

FEB 18 2011

February 17, 2011

Iain Fisher, CPUC/Greg Thomsen, BLM
c/o Dudek
605 Third Street
Encinitas, CA 92024

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thomsen,

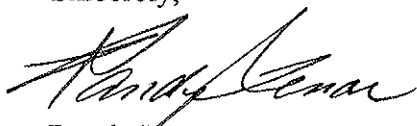
I am writing on behalf of H.O.P.E. of the Mountain Empire, an organic grassroots group of local citizens concerned about the social and economic health of our mountain empire communities. We appreciate this opportunity to comment on your EIR for the ECO/Tule Wind projects in east San Diego county.

I have attached a copy of the platform of our organization as adopted in 2006 and revised this past year by the unanimous vote of the membership at our annual meeting. As you can see, we support "**Responsible Sustainable Energy.**" Responsible can mean many things to many people, but, clearly, these projects will bring much needed clean energy to our region in a responsible manner.

You cannot have responsible sustainable energy if it adversely impacts the communities it will serve. We believe that the recommendation to under ground the connector lines through Boulevard is very responsible and makes this project a win-win for our region. We also believe that the interconnect to the rich wind areas of Baja California is a good idea. H.O.P.E. has always supported those things that are good for our region and opposed those things that are bad. These projects are clearly good and we hope you will approve them with the recommendation to under ground the connector lines.

Thank you for you consideration. We look forward to commenting in the future.

Sincerely,



Randy Lenac
Chairman
H.O.P.E. of the Mountain Empire
P.O. Box 188
Campo, CA 91906

H.O.P.E. Platform

H.O.P.E. is committed to:

***The preservation and enhancement of our country lifestyle
by listening to and representing the community on the following
issues:***

Preservation of our rural heritage

Respect for property rights

Efficient & Responsible use of our Water Resources

Quality schools

Fire protection and public safety

Enhanced healthcare, community services and conveniences

Improved community access (roads, trails, public transportation)

Economic prosperity & local jobs & property values

Border protection

Housing availability and variety

Youth and senior quality of life

Building relationships with our tribal neighbors

Responsible Sustainable Energy