alignment would necessitate expansion of PG&E's existing property easements on the many properties the pipeline and power line cross in the Old Adobe/Larkin Valley area. That would be a huge imposition on those many property owners, and you can expect most if not all of them to resist strenuously.
- 2) The expanded easements would be an attempt to deal with the safety implications of putting electrical power lines with double the capacity on top of the main natural gas transmission pipelines. Nevertheless, even with the expanded easements, there would be great public concern about the safety implications given the high volume and pressure of the gas in those pipelines. Public sensitivity to these issues is high, given recent events in San Bruno. Bear in mind that these main gas lines cross under the front yards of a number of homes in our area.
- 3) On Old Adobe Road, and just a few feet from the existing power line and natural gas transmission pipelines, is the historic Castro Adobe, a cultural and historic gem that is a California State Park. The main view from the Castro Adobe, a large part of its historic purpose, is out toward Monterey, which was then the capital of California. The existing power lines are immediately in that view shed. Increasing the height of the power lines by 50% and the number of wires by 100% would significantly degrade that view from the Castro Adobe and further detract from the historical setting the State Park attempts to recreate as much as possible. There is also the matter of cultural significance and sensitivity — the Castro Adobe was built in the days when the predominant culture in California was Hispanic, and the State Park recreates and honors that cultural tradition.
- 4) Typically the residents of Old Adobe Rd and Larkin Valley live here because they value its rural atmosphere and the views that go with that. A substantial increase in the size of the existing power lines will degrade that view, reduce the enjoyment of their property, and reduce its value as well. The existing power lines rise above the natural tree line here, but the proposed power lines would tower much higher and stand out much more. There is no denying the harm that would be done.

For all these reasons I oppose the southern alignment alternative for this project.

Yours truly,

Paul Schoellhamer  
250 Old Adobe Rd  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Peter Carr  
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Aptos, CA 95003  
2/14/14

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite #740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: Santa Cruz 115Kv Reinforcement Project.

Dear Ms Orsaba,

I would like to make comments for the EIR scoping. I have question regarding how this project will affect the natural environment and the visual beauty of our rural community. The project may adversely affect wildlife habitat, our water, and our safety as well as general neighborhood aesthetics. Our community is wooded, hilly and rural. This project envisions a system that would be better suited to an industrial area. In the EIR please address the following issues:

First and very importantly, what is the need? And where is the need, where is the service area receiving this increased electricity? If the argument for need has been based on projected growth in rural Santa Cruz, please review how the projections have been adjusted for energy conservation, distributed energy production, and zoning laws that limit new construction. How does this plan fit with the state's avowed commitment to green energy?

Supposedly reliability and outages indicate a need for this project. Please include concrete data on power outages. In years past we experienced multiple outages in the winter due to storms. PG&E made a concerted effort to trim tree limbs and now we very seldom experience outages.

I am concerned about the broad removal of trees and acres to be cleared. Please ID each tree that would be removed and evaluate its services as habitat and in the balance of the local ecosystem. Please take especial note of how significant oaks are to the ecosystem. Will redwoods be removed? Please indicate which ones. Please include an examination of habitat for both local nesting and migratory birds.

Please note the study prepared for San Luis Obispo on the value of oaks. Among many other findings they say, "Much of the diversity of the state's wildlife is found in oak ecosystems. Over 320 terrestrial vertebrates and thousands of invertebrates are associated with California's oak landscapes." and "Oaks provide habitat to more different animals than any other ecosystem in the state. Some of these animals, like cavity nesting birds, rely on oaks for nesting grounds. Thirty-seven different mammals eat acorns, as do at least thirty different birds (Pavlik 1991, p. 85 & 88).

Please review the effects of tree removal, clearing of acreage, and maintenance of vegetation free zones on predators such as hawks, owls, bobcat and coyote which live in our neighborhood and keep rodents from overwhelming us.

Please address the issue of erosion. The area under many of the proposed poles is steep slope composed of sandy soil. How will erosion be controlled when vegetation is not permitted to grow.

Please detail the right of way needed for the project and any condemnation of property that would be needed in each alternative route.

Please review with CDF the potential dangers this system would pose for aerial fire fighting in our wild land area.

Please consult with Central Water on the effects this project will have on our water sources, addressing potential pollution from the poles and the herbicides as well as runoff washing soil/sand particles into the waterways.

Please review the effects of the project on the drainage system of the area.

I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

*Peter Carr*

Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

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**Fwd: EIR Scoping**

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E.

This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and the community values. You have already received general scoping issues from others affected by this project. We have specific issues that we feel the EIR should address.

We are the property owners at 97 Aldridge Lane, the site of poles E-52/C-47. Currently there are three wooden poles 55 feet tall. The site sits on a ridgeline that on our property reaches 400' above Corralitos Road. This road, and its environs, is a designated scenic area by the County of Santa Cruz. The 100' tall TSPs along the ridgeline will have a dramatic aesthetic impact on this scenic area that has not been presented by the current wooden poles. Therefore, the EIR should address measures to mitigate the height of the TSPs to include reconfiguration of pole placement, the wire pattern and/or landscaping to conceal the poles. On a



related matter, the PEA discusses tangent and angle poles but does not depict angle poles. This should be corrected.

On a different matter the EIR should address additional PG&E projects being considered for Santa Cruz County that are related to this project. The schematic in Fig 2-4 of the PEA shows two 115 kV lines from Green Valley Sub Station to Cox Road with one 115 kV line from Cox Road to Rob Roy Sub Station. Figure 2-4 shows two additional projects: Rob Roy Sub Station to Paul Sweet Sub Station and from Paul Sweet Sub Station to Camp Evers Sub Station. The sense is that PG&E is taking a piece-meal approach to introducing 100' TSPs to Santa Cruz. This should be included in the scope of the EIR.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ralph M. Carney  
Caroline Cooke Carney  
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Cc: Zach Friend, Santa Cruz County Supervisor, 2nd District



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## Fwd: Letter re Southern Route

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To: lisa pg&e orsaba < [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com) >

Please confirm receipt, also could you provide me with a copy of the rules re giving notice to homeowners.

To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba

Re: P. G. & E

Santa Cruz Company's Santa Cruz 115-kv reinforcement project

A-12-01-012

February 16, 2014

I live at 415 Aptos Ridge Circle, Watsonville, Ca. 95076

[831 .809. 1105](tel:831.809.1105)

I strongly object to the proposed Southern Alignment.

The proposed 115 kv line installed on 105 ft. high poles would require an entirely new easement. The location of this easement or of the new poles has not been disclosed. But if it lies along the existing route it will:

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3. The new easement and the 105 ft poles would require the removal of several hundred large trees including endangered oaks, costal redwoods and others.
4. The trees being removed currently provide nesting areas for Owls, Hawks, Eagles and other birds which may be protected.

5. The area along the Southern Route near White Rd. Contains several other wetland areas which the Federal Environmental Protection Laws and State Laws required to be set aside to protect the Long Toed Salamanders and others which are endangered. There is currently a small population of these inhabiting these areas. These areas must be delineated and protected totally. If your project continues.

6. These protected creatures move between the Federal Refuge and the other habitats and require an undisturbed environment to survive. They can not be moved or relocated. There are simply too few to risk a major project such as you propose.

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There is a permanent and sever water shortage in the area. Recharge areas allow water which travels along shallow clay layers and re enters the aquifer in certain spots. If pg & e punctures these shallow layers they can permanently destroy the recharge areas.

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Please consider the above and please keep in mind that we have only had 2 weeks to become educated on the issues. Whereas the other route has had 2 years. Once the people along the southern Alignment are told by us or by newspaper articles which will soon begin appearing I'm sure you will get many more letters.

Sincerely,

Richard Klevins

To: Ms. Lisa Orsaba

THIS IS A FOLLOW UP LETTER TO MY EMAIL  
ATT: PHOTOS AND ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INFORMATION  
PLEASE INCLUDE THIS HARD COPY IN YOUR REPORT

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10. A recent editorial (attached) states that PG & E has been avoiding installing underground lines even though the cost is offset by the savings in maintenance.
11. PG & E has fought point of use generation of power and REFUSE to buy such power. This discourages installation of point of use power by reducing the return to the owners of such systems.
12. According to federal reports if the power distribution companies such as PG & E supported point of use power up to 75% of power use could be avoided. BUT PG & E is in the transmission business not the power business therefore fights such power saving systems.

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TODAY'S DEBATE POWER OUTAGES

## Our view

## Utilities hide heads in the sand, not lines in the ground

Something about large storms and the power outages they inevitably cause seems to bring out a sense of helplessness in certain politicians and utility officials.

After the "derecho" storm that pulverized the mid-Atlantic two summers ago, an executive of a Washington, D.C.-area electric utility that consistently underperforms others in the region noted defensively, "We can't control the weather," as if the storms are a sheer surprise.

After last week's ice storm knocked out power for days to nearly three-quarters of a million people in the South, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal observed that "when freezing rain begins to fall, the power lines and the limbs that are adjacent to power lines become very susceptible to breaking." Who knew?

And after customers saw their power going in and out in South Carolina, Gary Stooksburg of Aiken Electric Co-Operative explained, "For the first two days, we put up lines, and they tore down right behind us."

True enough. The storm was severe, the repair crews were heroic, and no one expects utilities to conquer Mother Nature. But they're not helpless, either.

Instead of bromides, what politicians and utility officials could usefully be saying to the millions of people who are left hunkering under blankets when a big storm



Broken icy branches hang on power lines Wednesday in Summerville, S.C.  
PAUL ZOELLER, AP

rolls through is that they'll make sure these predictable power outages happen less often. One way to do that is by burying power lines underground, where ice and wind can't snap them.

People served by buried lines have dramatically fewer outages, according to two studies by the Edison Electric Institute, which represents investor-owned utility companies.

The idea is good enough that many American cities put most lines underground years ago, and lines for most new subdivisions are buried. Overall, though, roughly 80% of lines in the USA

still hang overhead.

Such "undergrounding" of power lines can be pricey. But the figure opponents commonly cite — 10 times as expensive as stringing lines overhead — is misleading. The actual cost can be half that, or less, depending on local conditions and whether lines are buried when developments are built or when roads are being torn up anyway.

The best idea is to identify the lines most likely to get knocked down and begin by burying those. A study for Pepco, the underperforming Washington-area utility, found that while burying all lines would cost \$5.8 billion and add a ridiculous \$107 a month to customer bills for 30 years, burying just the most vulnerable lines would cost about one-sixth as much and prevent 65% of outages, a more reasonable tradeoff.

Buried lines are no panacea; they're susceptible to flooding and can take longer to fix. But what utility officials rarely seem to take into account is what outages cost consumers: businesses that have to close, families that have to throw out spoiled food, people who wind up hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning when they try to stay warm by using space heaters, and homeowners who conclude they have to invest in backup generators.

Utilities can ignore those costs. Their customers cannot.



EXIST POLES-Red  
New Pole-Blue

1E Pole

EST. Only  
105 Pole

NEW

EXISTING  
LIMITS

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Used near Hwy 1





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\* Gas Line Marker

EXISTING  
60 KV - 115 KV

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Apropos Ridge Creek

Southern Alignment



View from Hwy 2

Southern Route

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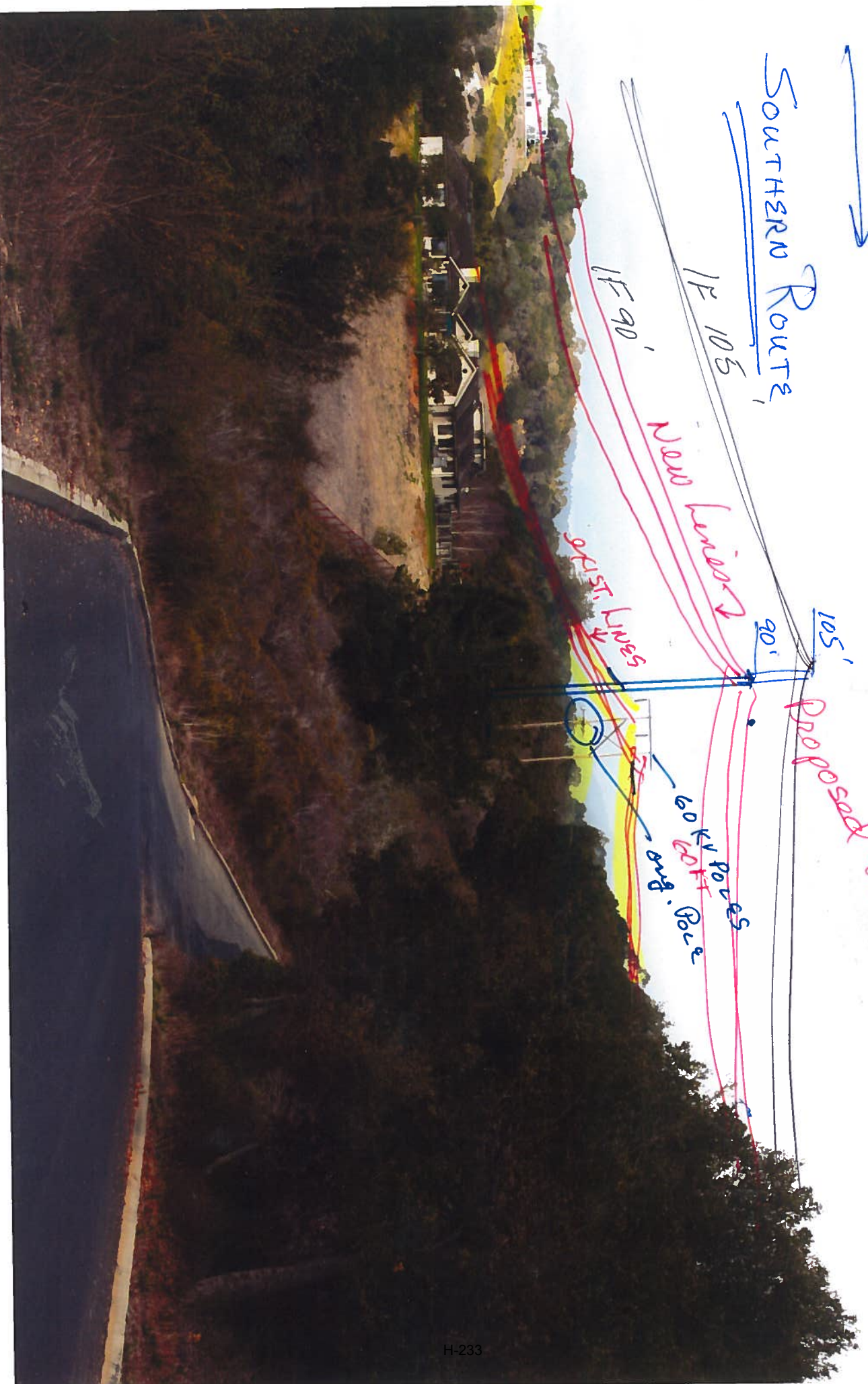
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New line

EXIST. Poles

105' Proposed 90' Pole

60KV Poles  
60KV Pole



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**Fwd: EIR Concerns**

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The amount of traffic using McDonald and Day Valley Roads needs to be documented as it currently exists and compared with other potential routes. The existing study is years out of date. The tree trimming and removal standards that PG&E will use needs to be made public in order to make clear the visual impact on our neighborhood.

Thank you,      Richard Ulrick  
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Owner of property at  
1975 Cox Road, Aptos CA 95003  
Currently leased

February 16, 2014

Lisa Orsaba  
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Dear Ms. Orsaba:

This follows our first letter to you dated Nov. 28, 2013. Please thank PGE for agreeing to do the EIR. However, we MUST emphasize that the intensity, accuracy, and careful scrutiny of the data used for all of the scoping elements be verified with accurate, provable, scientific data to the highest degree possible, under the law. Given the enormity of the numerous impacts of this project on this quiet, bucolic, rural area, we request that the scoping include the ramifications, should PGE choose a " cursory " examination, which would be subject to challenge if not thoroughly vetted.


Therefore, we ask that the EIR scoping project, include, but not be limited to the following detailed items:

1. Inclusion of the legal justification and authority to enter on private property only within the confines of any and all recorded easements specifically defined, for each property, and where such easements are NOT clearly defined, there shall be no legal justification or authority to enter on private property. Scoping shall include the foregoing.
2. Scoping shall include explanations and scientific evidence regarding impacts on water supply, whether through a public or private source, as to quality, quantity, and infrastructure. We request that the Central Water District, or private owners, as the case may be, be made aware of any such impacts to said water sources on an ongoing basis.

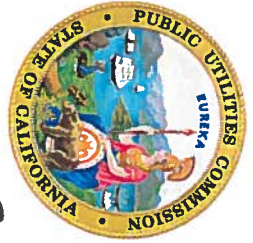
3. Scoping shall provide details of the physical and financial necessity for the proposed magnitude of the project, as originally presented. Scoping should include an analyzed comparison of scaled-down physical, financial alternatives. Scoping shall provide studies and due diligence on the future impacts of the removal of trees, grading and soil erosion, and mitigations to protected species, including but not limited to its financial, and logistical impediments. Cost impacts the community.
4. Scoping must provide protection of certified organic farmland such as our property on Cox Road, and many other properties in the project. Explain how the quality of the soil will be impacted due to equipment and materials not normally permitted on organic soil. Explain mitigations for erosion, including but not limited to various flora and fauna impacts. Explain the ramifications of the organic status of certain properties which may be lost due to the project's impact. Provide information on how residents and farm animals will be impacted by noise, dust, and construction equipment., and any mitigations thereto.
5. Provide information and scoping on all alternative routes, originally alluded to, and study other alternative routes not originally considered. Consider under-grounding or other newer technology which does not require massive poles and high-tension wires.
6. Provide financial mitigations in the scoping wherever possible, by details in spread sheet comparisons to a variety of alternatives, so as to be more frugal with the "blank check" approach to this project, and show how the costs ultimately impact the property owners' pocket books, and ultimately the entire community. Our community and many others have been impacted by a huge financial downturn, where property values plummeted. Answer in your scoping materials how much the property owners will need to pay in increased rates or utility increases shown on our tax bills? As part of the scoping, explain whether PGE will be required to submit documentation as mandated under Proposition 218, for such increases in costs to property owners to pay for this project.
7. Provide comparisons to alternative construction materials to the currently proposed 100 foot tall TSP, and the 89 foot tall wood transmission poles, neither of which currently exist in our County and are incongruent with the County plan.
8. Our property already has a huge tower of power...on an agricultural, organic site. When the new PGE project, and the increased high tension wires are enhanced, please provide scoping materials on any dangers these enhanced towers will create and explain the impact of earthquake, airplane or helicopter collisions, electrical storms, etc. on those towers and the 100 foot tall poles, as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and we trust that you will include all of the above scoping items in a fully documented EIR.

Very truly yours,



Rose Marie McNair  
Cc: Santa Cruz Co. Board of Supes, Senator Monning, Congressman Stone



# SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

You may also submit comments to:  
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Comments due February 18, 2014

Name:

Ruth Barker

Address:

315 McDonald Rd Apt 203

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831-662-0267

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Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

- ① Earthquake Risk - should be carefully evaluated since extremely tall poles & footing will be placed
- ② Water infrastructure in dry valley is very fragile - Please evaluate & provide the evaluation to the public. Deep holes, residue, toxic waste, H<sub>2</sub>O → Address water easements, set back



chemicals from new poles (each  
into ground) -  
health & environmental impact on our  
neighborhood & neighbors.

③ The County plan does not support  
this plan - please explain why. PG&E  
can propose & create a plan that the  
County does not agree with.

④ Please demonstrate ~~that~~ where the  
Scenic Corridor in this proposed area  
is located & effects of extremely large poles on  
our views & scenic corridors.



# SANTA CRUZ 115-KV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT SCOPING MEETING COMMENT

You may also submit comments to:  
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[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)  
Fax: 650-373-1211  
Comments due February 18, 2014

Name:

Paul Barker

Address:

315 McDonald Rd Aptos

Phone:

831-102-0267

Email:

nbarker1@notmail.com

Write your comment in the space below. Attach additional sheets or use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

- ① Please consider all Alternatives to the Northern ~~Corridor~~ <sup>Corridor</sup> Corridor Segment ~~Corridor~~ <sup>Corridor</sup> B&C
- ② All concerns expressed in CEQA - document Please Address
- ③ How will the noise buzzing sounds of the high tension wires be mitigated?

4) How will the visual impact of the giant  
Pikes be mitigated

5. The current lack of rain will  
affect the environmental report  
how will it fit assessment be  
made? - (for a dry period / wet period)



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- ① Safety - biking, walking, driving in clay valley  
is a great concern - during construction &
- ② After completion of the project  
Community values must be addressed -
  - visual effects
  - loss of land use
  - loss of hundreds of trees, some <sup>large</sup> historic trees
  - country environment - road is an eye sore & unpleasant



Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

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## Fwd: Santa Cruz 115kv project

1 message

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**Kristi Black** < [kristi.black@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kristi.black@panoramaenv.com) >  
To: Kimi Worrell < [kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com](mailto:kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com) >

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 10:49 PM

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From: **Ruth Barker** < [mabarker1@hotmail.com](mailto:mabarker1@hotmail.com) >

Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 9:54 PM

Subject: Santa Cruz 115kv project

To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

These are the issues that concern me related to the Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project.

1. Why is this project being done? The explanation given to date is too simple, broad, not evidence based and appears inaccurate.

It is appropriate and fair that all effected be given an evidence based explanation for this project.

2. Why would PG&E choose a route for this project through a residential country neighborhood when alternative routes are available and either have existing infrastructure or are more direct ?
3. What is the revenue projection for PG&E by selling space to other companies (internet,telephone etc) on the 115kv project poles?  
Does this revenue projection change if PG&E chooses a route other than the northern alliance?
4. Why is PG&E allowed to pursue a project that is contrary to the county general plan, not favored by the citizens and the Santa Cruz County supervisors, not supported by the local water district and not supported by the Sierra Club ?
5. All alternative routes and options for the project should be honestly considered including under ground utilities and the option of not doing this project.
6. Concise information must be shared with all citizens and residents on all possible routes regarding what easements will be taken, what private property will be taken, exactly which trees will be removed, exactly where and how deep holes will be dug to place large poles, exact placement of poles and due diligence mock up drawing accurately showing the completed project and the new landscape.
7. The water district infrastructure in Day Valley is fragile and at risk which should disqualify the Day Valley/Freedom alternative.  
If it does not then there must be a substantiated reason which takes into consideration a disaster occurring to the Day Valley water supply and delivery.
8. Risk of a natural disaster (such as an earthquake not unheard of in Aptos) to home owners and residents with 115kv power lines towering over neighborhood homes and yards.
9. The continued lack of water and very dry conditions must be seriously address when proposing a large scale dangerous project in home owners front yards.
10. I am deeply concerned about the community aesthetics, this project will permanently alter our country neighborhood and create an irreversible negative impact on our neighborhood aesthetics especially visual aesthetics and all those elements related to country living.
11. Negative impact on property values which will be caused by this project is an unacceptable consequence the homeowners will be forced to bare.
12. The possible risk of and damage to wildlife including plants and animals related to this project is unacceptable. This includes during the construction of such a project, following the completion of such a project and for the countless years this project will be maintenanced. This includes the use of helicopters, large trucks, cement mixers, other construction equipment, hundreds of men and vehicles all unacceptable is a small residential neighborhood.

13. Safety during & after the project to people, homes, animals, pets, recreational users, vehicles, property, livestock, organic farms and gardens, bees and vegetation.

14. Pollution caused by this project is not appropriate or acceptable in a residential neighborhood, noise, air, visual, possible water, land, dumping and spillage of construction waste and products and people pollution. This is an unfair burden placed on residents and neighbors on the project routes.

15. I must question why PG&E would choose the proposed route for the northern alignment, is it because the neighborhoods are simple and middle class, is this an easy group residents PG&E can force to bare the burden of this inappropriate project ?

I do not agree with this project, I do not want this project, it does not belong in a residential neighborhood,  
it is inappropriate and completely out of place in a country residential area.  
I ask you, would you agree to this project in your neighborhood?

Thank you for taking my questions and comments.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Barker @ 315 McDonald Rd, Aptos



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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**santa cruz 115 kv proje ct**

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Scott Schaaf &lt;ssschaaf@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 12:46 PM

Reply-To: Scott Schaaf &lt;ssschaaf@sbcglobal.net&gt;

To: "santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com" &lt;santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com&gt;

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

We are very concerned about the safety of this project, both to our rural neighborhood and the wildlife in the area. Removal of trees would negatively affect the many species of wildlife in the area. Local farmers could be adversely affected.

Please consider an alternative to the 100 foot tall towers.

Thank you,

Scott and Susan Schaaf



Lisa Orsaba  
CA Public Utilities Comm.  
40 Panarama Env. Svc.  
1 Embarcadero Cntr. Ste. 740  
San Francisco, CA 94111

2/11/14

Dear Lisa Orsaba,

I am writing this regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report in relationship to Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. Please address the following in regards to the scope of this project.

- The impact on the great horned owls that nest and hunt in and around our neighborhood. These birds are very sensitive to sound.
- The impact on our local water supply as to the safety and quality of our drinking water
- The impact on our water supply regarding the amount the project would pull and its impact on our cost of water due to the amount being diverted to this project.
- The impact to the organic orchards and farmlands in the area.
- The impact on traffic on Humes and Pleasant Valley Road access. Humes Road is a narrow, curvy road that has substantial traffic already. Humes is the only route to this section of valley.
- Alternative towers and poles - How will this impact our safety if there is a fire. Will helicopters still be able to respond to this area effectively with such obstacles.
- The impact of tree removal on wildlife. There



are many hawks and other animals dependent on this area as their habitat.

- Impact on local businesses that operate on weekends. The noise and traffic may deter people from frequenting businesses being bombarded by noise and large trucks and helicopters.

I request the before mentioned items be addressed in the scope of the upcoming Environmental Impact Report and entered into public record.

Sincerely,

Susan Hoffman

1576 Pleasant Valley Rd.

Aptos, CA 95003

email: tocontact.susan@yahoo.com

P.S. I just learned about this project last week from a neighbor. Please include any future information/notifications be sent to me.



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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**"Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project."**

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Susie Courtney &lt;courtneysusie@gmail.com&gt;

Tue, Feb 11, 2014 at 8:04 AM

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com

Dear PG and E,

We are writing to officially voice our appeal to the the "Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project," which would replace and move the existing electrical power poles on our road from 60 to 90ft power poles.

We had two sight on 177 Old Adobe Road (and others south of us on Old Adobe) and we were very hospitable to the workers and work don (which meant the portable bathrooms in front of our house for a month for 60 or more workers at different times and damage to the road which we all try to maintain). However, we had to be evacuated when we had a gas leak (after a worker turned our gas inside our home back on) in the middle of the night; were told large oak trees would be removed within the year, which we were happy to happen (but never have, even though many teams continue to wander back and forth surveying, looking at trees...); we continued to have a gas leak in front of our house (which neighbors and myself called in). PG and E checked it and said it was fine. Then is had a PG and E man doing routine work knock on our door and said he was checking something on our road and noticed we had a leak! Then we had more leaks smells on our road but it was questionable where they were coming from.

Do you really want our neighborhood to go through more? I know this is very upsetting news on our road. We are extremely concerned about the health risk of having MORE risk to our families and DO NOT welcome having even more powerful lines (we already have the huge gas line running up our road) and I do not want my family exposed to these even stronger electrical lines!

Susan Courtney  
177 Old Adobe Road  
Watsonville, CA 95076



Kristi Black &lt;kristi.black@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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## PG&E Santa Cruz 115kW Reinforcement Project

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tod williams &lt;bajatoddy@gmail.com&gt;

Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 12:16 PM

To: santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com, tod williams &lt;bajatoddy@gmail.com&gt;

2/13/2014

Dear Ms Orsaba

I have a question with regards to what is termed the Alternate Southern Alignment Route for this project.

Is your firm doing the environmental study for this so-called Southern Alignment Route?

If so is there a map-link that I could look at that would show me what streets or areas are involved in the Southern Route.

Appreciate your help

Tod Williams

[831-588-8129](tel:831-588-8129)

890 and 880 Woodside Drive

Watsonville, CA 95062

APN's 04940109 and 04940101



Kimi Worrell &lt;kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com&gt;

**Fwd: Dear Ms. Orsaba,**

1 message

**Kristi Black** <kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>  
 To: Kimi Worrell <kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 3:25 PM

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From: **Tom B** <[drpowder@hotmail.com](mailto:drpowder@hotmail.com)>  
 Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 3:10 PM  
 Subject: Dear Ms. Orsaba,  
 To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

I am very concerned about the planned PGE 115 kV reinforcement project in our neighborhood. I am relieved that an EIR is in progress, and I feel it is very important that the following be addressed:

1. PGE has given very brief justification or need for this project. I feel it may be unnecessary.
2. PGE already has 2 transmission lines with similar start and end to the proposed project. I feel there should be some overwhelming reason that the proposed project cannot be in one of those rights of way in order for it to be appropriate to traverse a neighborhood which is not now the route of 115kV transmission lines. Any issues with using existing routes should be mitigated if possible rather than making a new route thru a neighborhood. There is the possibility of a slightly longer route using portions of the current "souther alignment" and "northern alignment" with a new section much shorter than that proposed and affecting many fewer residents.
3. State and county law both require undergrounding of new electric lines such as this new transmission line.
4. Other 115kv lines exist at much lower height than the proposed 100t. proposed for our neighborhood. 60 ft. poles would have much less visual impact and should be considered

Sent from Surface Pro



Kimi Worrell &lt;kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com&gt;

**Fwd: No Santa Cruz 115 KV Project**

1 message

**Kristi Black** <kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>  
To: Kimi Worrell <kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 10:10 AM

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From: **Vicki Devine** <[vicki@devineranch.com](mailto:vicki@devineranch.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 10:00 AM  
Subject: No Santa Cruz 115 KV Project  
To: [santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)  
Cc: [shockedbypge@gmail.com](mailto:shockedbypge@gmail.com)

Dear PG&amp;E,

Upon learning of your plans to put a reinforcement project in Pleasant Valley we would like to express our concerns. We are a wedding venue, Devine Ranch, that is at the end of Pleasant Valley Rd. Our guests comes from many different parts of California not limited to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and destination. These wedding and special event parties come to quant pleasant valley to experience the natural beauty and seclusion that the surrounding area brings. They bring in good great economic support to our community by visiting our local wineries, shopping at local organic farms, and staying at local hotels. If your reinforcement project is put at the corner of hames road it will not only effect our local natural beauty, destroy animal habitats, and be an eye soar to our local tourists that visit pleasant valley but it will harm our livelihood. Small organic farms will not be able to be certified, wineries will loose their appeal, and brides will be devastated by the loss of your perfect little oasis.

With a growing population of small wineries, organic farms, and wedding venues like us Pleasant Valley must work to stay picturesque. The construction will effect both business and traffic. By removing hundreds of trees the noise and safety alone is a huge concern. We are a rural neighborhood that wants to stay that way so that Santa Cruz county can support our vision of a wine country escape. Deer, birds, horses, and other animals are vital to that experience. Our community values Pleasant Valley history and hopes that PG&E considers this project in a different location. Thank you for hearing our comments and if you have any questions I would be happy to be a representative for our perfect little valley. We have been loyal PG&E costumers and we hope that at this time we let our voice be heard. Please do not ruin our quant little valley.

Thank you  
Sincerely,

The Devine Family  
Devine Ranch, LLC  
[www.devineranch.com](http://www.devineranch.com)





Kimi Worrell < kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

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## Fwd: Scoping comments on 115kv project Santa Cruz from a concerned resident

1 message

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**Kristi Black** < kristi.black@panoramaenv.com>  
To: Kimi Worrell <kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 11:33 AM

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From: **Vijay Char** <[vijaychar@yahoo.com](mailto:vijaychar@yahoo.com)>

Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Scoping comments on 115kv project Santa Cruz from a concerned resident

To: "[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)" <[santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com](mailto:santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com)>

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To Lisa Orsaba or TO IT MAY CONCERN:

The current towers and lines lie on the border of my property at 200 Marthas Way, Aptos and the access trail lies on a steep slope along my property border with easement for right of way to PG&E.

The proposed plan would potentially add new lines, raise the voltages dramatically, increase tower heights and widen the access trail.

Please see my comments as a concerned resident who is likely to be very adversely affected by this project.

I am very concerned about the impact of this project due to the following

- will be an eyesore on the spectacular views currently presented and will reduce my property value due to the increased tower heights, the added lines, increased voltages and the widened access trail
- the new construction activity is also going to have a negative impact on our local road, wildlife, vegetation which are already in a very fragile state and may never recover or need significant expense to restore.
- harmful effects on my family and pets due to stronger electromagnetic fields, the accompanying crackling noise and increased catastrophic risks that go along with the higher voltages proposed
- increased erosion due to the wider access trail proposed. We are already seeing the runoff from even occasional showers cause lots of erosion and debris accumulation in drainage channels.
- increased traffic and activity on a wider access trail will have negative impact on the local wildlife and vegetation. Previous maintenance activity has left piles of cut brush on my property and these remain a huge fire danger.



- the current trail lies along a trail used by many local wildlife and the increased activity from maintenance, the reduced cover from widening is bound to cause major disruption and further upset the ecological balance we currently struggle to maintain.
- in the longer term, the increased power availability is bound to hasten the congestion in the area and the faster degradation of this relatively pristine valley today.

I urge the PUC & PGE to factor in these concerns and modify the plan to address or mitigate.

Please let me know that you received these comments before the 5pm, 2/18/14 deadline. If you should have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,

Vijay T Char  
200 Marthas Way  
Aptos CA 95003  
[4083681322](tel:4083681322)

Lisa Orsaba  
California Public Utilities Commission  
C/O Panorama Environmental, Inc  
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 740  
San Francisco, California 94111

February 13, 2014

Dear Ms. Orsaba,

I am writing you in regard to the scoping of the EIR to be prepared for the 115 KV Reinforcement Project in Santa Cruz County. We have lived on Day Valley Rd in Aptos for 40 years and have had only 2 major power interruptions. During the wet weather of 1982 and the earthquake of 1989.

To even consider that this proposed project is worth the removal of hundreds of trees, the proposed 100 X 4 foot steel poles and the change to the aesthetics of the area is beyond reason. PG&E's proposal is 18 poles within approximately 1 1/2 to 2 mile distance between their existing line where it crosses Cox Rd., down Cox Rd to Day Valley Rd to McDonald, down McDonald to Freedom Blvd. How can that be necessary?

There are many important issues the EIR must address:

The removal of hundreds of trees to be replaced by 100' X 4' steel poles. This is going to have a huge impact on our community values in this forested area and the destruction of wildlife habitat is even harder to accept.

The extreme weather changes that are being seen in the U.S. and power outages caused by trees falling across power lines is why consideration should be given to putting the power lines underground.

The water quality that would be compromised due to the leaching of chemicals from the foundations needed for these poles.

Changing the route, just sends the problem to someone else. Using a route where there are transmission lines already in place, should also be considered.



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1170 Day Valley Rd  
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388 Aptos Ridge Circle,  
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February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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Dear Lisa Orsaba,

This is a copy of a similar letter sent to you by residents of the area where the new PG&E line is proposed. Please note that the identical arguments apply to the possible alternate route proposed across the Aptos Ridge Circle community. Thank you for your consideration.

This is regarding the scoping of the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the proposed Santa Cruz 115 kV Reinforcement Project by PG&E. I am concerned this project will significantly alter the beauty of the natural landscape of our bucolic neighborhood. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and the community values. There are many important issues the EIR must adequately address:

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I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns be entered into the permanent record.

Sincerely, Alan and Gweneth Brown.

## Self-Serve Fax Cover Sheet

To: Lisa Orsaba CPUC  
re: Santa Cruz 115 project  
Fax #: 650-373-1211

Date: 2-14-14

Number of Pages (Including Cover):

From: A. Cavanaugh

Phone #: 831-763-2494

Reply Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Urgent ☒ Confidential ☐ Confirm Receipt ☐

Dear Ms Orsaba / CPUC  
Please be aware there is growing concern in  
Santa Cruz re: the ~~2~~ 115 project.  
Thank you for your attention

A. Cavanaugh  
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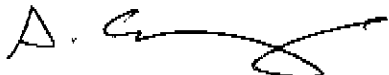
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Sincerely,



Name: WARD + ANNE PITMAN  
Address: 123 Apple Lane  
City: Aptos  
Date: 2-11-14

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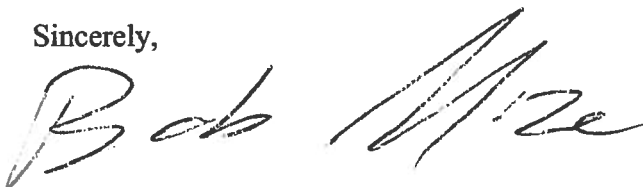
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Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 3:58 PM

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Thank you.

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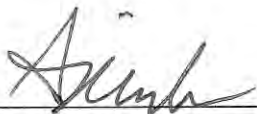
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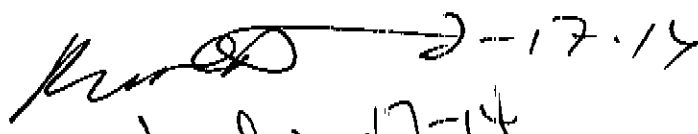
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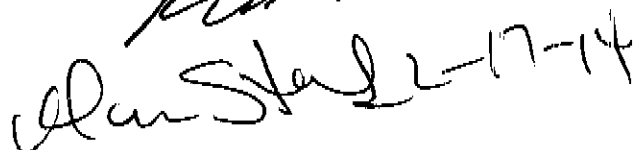
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## Fwd: Environmental Impact report - Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement project

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Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 3:51 PM

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Farmer

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Summer months and in relation to the small size of the Central Water District and the aging and fragile water delivery infrastructure.

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I request the PUC investigate and address these issues, and that my concerns as well as the concerns of the hundreds of my neighbors who will be adversely impacted by this project and that all the information be entered into the permanent record so that it may be examined by the public.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

Gretchen Werner

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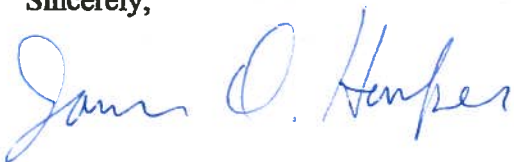
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Kimi Worrell &lt;kimi.worrell@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Environmental Impact**

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Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 9:43 PM

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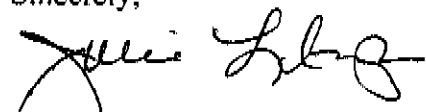
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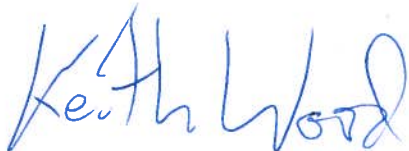
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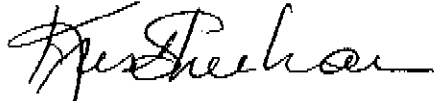
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Mon, Feb 17, 2014 at 9:42 PM

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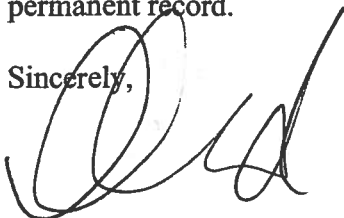
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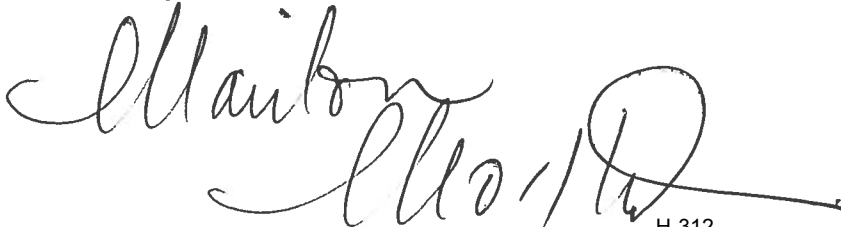
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*While this is a form letter,  
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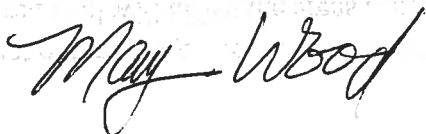
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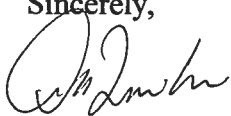
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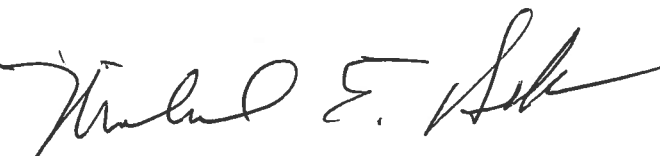
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## Santa Cruz 115kv Reinforcement Project

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Monica Meyer &lt;monica8757@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 3:33 PM

To: Kristi Black &lt;santacruz115kvproject@panoramaenv.com&gt;

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I have many concerns about this project including permanent alteration our rural community with huge power poles that are eye sores and are not in keeping with the natural beauty of our area. This project adversely affects all area residents, the beautiful rural environment, neighborhood aesthetics, wildlife habitats, and the community values.

I'd like to make sure the EIR adequately address these issues including:

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*Patricia E. Lester*

*Personal letter*  
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## PGE opposition

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Patricia Meyer <lightwkr@cruzio.com>  
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Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 5:20 PM



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Date: 2/16/14 \_\_\_\_\_

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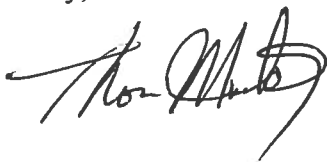
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Thu, Feb 27, 2014 at 2:04 PM

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Subject: 115kv Reinforcement Project

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Please don't allow PG&E ruin our beautiful environment. I would like to go on record as being opposed to this project.

Sincerely,

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