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SUPPLEMENTAL SCOPING REPORT

Presidential Substation Project Supplemental Scoping Report

1. Introduction

Due to the changes in the Proposed Project design and the length of time that has passed since the initial scoping period, the CPUC opened a supplemental scoping period. This report provides an overview and a summary of the written and oral comments received by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) during the supplemental public scoping period for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that the CPUC is preparing for Southern California Edison's (SCE's) Presidential Substation Project (the Proposed Project).¹

CEQA Guidelines Section 15083 provides that a "Lead Agency may...consult directly with any person...it believes will be concerned with the environmental effects of the Project." Scoping is the process of early consultation with the affected agencies and public prior to completion of a Draft EIR. Section 15083(a) states that scoping can be "helpful to agencies in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in an EIR and in eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important." Scoping is an effective way to bring together and consider the concerns of affected State, regional, and local agencies, the Project proponent, and other interested persons (CEQA Guidelines Section 15083(b)).

Scoping is not conducted to resolve differences concerning the merits of a project or to anticipate the ultimate decision on a proposal. Rather, the purpose of scoping is to help ensure that a comprehensive EIR will be prepared that provides a firm basis for the decision-making process.

This report is intended for use by the public to have access to and understand the comments received during the scoping period. It includes verbal and written public comments received during the scoping period (August 26th, 2010 to September 25, 2010). The CPUC will use this report as a tool to ensure the preparation of a comprehensive EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, all public comments *will be considered*² in the EIR process.

¹ The California Public Utilities Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the preparation of an EIR for the Proposed Project.

² Comments not within the scope of CEQA will not be addressed through the CEQA Process.

2. Description of the Project

Project Summary

The EIR will examine the environmental impacts associated with construction, operation and maintenance of the Presidential Substation Project, and identify and evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Project. The objective of the Proposed Project is to build electrical facilities necessary to maintain safe and reliable electric service to customers, and serve the forecasted electrical demand in the Electrical Needs Area in the City of Thousand Oaks, the City of Simi Valley and unincorporated portions of Ventura County.

The Proposed Project includes the following elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site;
- Removal of existing distribution poles and installation of new subtransmission poles and installation of 66kV subtransmission conductor to supply the substation;
- Construction of four new 16 kV distribution getaways and one vault; and
- Construction of facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

Project Location

The Proposed Project is located in the City of Thousand Oaks and unincorporated portions of Ventura County. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The Proposed Project is generally located near agricultural lands, open space, and residential areas.

3. Opportunities for Public Comment

Notification

On Wednesday, August 25, 2010, the CPUC published and distributed a Noticing Letter to notify interested local, regional, and state agencies, and the public, that the Project Description for the Presidential Substation Project had changed (Appendix A). The Noticing Letter solicited both written and verbal comments on the EIR's scope during a 30-day comment period and provided information on a forthcoming supplemental public scoping meeting. Additionally, the Noticing Letter explained where revisions to Data Request #4 and information about the CEQA review of the Proposed Project could be viewed, and the contact name for additional information regarding the Project.

In addition to the Noticing Letter, the CPUC notified the public about the supplemental public scoping meeting through a newspaper legal advertisements and the Project website. The Noticing Letter, newspaper legal advertisement, and the Project website notification are presented in Appendices A, B, and C respectively. Notifications provided basic project information, the date, time, and location of the supplemental scoping meeting, and a brief explanation of the public scoping process.

The CPUC published legal advertisements in the Ventura County Star on August 26, 2010 and September 11, 2010. Additionally, an electronic copy of the Noticing Letter was posted on the CPUC's website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>.

The public was informed that they could submit written comments on the scope, content, and format of the environmental document by mail, facsimile, or email to the CPUC. All comments received are included in this scoping report.

Public Scoping Meeting

The CPUC conducted the supplemental scoping meeting. The meeting was held Tuesday, September 14, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in a meeting room at the Palm Garden Hotel, located at 495 N. Ventu Park Rd, Thousand Oaks, California. Approximately 85 members of the public were in attendance at the supplemental scoping meeting. Juralynne Mosley of the CPUC, and Michael Manka, Matthew Fagundes, and Julie Holst of Environmental Science Associates (ESA) were also in attendance. Sign-in sheets from the scoping meeting are provided in Appendix D. Meeting attendees were asked to sign in and were provided with materials including presentation slides, a comment card, and a speaker card. Copies of the Noticing Letter were available upon request.

One presentation (Appendix E) was given which included an overview of the environmental review process, the regional context, project background, project objectives, project description, project alternatives, and role of the public comments. Following the presentation, public comments were taken and documented by a court reporter (Appendix F). All attendees were informed that they could also submit written comments up until the close of the scoping period at 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2010.

4. Summary of Scoping Comments

During the public scoping meeting held on September 14, 2010, participants commented on the Proposed Project. Written comments were also collected throughout the public comment period (Appendix G). Twenty-six written letters were received during the scoping period. Appendix F presents transcripts of the oral comments received, and Appendix G contains copies of the submitted written comments.

Commenting Parties

The following individuals and parties submitted comments on the scope of the EIR. These comments are organized by date of receipt.

**TABLE 1
PARTIES SUBMITTING COMMENTS DURING
THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION PROJECT EIR SCOPING PROCESS**

Name	Organization	Date/Received Date
Written Comments		
Jim Assaley	Individual	September 9, 2010
Andy Lintz	Individual	September 9, 2010
Deiter Wolf	Individual	September 9, 2010
	Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division ³	September 9, 2010
Derrick Wilson	Individual	September 14, 2010
James Cornell	Individual	September 14, 2010
Paula Cornell	Individual	September 14, 2010
Deiter Wolf	Individual	September 15, 2010
Jeff Phillips	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	September 16, 2010
Dennis Broersma	Individual	September 19, 2010
Jennifer Crandall	Individual	September 21, 2010
	Ventura County Air Pollution Control District ³	September 21, 2010
Alicia Stratton	City of Simi Valley	September 23, 2010
Paul Miller	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	September 23, 2010
Paul Edelman	Underwood Family Farms	September 23, 2010
Craig Underwood	Ventura County Watershed Protection District ³	September 23, 2010
Tom Wolfington	Ventura County Planning Division ³	September 23, 2010
Bruce Smith	City of Moorpark	September 24, 2010
David B. Bobardt	Individual	September 24, 2010
Mercedes Todesco	Individual	September 24, 2010
Georgette McBreen	Individual	September 26, 2010
Jonathan Evans	Center for Biological Diversity	September 27, 2010
Greg Smith	City of Thousand Oaks	September 27, 2010
Debroah Cassar	Individual	September 27, 2010
Jon Fleagane	Individual	September 27, 2010
Marc Reich	Individual	September 27, 2010
Frances Straky	Individual	September 27, 2010

³ Part of a series of letters sent under one transmittal from Tricia Maier, Program Administrative Section, County of Ventura.

Marco Todesco	Individual	September 27, 2010
Teresa Todesco	Individual	September 27, 2010
Charlotte Walters	Individual	September 27, 2010
Oral Comments		
Craig Underwood	Underwood Family Farms	September 14, 2010
Michael Bates	Individual	September 14, 2010
Jonathan Evans	Center for Biological Diversity	September 14, 2010
Charles Cronin	Individual	September 14, 2010
Deiter Wolf	Individual	September 14, 2010
Jim Assaley	Individual	September 14, 2010
Brian Gillespie	Individual	September 14, 2010
Mark Reich	Attorney for Valdez Family	September 14, 2010
Mark Towne	City of Thousand Oaks	September 14, 2010
Bala Kanayson	Individual	September 14, 2010
Rebecca Voskanian	Individual	September 14, 2010
BJ de Castro	Rancho Madera Homeowners Association	September 14, 2010
Jennifer Crandall	Flying Heart Ranch	September 14, 2010
Andy Gosser	Individual	September 14, 2010
Daniel Milligan	Individual	September 14, 2010
Joshua Brewer	Individual	September 14, 2010

Comments Received During the Scoping Process

The following discussion summarizes both the oral and written comments received during the public scoping period. For more detailed information, please see Appendix F, which contains the September 14, 2010 Scoping Meeting transcript, and Appendix G, which contains written comments submitted during the scoping period.

Specific comments are categorized by topical areas to facilitate review of the comments.

Issues to Be Considered under CEQA

Project Description

- Would the boring for the towers carrying the high voltage be concurrent to the trenching for distribution? If so, please provide a map of the combined area. (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- The commenter would like to see examination of the proximity of the power poles to people's homes. Part of the proposed lines would go directly over at least one home in the area. (Written – Straky)
- Since the beginning of this process the Project has gone from bad to worse. The increased project impact through trenching and undergrounding would only have a greater disturbance that really should be addressed in the environmental review process. There are better ways to meet the needs for this project that are beneficial for wildlife, beneficial for the environment, better for the community and better for ratepayers, and it is important that the alternatives analysis through this process be robust and vigorous and not simply parrot what SCE wants to do, which is build power lines. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)

Aesthetics

- Commenter's backyard faces the golf course and he enjoys the view which he paid to obtain. The commenter is shocked that this area is even under consideration of a route to erect feeder lines at all and unbelievably right in his back yard. (Written - Lintz)
- The neighborhood in which the Project is proposed to take place is a scenic entrance to the city and would not be destroyed by the hideous poles that SCE proposes. (Written - Lintz)
- Olsen Road is the gateway to Simi Valley and the route to the Reagan Library. The site for the Reagan Library was picked because it is similar to Reagan's ranch. The commenter is wondering why a power substation and high voltage lines must be installed right on the road to this major attraction and landmark. (Written – J. Cornell)

- The Project would destroy the beauty of the commenter's surroundings which is why she chose a home on the rural belt of Read road. The commenter's property borders farm fields and the Open Space Reserves on the other perimeters. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- Due to the Project's proximity to the City of Simi Valley, and the fact that portions of the alternatives are proposed within the city limits, the City is concerned about the potentially significant impacts of the Project on the community. The substation as proposed would be located at a visible location on Olsen Road, a highly traveled roadway and a major gateway to Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. While Southern California Edison states that the facility would be low profile, it would be visible to a high volume of motorists, as well as adjacent properties. In addition, approximately one-quarter mile of subtransmission lines with 65' to 85' high poles would parallel and cross Olsen Road, detracting from the natural open space beauty of the area. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)
- Design the substation to screen it entirely from the adjacent roadway and properties. Screening methods should include extensive landscaping including large trees and a berm. The visual simulation that is available for review on the CPUC website demonstrates that the proposed landscaping and screening wall would be woefully inadequate. The wall should be tall enough to block the view of the equipment from Olsen Road. The landscaping should include trees along the entire street frontage. All of the proposed trees should be at least 48"-box in size and spaces 20' on center when planted. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)
- The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is concerned with the potential aesthetic impacts on public viewsheds, particularly as seen from hiking trails. (Written - Edelman, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)
- The revised project description indicates that some of the steel poles would be between 1.5 and 2 feet in diameter and some would be between 2 and 4 feet in diameter; the wider poles would be between 60 and 100 feet high. Although poles at either extreme in size may be found in the EIR to have significant adverse visual impacts as proposed, a 4' wide by 100' high pole would have a much greater visibility than a 2' wide by 60' high pole. Since visual impacts of the poles are one of the most important issues to the public, pole sizing should be as specific as possible in the Project Description to improve the quality of the EIR analysis. (Written - Bobardt, City of Moorpark)
- The Ventura County General Plan contains two policies regarding public utilities that relate to the proposed project. They are as follows: Policy 4.5.2-1 - New gas, electric, cable television utility transmission lines shall use or parallel existing utility rights-of-way where feasible and avoid scenic areas when not in conflict with the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission. When such areas cannot be avoided, transmission lines should be designed and located in a manner to minimize their visual impact. Policy 4.5.2-3 - Discretionary development shall be conditioned to place

utility service lines underground wherever feasible. These two policies should be addressed in the EA. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)

- The site is located within 1/2 mile of the following eligible County Scenic Highways: State Highway SR-23, Moorpark Road (Sunset Valley Road), Read Road, Olsen Road and Madera Road. An analysis of the Project's visual impacts viewed from these roadways should be included in the environmental document. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)
- The Ventura County General Plan contains goals and policies regarding the scenic resources. The applicable goals and policies are as follows:
 - Goal 1.7.1-1 - Preserve and protect the significant open views and visual resources of the County.
 - Policy 1.7.2-1 - ...discretionary development which would significantly degrade visual resources or significantly alter or obscure public views of visual resources shall be prohibited unless no feasible mitigation measures are available and the decision making body determines there are overriding considerations.

In addition, the Thousand Oaks Area Plan contains goals and policies regarding scenic resources. The applicable goals and policies are as follows:

- Goal 1.4.1-1 - Preserve and protect the significant visual quality and aesthetic beauty of the Thousand Oaks Area of Interest. This shall include, but not be limited to, protected trees, arroyos, barrancas, and surrounding hills and mountains.
- Policy 1.4.2-3 - Discretionary development on parcels abutting an adopted or eligible County Scenic Highway or Local Scenic Road shall be subject to the following criteria:
 - 1) Freestanding off-site advertising signs and pole-mounted business identification or advertising signs shall be prohibited.
 - 2) Outside storage in public view is prohibited. Storage areas shall be landscaped and/or screened from public view.
 - 3) Existing unhealthy, mature trees, and native and long established vegetation shall be retained, where feasible.
 - 4) Development shall be designed to be in harmony with the surrounding areas. In particular Highway 23 is considered an Eligible County Scenic Highway as defined and identified in the General Plan Resources Appendix and Thousand Oaks Area Plan.

The EA indicates that the proposed project is not located within the view shed of a State Scenic Highway as mapped by the California Department of Transportation and as a result there would be no impact to scenic resources within a state scenic highway. However, it does not address the county's policies and the proposed project's impact on viewshed of Highway 23. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)

- The above ground power lines would be a hideous eyesore and would totally destroy and distort the natural scenic view that makes the neighborhood so beautiful and desirable. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- The commenter states that the lines would be right overhead in clear view. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- The proposed power lines would be very unsightly. Tierra Rejada Valley is a place of beauty and the residents have fought hard to maintain this area of beauty. Why must the power lines go there? The commenter lives in Moorpark and does not want to see the beautiful Tierra Rejada valley marred by these unsightly monstrosities. (Written - McBreen)
- As addressed in the City's prior scoping comments, the Draft EIR needs to clarify the actual width and height of proposed tubular and steel poles at all locations along the subtransmission route. As an example, the revised project description states that pole diameters would range between 2 feet and 4 feet with a maximum height not to exceed 90 feet. Also, the preliminary photo-simulations prepared by the EIR consultant should utilize arrows or brackets to assist the public in identifying key elements of the proposed project. In some of the longer distance perspectives, it is difficult to determine exactly where the poles are located. The draft EIR photo-simulations should depict the actual width of the poles and state the pole width so that the accuracy of the scale can be determined. (Written - Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
- In one of the Route 23 Freeway photo-simulations a gabion wall is depicted as a means of stabilizing a manufactured cut slope adjacent to a subtransmission pole. It is recommended that SCE consider a different type of wall, preferably reinforced masonry block, that resembles the materials used on other perimeter and sound walls in this general vicinity. (Written - G. Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The aesthetic look of the community would be ruined. (Written - Cassar)
- The commenter is concerned about the size of the poles. He has been told that the poles would be anywhere from 60 feet to 100 feet in height. (Written – Fleagane, Straky)
- As repeatedly stated during the (scoping) meeting, the 66 kV overhead lines would severely damage the aesthetics and culture of the community. (Written - Reich)

- Many homes back Olsen Road, and the residents have great concern. All of their utilities are currently underground. If these poles were erected along Olsen Road, people would look out from their homes for years to see poles and wires. Aesthetically this would be terrible, effecting property value. The underground utilities were a selling point when the commenter bought her home. Why would residents want poles and wires now? (Written – Teresa Todesco, Walters)
- The proposed Project would require the gateway to our rural neighborhood be lined with huge, dangerous and ugly industrial steel towers. (Oral - Assalley)
- The commenter thanks the CPUC for helping the community gain a small concession. He is referring to the decision to underground the lines at the 23 freeway. He is very thankful for that, and everyone agrees that it would help reduce the visual impact on the gateway to the city. (Oral - Assalley)
- The community thinks that undergrounding the high-power lines, the high-tension lines, the high-voltage, and keeping the 16-volt where they are in keeping with one of the missions of CEQA and the CPUC, as well as with rural and community values. Open space is a rural value. It is covered by SOAR, and it is the scenic corridor. The commenter thinks it is in keeping with the charter of the CPUC to extend rural and community values when determining the site of power lines. (Oral - Cronin)
- The City of Thousand Oaks is waiting for information regarding dimensions of the poles. From Laundry Road east of Sunset Valley the dimensions still range from 60- to 100-foot poles. If that information could be provided, it would be helpful to everybody. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The Project destroys one of the entrances into Thousand Oaks. It is a scenic entrances and a very well-used entrance near a golf course and trees. The City spent a lot of money with replanting grass and brickwork. Now there is a proposal to put abominations there. It is insane. There is not one thing that anyone could say that makes that okay. It is wrong, it should be illegal and it is an example of a big company trying to hurt people. (Oral - Gosser)
- The commenter's backyard has a swimming pool, a lawn, and a beautiful view of the golf course that he paid for. Now the beautiful view of the golf course is going to be high-tension lines. (Oral - Gosser)
- Back in the 1990s the majority of the residents of Ventura County voted for an open space and to make Tierra Rejada part of that open space plan, and it seems this project is right in the middle of the Tierra Rejada open space. It would have a negative impact on the beautiful scenic view. The commenter is concerned about a gradual decline in the quality of this very beautiful and scenic land and this is just one project; 50 behind it and hundreds more after it. SCE is continuing to just slowly chip away at the quality of this land. It is not a renewable resource. Some examples of projects, in addition to the homes

that have been built there, are lights, water towers, cell towers, and radio towers. Projects keep being built. It's like scars on the land. These are scars that don't go away and people continue to scar this land, ignoring the impacts. (Oral - Milligan)

Agricultural Resources

- How would access to the growing area be maintained without adversely impacting the fields? (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- The proposed high voltage lines would generally follow road right-of-ways within areas largely designated as Prime farmland by the State Important Farmlands Inventory. For properties designated Open Space by the General Plan, Ventura County has adopted significance thresholds which would consider impact on agricultural soils to be significant if the proposed project would result in direct or indirect loss of more than 10 acres or Prime or Statewide Important farmland, or more than 15 acres of Unique farmland or more than 20 acres of Locally Important farmland. The proposed project should be evaluated for its impact on State designated Important Farmland. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)
- Underwood Family Farms serves thousands upon thousands of families throughout the county providing agricultural educational experiences for the children. The commenter is a teacher who takes her classes to the farm at least twice a year to pick pumpkins in the fall, and then strawberries in the spring and also for the children to see and learn about all the farm animals that are on display at the farm. Her school, Conejo Valley Adult Education Parenting Program, consists of 22 Parent education teachers, all who bring their classes faithfully to the farm because it offers such a quality educational experience.

The program alone represents at least 600 families and that is just one school. There are dozens more with the same interests. The farm also provides a source for families to pick their own produce, allowing them to eat fruits and vegetables in their freshest state. (Written, McBreen)

- The area holds one of the last remaining farms where children and adults can go to learn about where food comes from that they eat everyday. Children are bussed from as far away as Los Angeles to visit this farm and pick their own pumpkins and eat produce. Even Japanese tour busses have stopped to visit. This project is threatening the community's way of life. (Written - Fleagane)
- Commenter is concerned about the scale of the Project. He farms along the edge of the Project area. He states that the changes made to the DEIR only increase the scale and the total cost of the Project, as well as the impact on his farm (Oral - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)

- The commenter has two young children who have had the great opportunity to know where their food comes from by visiting Underwood Farms. They go a couple of times a week during the farm season. In an increasingly urbanized environment, people know little about where food comes from, how it was grown, and what pesticides are used. It is wonderful for kids to eat from the vine the tomatoes and the berries and to know how corn grows, how fast it grows, to be able to feed the donkeys, the cows and the sheep. There is not anything like Underwood Farms for at least 50 miles, and it is something so true and so natural. It is not commercialized. It is not Disneyland. It is just a place that is simple and pure. (Oral - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- Underwood Farm is special. It should not be an argument about how tasks would be completed. SCE has to put its heart into the Project and realize there is a right way to do it. Putting the Project by the farm is not the right way. (Oral - Wolf)
- Thousands of kids come out to get the farm experience at Underwood Farms. They are surrounded by things that are pretty much foreign to kids now. After this Project they would come out and be surrounded by huge poles, and it just seems like there has got to be some other way. (Oral - Brewner)

Biological Resources

- Commenter provides information on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responsibilities, including administering the Endangered Species Act, and required permits. (Written - Phillips, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- The Fish and Wildlife Service has comments on the biological surveys and habitat assessments which have, or would be, conducted for the proposed project. Maps and figures contained in Attachments 8 and 9 of Data Request Letter number 4 on the PUC website show project components occurring within designated critical habitat for Riverside fairy shrimp and Lyon's pentachaeta. If a federal nexus exists for the proposed project and adverse effects may occur to designated critical habitat, the lead federal agency is required to initiate consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act. Attachment 8 states that a portion of the proposed project site containing suitable habitat for Lyon's pentachaeta was not surveyed. Surveys should be conducted on the proposed substation site prior to construction. If federally listed plants are discovered onsite, the Service must be contacted to initiate the appropriate level of consultation. As a reminder, Lyon's pentachaeta is also listed by the California Endangered Species Act as endangered. (Written - Phillips, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Measure APM-Bio-1 of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) recommends avoidance or minimization of impacts to coastal sage scrub vegetation. This vegetation community could provide suitable habitat for the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliotila cali/arnica cali/ornica*). The Fish and Wildlife Service recommends taking all actions necessary to minimize or avoid any impacts of the Project

- on suitable habitat for federally listed species. (Written - Phillips, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- The proposed Project area has endangered species to protect. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - Commenter states that she has over 10 mature trees that line her front yard border and are over 70 years old. The root systems would be destroyed by an excavation for burial of the poles or foundation. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - Hawks and big horn owls live in these trees along with other wildlife. SCE would be destroying their homes. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is the primary State open space planning agency in the subject project area. The Conservancy is concerned with the Project's potential impacts on habitat and wildlife connectivity. Although transmission lines are relatively low-impact infrastructure, the associated maintenance roads and tower footprints may have a significant impact on biological resources. (Written - Edelman, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)
 - Since the initial scoping period the Project has only become more environmentally destructive due to the increased development footprint in habitat areas associated with undergrounding and staging of equipment. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
 - The Center for Biological Diversity is very concerned that the Preferred Alternative is the most biologically damaging alternative for the Project. The Draft EIR must fully analyze the Project's impacts to sensitive species and all reasonable and prudent alternatives for adoption. Importantly the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) must ensure that the substantive mandate of CEQA is fulfilled because "public agencies should not approve projects as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen" a project's significant environmental effects. Pub. Res. Code 21002; Ceqa Guidelines 15021; see also Pub. Res. Code 21002.1 (b). (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
 - Given the revised project description, the Draft EIR needs to evaluate the potential impact to native oaks and other ornamental trees due to proposed trenching and undergrounding of distribution lines along the south side of Read Road. Any impacts to native oaks or designated "Landmark" trees should be evaluated in a manner that is consistent with the City's oak and landmark tree preservation guidelines and applicable ordinances. (Written – G. Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
 - This valley is one of the last wildlife corridors in this area. The area is home to several native and endangered species. (Written - Fleagane)

- Read Road is a small country road about 1.5 car width. The trees that line the road have been there since before the commenter had moved there over 28 years ago. He guesses they have been there for at least forty years. The residents along Read Road have been informed that they would probably lose their trees. (Written - Fleagane)
- The commenter would like to see examination of the endangered species which are native to the Project area. (Written - Straky)
- The commenter states that this is one of the last known wildlife corridors in the region. (Written - Straky)
- The commenter would like to see examination the possibility of losing trees along Read Road that have been there for decades. (Written - Straky)
- The Presidential Project impacts critical habitats for three endangered species that are protected under the Endangered Species Act. These are three creatures that are endemic to Southern California. They are nowhere else on the planet and part of the natural history legacy that people should be working to protect and not negatively impact. The California coastal gnatcatcher, the Riverside fairy shrimp and the flowering Lyon's pentachaeta are all species that are on the brink of extinction that would be negatively impacted by the habitat destruction that would result from this project. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- Unfortunately, the Presidential Project threatens one of the last remaining wildlife linkages in the area in Southern California, a critical linkage between the Santa Monica Mountains, the Simi Hills and the Santa Susanna Mountains. This is an area that is already heavily fragmented and the increased disturbance that would result from this project would continue to fragment habitats for a range of species, such as bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions and other native fauna in California that people have worked very hard to protect. (Oral, Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- The proposed Project would disrupt birds, endangered wildlife, and trees. (Oral - Assaley)
- The commenter is wondering how undergrounding on Read Road would impact her property because she owns trees along the road. She assumes that the trees would need to be cut down, and she is concerned that she would lose some of her property. (Oral - Voskanian)
- The commenter's house has beautiful Eucalyptus trees in the front yard. All of these would be destroyed. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- There are sets of owls that live in trees that would likely need to be removed. Owls have lived there for 75 years. Their home would be destroyed. (Oral Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)

- The commenter is concerned about impacts on the wildlife corridor and owls. (Oral - Milligan)

Cultural Resources

- The Indian reserve is also along Read Road. Their sacred burial artifacts are all underground along the route where they are proposing the Project. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- As noted in the City's prior EIR scoping comments, recorded archeological site (CA-Ven-1571) exists along the proposed Read Road transmission route. At the request of local Native American representatives the majority of the archeological site has been preserved by the City as a permanent open space lot within Tract 5142. In keeping with the recommendations of the California Indian Council (Chumash), it has been fenced and capped in order to prevent any future disturbance to a significant, intact subsurface component. Based on previous Phase II testing conducted by W&S Consultants, this archeological site is known to extend into the existing SCE easement that parallels Read Road. Proposed trenching in this area in order to underground electrical distribution lines would directly impact CA-Ven-1571. An alternative alignment that completely avoids these sensitive cultural resources is the City's preference. However, if this is not feasible, a Phase III salvage is recommended along with the participation of qualified Native American monitors. (Written – G. Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- Read Road is so narrow that it does not have a shoulder nor a white line down the center. How are the motorist, cyclist, and equestrians going to be safe during such a long construction project? Again, these towers should exist alongside freeways, not narrow country roads of estate home owners. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- SCE is hereby on notice that the proposed project is a danger and a threat to human health. (Written – Mercedes Todesco, Marco Todesco)
- Lines right overhead is absolutely dangerous and unacceptable. (Mercedes Todesco)
- The power lines create a serious danger to human life and property. The commenter believes that the proximity of these lines to homes would result in high voltage lines encroaching and spanning to within feet of homes. People live right where the poles and lines would be installed -- children play, eat, and sleep there. The close proximity of such high voltage to homes is unacceptable. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- Above ground transmission lines are more susceptible to environmental forces, such as high winds and earthquakes. And threats like downed power lines are an even more

- pronounced danger to public safety, considering the high voltage the proposed lines would carry. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- The high voltage lines increase the risk of fire and threaten human life and property (i.e. from electric sparks and arcing) and would lead to massive property loss in the surrounding community. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
 - If this was a school, no one would ever consider placing power lines down two sides of the property in such close proximity to such large numbers of children. Underwood serves as many children as a school. The health risks attributed to such close exposure as unknown. No one should take such risks with children both born and unborn as in addition to all the children who go, there are also a high number of pregnant mothers who are there often as well. Placement of these high power lines right at the farm would jeopardize a very valuable community asset and place many children in a possible health risk situation. (Written - McBreen)
 - Commenter is concerned about the overall impact on her home schooled children's health, her health, and the health of her animals. (Written - Cassar)
 - Two firefighters have told this commenter that in the case of a brush fire sweeping the area they cannot fight the fire around the proposed poles because of the possible danger to the firefighters from arcing. The commenter is concerned that his house would be allowed to burn to the ground and the fire would sweep over the hill to Thousand Oaks. There is a history of brush fires in the area over the past several years. (Written - Fleagane)
 - Community residents are greatly concerned that the lines would create health hazards and lower property values. (Written - Reich)
 - The commenter would like to see examination of the danger of wildfires and the danger to firemen who have to fight these fires. It has been stated that they cannot work around these kinds of wires because of the danger of arcing. The commenter is wondering if firemen would be able to work to save homes in the area, and if so, what is there to stop the fire from racing across the hill into Thousand Oaks. There is a history of fires in this area. (Written - Straky)
 - The commenter's family owns a home along Read Road in Thousand Oaks. His family opposed the Project as is it currently proposed because it would create an unacceptable health and human safety hazard as their home would be precariously close to the proposed power lines. The commenter believes that the prospect of placing high voltage lines virtually on top on his family's house is unacceptable, and that the health and safety of people must be paramount. (Written - Marco. Todesco)

- The commenter understands the concerns about high tension lines because he works in emergency services. He even worked for Edison as a young man doing line clearing, so he is aware of the dangers of the lines. They start brush fires all the time. (Oral - Gosser)
- Regular distribution lines are bad enough, but high-tension lines are a whole new ball game. If a person gets within six feet of high-tension lines in the right conditions the lines would arc onto him/her. (Oral - Gosser)
- The commenter works for the fire department. The fire department cannot drop water near the site. The department cannot shoot hoses there because the high-tension lines would arc on to the fire fighters. This is a hazard. It is a life hazard, and the commenter does not want the lines 50 feet from his backyard, swimming pool and five children. (Oral - Gosser)

Hydrology and Water Quality

- The preparations for the boring under RT 23 is said to require a work area 900 by 50 feet. How is SCE going to prevent runoff into the active growing fields as well as provide access by the public along the Read Rd. right of way? (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- Erosion and runoff on all the adjoining fields is a large concern. What provisions would be made to keep water flowing through the creek that the trenching crosses? (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- Where would water be channeled? (Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- According to the location of the map the Project would cross Arroyo Santa Rosa, a District jurisdictional red line channel, at Sunset Valley Road. This crossing would require a water source permit from the District prior to construction. Any activity in, on, over, under, or across any jurisdictional red line channel would require a permit from the District. (Written - Wolfington, Watershed Protection District)
- A Project can not impair, divert, impede or alter the characteristics of the flow of water running in any jurisdictional red line channel. (Written - Wolfington, Watershed Protection District)

Land Use and Planning

- The electric project contradicts the preservation of the Open Space Reserves in the Tierra Rejada Valley. Please protect their intention of preserving that land. These power lines and transmission steel towers belong beside freeways, not in a homeowner's front yard and 100 feet beyond their front door and bedroom window. There should be a law against

- allowing such construction so close to people's homes. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The easement in front of my property was for distribution lines not an easement for transmission towers. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - The unincorporated land affected by the proposed project is designated Open Space by the General Plan and is zoned OS-40ac (Open Space, 40 acre minimum lot size) or OS-10ac (Open Space, ten acre minimum lot size). These land use designations are consistent with the proposed electrical facilities. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)
 - The proposed project is largely located within the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. The Tierra Rejada Greenbelt was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the Local Agency Formation Commission and the cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Moorpark. The primary purpose of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is to protect agricultural land, maintain a healthy agricultural economy and preserve open space within the boundaries of the Greenbelt. The text of the Greenbelt agreement states that when making land use decisions decision-makers should pay "careful consideration to whether the proposed action would impair the open space values that this Greenbelt is designed to protect. Of particular concern is the use of night lighting within the Greenbelt. Night lighting, particularly unshielded, upward facing and/or high intensity lighting, compromises open space values in terms of visual impact and effects on animal mobility, among others." The proposed project should be evaluated for consistency with the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. (Written - B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)

Noise

- SCE would have to obtain eminent domain to take the buzzing wires over the property lines. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- Exposure to high voltage lines is linked to noise-induced hearing loss, and causes difficulty for people with cochlear implants. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- High voltage lines would create constant noise pollution, i.e. "zapping" and "buzzing" noises. The increased noise would be terribly disturbing and would create a constant fear and uncertainty as to whether a problem was occurring outside/overhead that would risk the family's safety. The lines were not this way when the residents built their homes -- it is improper to force this situation onto residents now. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- The commenter is concerned that every night he is going to have to listen to the buzzing when it gets foggy because it's always foggy in the microclimate there. (Oral - Gosser)

Recreation

- Commenter states that the proposed steel towers and lines would destroy her peaceful domain and safety on my equestrian ranch. She raises and trains young horses. The lines would run over her property and the construction would be frightening for my horses and create an unsafe environment for myself, my trainer, and boarders. Horses are sensitive to noise and vibration. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter states that children also come to this area for horse riding lessons. (Written - Straky)
- Property affected by this Project includes a beautiful equestrian estate. The commenter trains a young horse that just turned five years old. It is very dangerous with noises and vibration to train young horses. With this kind of construction and vibration, the commenter does not know of anybody who would want to ride on that property. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)

Transportation and Traffic

- The revised plan by SCE to underground RT 23 has significant impact on those along Read Rd. The undergrounding of the distribution line requires a certain work area on a road that is only 19 feet wide and has no shoulders in sections. Please provide a map showing the City's right of way and the area designation for construction. (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)
- Due to the proposed trenching along the south side of Read Road, the Draft EIR needs to identify a suitable haul route for the disposal of excess earthen material that minimizes, or avoids any impacts on local residents as a result of dust, traffic congestion and noise. (Written – G. Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The road that would probably used in the construction process would be impacted greatly and impede the commenter's use of that particular piece of property. (Oral - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)

Utilities and Services Systems

- The IWMD requests the Lead Agency for this project to comply, to the extent feasible, with the general requirements of Ventura County Ordinances #4308 (solid waste handling, disposal, waste reduction, and waste diversion) and #4357 (requirements for the diversion of construction and demolition debris from landfills by recycling, reuse, and salvage) to assist the County in its efforts to meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939). AB 939 mandates all cities and counties in California to divert a minimum of 50% of their jurisdiction's solid waste from landfill disposal. Both of these Ordinances may be viewed in their entirety on the IWMD's website at:

- www.wasteless.org/landfills/ordinances. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
- Pursuant to IWMD review and responsibilities, the following contract specifications shall apply to this project: Recyclable Construction Materials: Contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that recyclable construction materials (e.g., concrete, asphalt, rebar, untreated wood, metal) generated during the Ventura County phase of the Project be recycled at a permitted recycling facility. A complete list of facilities in Ventura County that recycle construction debris is available at: www.wasteless.org/construction&demolitionrecyclingresources. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
 - Non - Recyclable Construction Materials: Per Section 25150.7 of the California Health and Safety Code creosote treated wood waste is regulated as hazardous waste but can be disposed in a permitted Class III landfill. The Simi Valley Landfill would accept creosote treated power poles if the load is presented with a “Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Profile Number.” The applicant can obtain a Simi Valley Landfill Profile Number by calling (800) 963-4776. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
 - Contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that sediment and soil not reused on-site would be transported to a permitted facility for recycling or reuse. Illegal disposal and landfilling of soil is prohibited. A complete list of facilities in Ventura County that recycle soil and sediment is available at: www.wasteless.org/construction&demolitionrecyclingresources. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
 - The Contract Specifications for this project shall include a requirement that untreated wood waste and vegetation removed during the Ventura County phase of this project be diverted from the landfill. This can be accomplished by on-site chipping and land-application at various project sites, or by transporting the materials to a permitted greenwaste facility in Ventura County. A complete list of permitted greenwaste facilities is located at: www.wasteless.org/greenwasterecyclingfacilities. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
 - Materials Diverted from Landfill Disposal by On-Site Reuse or Off-site Recycling: The contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that all contractors submit a Summary Table to the IWMD at the conclusion of their work on this project. The Summary Table must include the contractor’s name and address, the Project’s name, and the types of recyclable materials generated (e.g., concrete, asphalt, soil, untreated wood, metal, vegetation), and the approximate weight of recyclable materials:
 - Reused on-site, and/or
 - Transported to permitted facilities for recycling and/or reuse.

Please include the name and address of facilities where recyclable materials were transported for recycling or reuse in the Summary Table.

- Receipts and/or documentation are required for each entry in the Summary Table to verify that recycling or reuse occurred and the materials were not landfilled. (Written - Wilson, Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division)
- The commenter states that up to the fence line from the front of her house runs the septic systems and leach fields. There is no other place for the leach fields for the two septic systems on her property since it is on a slope. What would SCE do about the sewage? (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- What provisions are there for dirt disposal? (Written - Underwood, Underwood Family Farms)

Alternatives

- Commenter wants to voice concerns as a resident that this project must be required to go completely underground on road, not just under the freeway. They need to bury the "new lines," not the existing lines. (Written - Assaley)
- The lines can be erected in the farm land proposed, which would not affect so many families and destroy lives. The fields can be used however decided upon and the poles are, for the most part, not in the back yards of residents. (Written - Lintz)
- Consider undergrounding all or part of the lines. This is what all three Cities want. (Written - Wolf)
- Please do not use the Sunset Valley route as this obviously shifts the "project costs" to the area that benefits the least and the farm has become a part of the community and should be valued and protected. (Written - Wolf)
- The Project would most likely get undergrounded and the budget increased to \$80 million? At what point does the Project become no longer viable? (Written - Wolf)
- Of further concern is that the alternative substation site is owned by the City of Simi Calley, and placement of a substation there would restrict current and future uses of the site. Alternative subtransmission routes #1 and #2 would place above-ground power lines where none currently exist and would substantially detract from the views in the area, again the majority of which traverse open space corridors. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)
- Delete the alternative substation site from the proposal. The Simi Valley City Council is not prepared to allow this use on City property. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)

- Underground the portion of the preferred project's subtransmission lines that would parallel and cross Olsen Road. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)
- Modify both of the Alternative subtransmission routes to underground the lines. Alternative 1 would result in significant negative impacts on the view west from the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Alternative 2 would have significant impacts on the aesthetics of Madera Road in Simi Valley. No above ground lines currently exist along this portion of Madera Road. (Written - Miller, City of Simi Valley)
- The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy encourages the alignment of the proposed transmission lines and the location of the proposed substation follow existing, disturbed rights-of-way as much as feasible. To that extent, Alternative 2 appears to follow Olsen and Madera Roads and would therefore be the preferred route. Both the proposed project and Alternative 1 alignments appear to partially deviate from existing linear infrastructure and would therefore increase impacts to biological resources. The proposed substation site would also impact biological resources as the presently vacant site includes habitat beneficial to wildlife crossing Madera Road. The Alternative Substation Site is already disturbed and opposite Madera Road from existing residential development, reducing its value for habitat and connectivity. (Written - Edelman, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)
- The environmental document must fully assess these impacts. The environmentally superior alternative would be one that minimizes the Project footprint outside existing, disturbed rights-of-way. (Written - Edelman, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)
- In addition to the addressing the comments previously submitted, the EIR needs to fully explore two alternatives which do not appear to be in the current list of project alternatives: 1) full undergrounding of the new 66kV transmission lines through the Tierra Rejada Valley, and 2) a 66kV pole route location alternative, where the new lines would follow the existing north-south 66kV lines to the west of the Tierra Rejada Valley from Tierra Rejada Road to Read Road instead of creating a new path along Sunset Valley Road. From Read Road east, this alternative should be explored as both an underground and an above-ground line. These alternatives, once evaluated in the EIR, may show a significant reduction in project impacts to the Tierra Rejada Valley, thereby improving the decision-making process on this project with a reasonable range of alternatives. (Written - Bobardt, City of Moorpark)
- Provide alternate design plans and routes. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- Underground the lines, especially along Read Rd. SCE is in the best position to bear the cost of placing the transmission lines underground, as it can spread the cost over a larger number of customers and recoup the cost over time. This would both mitigate the health/safety hazards and proximity issues and preserve the beauty of the rural neighborhood. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)

- There is a lot of open uninhabited space. Put the lines there if they must be installed. Do not ruin a place of beauty where farm land exists, private houses and trees line the streets and the corridor for wild animals is open for them to travel. (Written - McBreen)
- If it is decided that, in spite of all of objections, the high voltage power lines would be placed where they are proposed, then all of the lines should be placed underground. If that can be done on the Simi Valley side so as not to ruin the view from the Reagan Library, then it can be done for the Moorpark side. (Written - McBreen)
- As expressed in comments at the scoping meeting there are better, cheaper, and environmentally superior alternatives that should be adopted. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- The Applicant has failed to adequately analyze a reasonable range of alternatives. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- SCE's preferred alternative runs contrary to CEQA's requirement to avoid the significant impacts posed by a project when feasible alternatives exist. The "policy of the state" reflected in CEQA is that projects with significant environmental impacts may not be approved "if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen" a project's significant environmental effects. Pub. Res. Code 21002; CEQA Guidelines 15021(a)(2). In discussion the alternatives the "EIR shall include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison with the proposed project." CEQA Guidelines 15126.6(d). . (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- A Project should not be approved if environmentally superior alternatives exist "even if these alternatives would impede to some degree the attainment of the Project objectives, or would be more costly." Pub. Res. Code 20112; CEQA Guidelines 15021 (a)(2), 15126.6. The Project must be rejected if an alternative available for consideration would accomplish "most [not all] of the basic objectives of the Project and could avoid or substantially lessen one or more of the significant effects." CEQA Guidelines 15126.6(c). (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- The EIR must consider a reasonable range of alternatives that includes non-transmission and substation alternatives that could meet the Project's purpose to "maintain safe and reliable electrical service to SCE's customers in the Electrical Needs Area." PEA at 1-1. The Protest describes in detail several alternatives that should be considered. The EIR should emphasize a range of "no-wires" alternatives that include system upgrades that avoid the unnecessary and costly construction of the Project. Indeed, the Project with its numerous significant environmental impacts, including impacts to biological resources and critical habitat for protected species, must be avoided if there are feasible alternatives. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)

- The Draft EIR should analyze the feasibility of completely undergrounding all 66 kV subtransmission lines within and adjacent to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt as previously requested in the joint letter dated March 17, 2009 from the Mayors of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, including poles proposed in the vicinity of Olsen Road and Read Road, in order to avoid any potentially significant effects on local residents. This analysis should include the estimated costs for undergrounding, including the entire 1.5 mile segment on Read Road and Olsen Road, as well as, an assessment of technical feasibility. (Written - Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The alternatives to put the lines underground or remain on the existing Tierra Rejada Rd should be considered. (Written - Cassar)
- The commenter hopes that SCE will consider undergrounding the proposed lines if SCE insists on using the proposed route. (Written - Fleagane)
- The commenter hopes that moving the lines to Tierra Rejada will be considered. (Written - Fleagane)
- The commenter points out the No Action alternative. If SCE would consider putting the same amount of money required for this project into conservation efforts or installing solar power in private residents, this project would not be necessary. (Written - Fleagane)
- Commenter's client, Jose R. Valdez agrees with the speakers who explained why the Presidential Substation Project should not go forward at the 2010 Scoping meeting. However, should the Project proceed, the lines should be undergrounded along Read Road. Commenter refers to this mitigation step as a "no brainer." Undergrounding the existing transmission lines and installing new 66 kV overhead subtransmission lines along Read Road makes no sense. (Written - Reich)
- These legitimate concerns can be greatly minimized, if not completely eliminated, by leaving the existing lines in place and undergrounding the proposed 66kV subtransmission lines. (Written - Reich)
- Commenter requests that the Project be given further consideration in light of the concerns voiced by fellow residents. The commenter would like to see further consideration given to alternate approaches to this project that include incentives for solar installations or residents to offset the need for power transmission. (Written - Straky)
- The commenter would like to see further consideration given to the possibility of running all transmission lines underground rather than the scheme in the current plan. These and other alternatives should be investigated and presented for consideration when making the final decision for the direction in which this project would be accomplished. (Written - Straky)

- The commenter is wondering why the entire route of the Project cannot be undergrounded if part is. It is only a mile that would have to be undergrounded. (Written - Straky)
- The commenter is wondering why the lines can't run down Tierra Rejada, where they would not be close to anyone's home. (Written - Straky)
- At a minimum, the commenter wants any power lines near his home placed underground. (Written – Marco Todesco)
- The presenter at the scoping meeting indicated that the proposed routes along Read Road and Olsen Road as shown on the map may not be the final route. Other routes are preferred because of health concerns and the Project may not be necessary. (Written - Walters) With all the room in Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi, it seems that other alternatives need to be considered. There is another alternative beyond Sunset Valley Road. (Oral - Bates)
- As the proponents of Environmental Assessment state, "The purpose of the Project is to ensure the availability of safe, reliable electrical services, not to build power lines." Their only alternatives that are proposed are power lines. There are better ways to provide for safe, reliable electricity that don't require the destruction of habitat and do not require spending tens of millions of dollars. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- The CBD provided comments in protests, in prehearing conference statements, and in an initial scoping comment period that outlined some ways that there are energy conservation alternatives which would reduce the peak demand within the general service needs area where there would be no need to have a high spike on hot days; that spike that this project is triggered by can be mellowed. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- There are ways to provide for distributed energy or solar renewable energy within the Project area that would meet some of the peak demand that this Project is alleged to serve. If tens of millions of dollars would be spent on this project, the commenter encourages the CPUC staff and SCE staff to look at alternatives that spend those tens of millions of dollars on alternatives that would benefit the environment and benefit ratepayers by reducing the environmental impacts and providing for a better alternative for the community. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- In 2008 the proponents of Environmental Assessment said the price tag for this project would be 36.5 million dollars, in addition to 17 percent overhead. That is over 40 million dollars would be spent on a costly, destructive and environmentally destructive project. There is better ways to spend ratepayers' money than destroying critical habitats, destroying wildlife linkages, and some of those alternatives really should be addressed vigorously through the California Environmental Quality Act process. (Oral - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)

- The community thinks it is the wrong project in the wrong place. The Project, first and foremost, should be a very aggressive effort for energy efficiency. Since this Project was applied for in December of 2008 a whole new three-year energy plan was approved by the CPUC. Southern California received funding for \$250 million, and that does not count some of the other programs that have been specially funded, such as Smart Connect, that should have an impact on the energy usage within the area. (Oral - Cronin)
- A plan that focused on zero energy growth using the Whole House program, which the commissioner in charge of this project wholeheartedly endorsed, would be a much better alternative, but is not even being considered. This is a big oversight. An energy efficiency program can be incremental and can be ramped up depending on the growth (or zero growth) rate in the area. This infrastructure project, whether one kilowatt or 40 million kilowatts, would likely cost between \$50 and \$60 million. The commenter hopes to receive more specific information. (Oral - Cronin)
- The commenter states that there are no alternatives other than installing more towers to generate more power. SCE may have had other discussions. Research says one megawatt of efficiency can be created for \$1 million whether it is a public utility district or Southern California Edison's own numbers. The public standard is anywhere between a dollar and a \$1.10. That means when a million dollars is spent, a million megawatts of peak power are saved. (Oral - Cronin)
- This project is being built to only generate and provide additional capacity of 40 megawatts. That means that \$40 million could be spent on conservation, something that would probably do much better for the local job market, local installers, and local distributors of HVAC equipment. It would be a much better investment in the local economy. (Oral - Cronin)
- Read Road residents feel the wrong towers would be underground. The commenter states that the residents like the little wood poles. Trees have grown around them. They are innocuous. It is preferred that you underground the high-voltage lines and leave the little distribution lines and little wood poles just where they are (it is already going to cost \$12.5 million to underground the low-voltage). People have grown accustomed to the little wood poles. (Oral - Cronin)
- Data requests 1, 2, 3 and 4 focus on in a great deal of detail the vault, the size of the vault, and the height of the trees over on the substation. The commenter feels strongly that there are better alternatives, especially as this project nearly doubled in projected cost. (Oral - Cronin)
- SCE continues to move forward a project where there are multiple alternatives. The commenter is hopeful that each and every alternative will be explored, including the No Project Alternative. (Oral – Assaley)

- If it is determined that the Project be absolutely necessary, then the commenter is hopeful that all of Read Road lines be put underground. Now that the "underground team" from SCE would be involved, the transition should not be as dramatic. It is understood that SCE intends to underground the current distribution lines and above ground the new transmission lines along Read Road. This is absolutely backwards. The new transmission lines need to be underground while the current small wooden poles and the beautiful tree lines rural Read Road be left intact. (Oral – Assaley)
- The City of Thousand Oaks appreciates the undergrounding of both the transmission and distribution lines at the freeway, but still would like other topics, such as pole height and possibilities of undergrounding all lines, to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The City of Thousand Oaks would like to see better evaluation of site alternatives. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
- The City of Thousand Oaks is concerned with the issue of undergrounding. The City believes that undergrounding should be considered for all of the lines within and adjacent to the Conejo Valley. This is recognized by the mayor of Moorpark and all the affected citizens of Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
- If undergrounding takes place, it does not make any sense for them to underground these small poles. It is preferred that the large poles go underground. (Oral - Voskanian)
- The commenter has various concerns about the Project. She does not want the Project to take place on Madera Rd. There are no power lines on this road, as opposed to the routes that they are considering as 1 or 2. (Oral - de Castro, Rancho Madera Homeowners Association)
- The poles for Alternative 3 would be over the backyards of homes belonging to the homeowners in the Rancho Madera Homeowners Association. (Oral - de Castro, Rancho Madera Homeowners Association)
- Commenter asks why the route along Tierra Rejada is not considered, when the same type of line already exists there. (Oral – Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)

Issues Not Analyzed under CEQA

The EIR will be used to guide decision-making by the CPUC by providing an assessment of the potential environmental impacts that may result from the Proposed Project. The weighing of project benefits (environmental, economic, or otherwise) against adverse environmental effects is outside the scope of the CEQA. When the CPUC meets to decide on Southern California Edison's application for the Proposed Project, the CPUC will consider the EIR (which will disclose

potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and the Project Alternatives) along with other considerations. Then, it will decide whether or not to approve or deny the Proposed Project based on the information provided in the EIR.

The EIR will not consider electric and magnetic fields (EMF) in the context of the CEQA analysis of potential environmental impacts because [1] there is no agreement among scientists that EMF creates a potential health risk, and [2] there are no defined or adopted CEQA standards for defining health risk from EMF. Presently, there are no applicable federal, state or local regulations related to EMF levels from power lines or related facilities, such as substations. However, under CPUC decision, D.06-01-042, utilities must incorporate “low-cost” or “no-cost” measures for managing EMF from power lines up to approximately four percent of total project cost.

The EIR will not consider comments related to whether or not SCE has the proper easements or rights-of-way for construction, operation, or maintenance of the Proposed Project. Negotiations of rights-of-way or easements would occur between SCE and the property owner and acquisition of an easement would not result in a physical impact to the environment, and would be outside the scope of CEQA. Any physical impacts that would occur within newly acquired ROW as part of the Project would be assessed in the EIR.

The EIR also will not consider comments that pertain to SCE’s determination of project need. The CEQA process does not require the EIR to assess project need as established by the Project applicant. In addition, General Order 131-D establishes the distinction in the review levels a project receives based on the voltage level proposed.⁴ The Proposed Project does not meet the threshold of 200 kV to qualify for a project needs assessment.⁵ Additionally, the application submitted by SCE was for a Permit to Construction⁶ which does not require an electrical needs assessment.

Economics-Related Comments Received

- The entire neighborhood would be devalued. (Written - Lintz)
- \$50 million / \$7,500 (50% of a 3,000 watt solar system after tax) per house credit towards solar for the targeted area would allow 6,660 houses to reduce their yearly demand to zero. Other efforts directed toward HVAC or pool pumps would yield higher results. (Written – Wolf)

⁴ As presented in CPUC overview “Electrical Transmission Siting at the California Public Utilities Commission, January 30, 2009.”

⁵ According to the January 30, 2009 Electrical Transmission Siting at the California Public Utilities Commission, projects between 50kV and 200kV require a Permit to Construct and the Commission generally does not analyze the need for or economics of these projects.

⁶ Please note that projects over 200kV require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Commission. Under a CPCN, the Commission’s process, the need for a proposed project and the economics of the project would be examined.

- SCE should consider spending the money for the proposed Project on solar panels for the under served residential areas. It would solve many of the issues and grant money may be available. (Written - Wolf)
- Commenter understands that appraisers place a reduction value by 18-58% on homes with power lines near them. How would this affect the equity in her home that is her life savings, especially since the list price has already been reduced 30% because of the economy? (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter is curious about what SCE would do about her loss of income from not having boarders at her property, as well as her loss of breeding, training, and income from selling young horses. She would also most likely lose the month to month tenant that occupies her guest house. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- Implement conservation programs and eliminate the need for the Project entirely, even imposing higher tiered rates for high or excessive usage to trigger conservation by consumers, if necessary. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- Since the initial scoping period the Project has only become more costly due to the substantial increase in costs associated with undergrounding. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
- The commenter is concerned about property values. He is wondering if SCE would compensate monetarily for lower property values in the case that residents would have to move because of concerns for their health. There is documentation of increased cancer risks for people who live in proximity to these types of lines. (Written - Fleagane)
- The commenter would like to see examination of the negative impacts on people's real estate values, especially in a time of recession. (Written - Straky)
- The commenter states that the Project would create an economic hardship for one of the last remaining farms where children come to enjoy farm life and have an opportunity to learn about where their food comes from. Children are bussed in from as far away as Los Angeles. (Written - Straky)
- The community has not heard a final cost estimate yet. That was not in the revised PEA and they hope to get a cost estimate that includes the undergrounding. (Oral - Cronin)
- The commenter put solar panels on her house, got a new pool pump, and has a \$0 electric bill. The commenter states that these tasks were easy and the government is there to help. The government wants people to invest in their houses. (Oral - Wolf)
- If the \$50 million to be spent on the Project was divided, and Simi Valley residents were given a 50% incentive on solar panels, then 6,600 houses could become energy neutral and have a \$0 energy bill at the end of the month. (Oral - Wolf)

- Simi Valley is an old town, unlike Moorpark. There are a lot of houses out there from the '70s and '80s. Air conditioners that were replaced could easily improve efficiency. (Oral - Wolf)
- This project seems very wasteful during a time when people need to be frugal. (Oral - Assaley)
- The proposed Project would involve many residents losing additional property value in this hideous recession. (Oral and Written - Assaley)
- The commenter's objection to a \$50 million project is that it would probably cost more than \$50 million. What project has gone ahead and been on budget? One way to keep it on budget is by taking that \$50 million and giving it as a subsidy for further projects, such as projects involving the portable (inaudible) business, in which the commenter has been involved since the mid 1980's. (Oral - Gillespie)
- The commenter believes people need to conserve. If the \$50 million goes toward subsidies to homeowners real estate subsidize by putting the portable (inaudible) back in their house. It would eliminate the need for future power usage. Every household would be able to monitor their usage and would conserve in response to the monitor. (Oral - Gillespie)
- The distribution pole is within a hundred feet of the commenter's front door, and for personal reasons she needs to sell her house. These kinds of poles belong alongside a freeway. Who would buy a house where SCE is proposing to put a pole near the front door? (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter states that she learned that an extra pole would be installed along the side of her house. Now there would be two big transmission towers right along side her property line. She has to disclose the Project information to prospective buyers of her home. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter put every penny that she earned to the age of 41 into that property and now she cannot sell her house. This personally deeply affects her because she is "frozen in time" until this issue no longer exists. The economy is one thing, but this project destroys any chance of trying to sell her property. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter's neighborhood (near the corner almost of Olsen and Erbs directly across from the Sunset Hills Country Club) is an underground utilities neighborhood. This was an important issue for residents when they bought their homes. (Oral - Gosser)

EMF-Related Comments Received

- Commenter is concerned about EMF. (Written - Lintz)

- At the first scoping meeting there were many more comments and concerns about the EMF and cancer. (Written - Wolf)
- SCE's dismissal of EMF exposure is disappointing. EMF exposure risk is still debated in the medical field. It is a very real concern for residents and their children and it must be sufficiently addressed. (Written – Mercedes Todesco)
- The commenter states that it is still unknown if exposure to EMF from power lines is dangerous and causes health problems in residents who live close to these lines. There is some evidence that incidence of cancers, especially in children, and miscarriages is increased due to EMF exposure. (Written - Straky)
- If the proposed Project proceeds, the only way for residents to drive in and out of the community with their children would be under towers thought to generate EMF. (Oral - Assaley)
- The commenter states his concern about the affect of electrical fields and magnetic fields on the human body. Most people who say that is rubbish will tell you that a study was done in Finland on well over 100,000 young children and they could not find any correlation. However, a study conducted in 2002 by the CPUC argues differently. The CPUC gathered three scientists well accomplished in their fields and they reviewed all the research that has been done on the affect it has on humans (they were very careful because they were afraid of being ostracized by other scientists). This is how they worded their findings: "The scientists are inclined to believe -- inclined to believe that EMF can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia, adult cancer and miscarriage." The highest correlation was with miscarriages. The commenter asks that whoever is making the decision to think if their children were living in that neighborhood, or if their mother was living in that neighborhood, would they approve this? (Oral - Kanayson)
- The commenter is concerned about EMF because the high-voltage lines would be going right in front of her house. (Oral - Voskanian)
- The commenter moved from a neighborhood two blocks from high tension lines. There were three cancer victims on that street that where children. There were three families who had all their children get cancer while they lived under wires. Residents can hear buzzing from the wires every time it got foggy. The EMF is there. There is no reason, if the lines must be installed, that they cannot go underground. (Oral - Gosser)

Project Need-Related Comments Received

- There is no proof that this project is even necessary, alternative solutions have been discussed. (Written - Assaley)

- Study the future expected demand again. New electrical efficiencies and reduced housing demand need to be re-evaluated. (Written - Wolf)
- The future demand has not be proven but only speculated on. Logic dictates a wait and see approach to the demand question. (Written - Wolf)
- Simi Valley has little growth planned; therefore, the commenter does not understand why the Project is necessary. The Reagan Library produces its own power. The Simi landfill will double its output of methane generated electricity. What is expected that makes the substation even needed? (Written – P. Cornell)
- Please demand that the SCE proves there is a need. SCE provided information to residents two years ago that concludes that there was a need for the power. However, 2007 and 2008 shows a 5-10 percent consecutive reduction in energy needs. How is it possible to conclude and hypothetically draw a line going up for energy demands? The SCE won't do the same study for 2009, why not? What are they hiding? The commenter believes that, especially with the current state of the economy, most residents are conserving energy, using their air conditioners less, going to SMART metering, switching out their light bulbs, doing their laundry late at night, replacing their refrigerators, going solar, etc. over time. People are growing accustomed to conservation. So, before the CPUC allows something to be built without being able to tear it down, a proof of need should be demanded. SCE is speculating need to keep themselves employed and make more money. How will demands for power be increasing when virtually no more homes are being built? Where is the proven need? (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- It has not been proven that the need for more power will continue to grow and that this increased need for more electricity exists. If anything growth has slowed down, and in the case of new construction, has all but stopped. Do not mar the land for the "possible" need for more power. (Written - McBreen)
- SCE continues to move forward a project where there is not a proven need. (Oral - Assaley)
- The City of Thousand Oaks is waiting for information regarding demonstration of project need. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
- SCE shows the decreased energy needs in the last page of its study. Now they argue that "In ten years we will be needing this much energy." When residents asked SCE what happened this last year to change the energy demand, no answer was given. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The commenter is a homeowner in the City of Thousand Oaks and SCE stated that this project serves Thousand Oaks. In September of 2009 the attorney for the SCE stated that the power lines, which would the commenter's property value, are going to serve solely

the needs of Simi Valley. Therefore, Thousand Oaks should not bear the burden of this. Until SCE can show a study concluding that there is a need for this, the Project should not continue. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)

- The commenter realizes the need for electricity and pleads that the CPUC does what it can to mitigate the impacts. If the Project is not needed, then even better. (Oral - Milligan)

General Comments

- The commenter belongs to the Sunset Hills Home Owners Association, which will vigorously oppose destroying the neighborhood. The commenter himself will use his considerable family money and his own income to defend his family from this attack and eminent danger to his children, his property values, and his life. Commenter is prepared to use the equity in his home to start a legal action to stop the Project. His neighbors have expressed their similar views. The commenter will not move again, and is ready and willing to react to save his home and his children. (Written - Lintz)
- At the end of the 2010 Scoping Meeting a lady asked the ESA representative if the environmental impact report would consider humans as part of the environment. There was long pause followed by essentially a non-answer, causing the woman to dismay, "That's what I was afraid of." The commenter believes her question to be the most important comment anybody made during that meeting. If the impact on the habitat of humans is not currently a consideration of the EIR, it certainly must become so before the report can be considered complete. Negative pressures on people's habitat in terms of aesthetics, physical health, finances and emotional health must be considered. A human is no less important than a gnatcatcher. Most would agree that living and sleeping nightly beneath 66,000 volt power lines just might not be good for you, and power lines through the yard do little to increase a home's value or the homeowner's peace of mind. This and every EIR should consider humans as part of the environment. (Written - Boersma)
- Commenter urges the City Council, the CPUC, and her county supervisors to protect the beautiful Tierra Rejada Valley and southern tree-lined rural country border of Thousand Oaks. Once these towers go up they are not coming down. (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- Commenter has a hand welded iron pipe fence around the perimeter of her ranch that took over a year and a half to build. Commenter also added rattlesnake fencing to the bottom of its perimeter. It has water running the entire top pipe of the pipe fencing. How does SCE think they can replace the trees, the habitat, and the fencing? (Written, Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The Project is SCE's way of making profit is to find a new place to build another substation. They can increase their rates, create work opportunities for their employees,

- and even charge a 19% contractor's fee on top of the cost of a \$50 million plus project. What contractor in this economy gets to charge 19%? (Written - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
- The Ventura County Planning Division has reviewed the Notice of Supplementary Public Scoping for the construction of 50 kV to 200 kV electrical facilities and the Presidential Substation Project. Sec. XIV of General Order No. 131 D clarifies that local jurisdictions are preempted from regulating electric power line projects, distribution lines or electric facilities constructed by public utilities subject to jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The General Order also states "However, in locating such projects, the public utilities shall consult with local agencies regarding land use matters." (Written B. Smith, Ventura County Planning Division)
 - Placement of the power lines is incredibly unfair also to the homeowners on Read Road. The commenter states that if her house was on that street, she would be devastated by the loss of her trees, the land that would be taken from her property, and the placement of large, unsightly high power lines right in her front yard. It's just wrong to do this. (Written - McBreen)
 - The commenter is positive that if this would be put up for a vote by the residents at an election, it would be overwhelmingly voted "No"! Except for writing letters and speaking at the meetings, the residents have no vote and have no say in their future. The commenter asks the CPUC to do the saying for residents and recommend that this project, both plan A, B, and C "as is" be stopped and for all the involved parties to begin again with a more fair and sensitive plan to both the maintenance of the beauty of the land, to the rights of the farmers, horse facility owners, and homeowners and to the health and welfare of the residents in the town. (Written - McBreen)
 - Since the initial scoping period the Project has only become more problematic for the community due to increased condemnation of private property. (Written - Evans, Center for Biological Diversity)
 - Thousand Oaks City staff has reviewed the revised project description, including the photo-simulations prepared by the EIR consultant. SCE's recent proposal to underground subtransmission lines below the Route 23 Freeway is strongly supported by the City. The proposed undergrounding of other distribution lines is also acknowledged as a positive step toward minimizing the Project's impacts. (Written - G. Smith, City of Thousand Oaks)
 - The commenter has lived in his home along Read Road for over 28 years. He raised his children there, and that is where his grandchildren go to play and spend time with him. The commenter always thought this was where he would spend the rest of his life, but now he is having to face the prospect of moving elsewhere. When he moved to this location, he wanted a place with a rural atmosphere that was a good, safe place to raise

- children. Now he is facing the prospect of high sub transmission lines and power poles being installed. (Written - Fleagane)
- If the commenter thought that there was no alternative for this project, he would not be commenting. However, he feels that SCE has decided to go forward with the Project with no regard for the residents of this valley or any of their concerns. (Written - Fleagane)
 - Commenter's client believes that no justification exists for placing the 66kV subtransmission lines above ground along Read Road. (Written - Reich)
 - The commenter states that Read Road is a small, narrow country road, and that these poles require a much more significant "footprint" than poles along a larger road. (Written - Straky)
 - The commenter states that ultimately it is the resident's money that would fund this project and would like the assurance that that money is being spent wisely and in a manner that would not cause hardship for home, his fellow residents, neighbors, and future generations. (Written - Straky)
 - The commenter has a particular concern because her home is right where the power lines would be. She believes that the prospect of placing high voltage lines at her house is outrageous. (Written – Teresa Todesco)
 - The commenter's homeowner association president, Scott McGregor, has received numerous references from members stating their concerns and is against any power lines above ground on Olsen Road. (Written - Walters)
 - The CPUC received a letter from Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Moorpark. It is difficult to get those three cities to agree on anything, let alone write a letter. The cause is very important. (Oral - Cronin)
 - The commenter noticed the ESA Project Manager was from Petaluma. The commenter visits her brother there. Her nephew works at Velasco's on Kentucky Street. The commenter asks what the Project Manager would do if it was suddenly decided that a beautiful street like Kentucky would be ripped up and high-wire lines were to be installed. The commenter asks those involved in the Project to put themselves in the shoes of the residents in proximity of the Project. (Oral - Wolf)
 - The commenter has been busy for the last six months rebuilding a building that had a fire, and she learned one thing: You don't get anything accomplished unless you have your heart in it. You have to be persistent and you have to have your heart in it. Put your heart into figuring out how not to build the lines and then the public is on the way to a solution. (Oral - Wolf)
 - The commenter states that although he appreciates the decision to underground the lines at the 23 freeway, it would not pacify the residents and reduce their resolve and resistance

- to this project. The residents voiced their concerns several months ago, but feel like those concerns have not been addressed by SCE. (Oral - Assaley)
- The commenter hopes that the CPUC remains thoughtful of the community members who are directly hurt as a result of this project. Everybody knows that people need power. This is simply the wrong project in the wrong place at the wrong time. (Oral – Assaley)
 - The City of Thousand Oaks provided a comment to the CPUC dated March 19th of last year. Staff has reviewed the new project description in light of that previous scoping letter and the City does not at this point believe that any of the topics requested to be analyzed have been changed. (Oral - Towne, City of Thousand Oaks)
 - Studies have shown in England and in many people in Europe that one's surroundings affect his/her mental state. If you have depressing surroundings, you are going to have a lot more depressed people. (Oral - Bala Kanayson)
 - The commenter is concerned with the new project involving undergrounding right in front of her house and her neighbor's house. She lives at the intersection of Read Road and Sunset Valley Road. (Oral - Voskanian)
 - The process has already taken two years, and now there are three possible routes. There is no decision being made on which route will be used. (Oral - de Castro)
 - The commenter states that at the first scoping meeting individuals were allowed to ask questions and gain information. When people are given information it's power, there's less concern, they understand what's going on, and their questions are answered. The commenter believes that this meeting, in which individuals "babble" about the same concerns they have had for two years will not change anything. Why is there not an opportunity to ask questions? (Oral - de Castro)
 - The commenter is a web developer. She puts all the information on the Rancho Madera Homeowners Association website. She believes that people need a forum where they can actually ask ESA, SCE, and the CPUC questions and receive responses. Then people can be put at ease with information. (Oral - de Castro)
 - The information presented at the second scoping meeting is nothing like the information that presented at the first meeting almost two years ago. There is nothing on the EMF. There is no information regarding underground versus aboveground. The slide show handouts do not give any information. (Oral - de Castro)
 - The commenter would like to see reconsideration of the process agenda. The commenter wants the agenda to include an opportunity for all to come and have questions answered. (Oral - de Castro)
 - The commenter would like to know a projected date as to when a decision will be made about the route. The commenter believes that it is ridiculous to have three routes in the

- communities. Homeowners and families panic over the route and have been for two years. (Oral - de Castro)
- The commenter is frustrated that she can't get answers. She called the PR coordinator at SCE and could not get any answers. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - These poles do not belong in front of people's front doors. It deeply affects the commenter that there would be lines hovering over her front yard on her five-acre estate, and alongside the front door and bedroom window. It should not be allowed. Once they are up they are not coming down. (Oral - Crandall, Flying Heart Ranch)
 - The commenter has five young children and a swimming pool, which the lines would overshadow 50 feet away. (Oral - Gosser)
 - The commenter points out that if the third route is approved, it will go through people's yards. It would not impact people on large ranches or big properties. It will literally go through hundreds of peoples backyards. The commenter is concerned about 50 feet of his own yard. He lives on a sloped hill where the poles would be erected. The wires would destroy his pristine view of the golf course. (Oral – Gosser)
 - The commenter believes such as project should be illegal. It is not morally correct. It is an example of big money pushing little people, middle class people in the dirt. Residents cannot just move out. The commenter already moved out of Newbury Park to be in an underground utility neighborhood. He cannot afford to move his home again with the state of economy and the property taxes. With this project, the commenter's child could not throw a baseball in the backyard without hitting a pole. (Oral - Gosser)
 - The commenter has been in touch with every city council member the two days prior to the second scoping meeting. He also spoke with his congressman who he happens to know. The congressman wants to stay out of the issue for now because it is a city issue and a state issue. The commenter will do everything he can because this is his home. It is like going to war. The Project would not only endanger his family and many other families in his neighborhood, but it would destroy property values and views. (Oral - Gosser)
 - The Project has emotional impacts. It affects residents not just physically and physiologically, but also emotionally. (Oral – Milligan)
 - The commenter's family has been on Tierra Rejada Ranch since about 1930s. The commenter just moved back to this area from Los Angeles and found out as soon as he moved in that this project was going to happen. Nobody wants the power lines going up. They are ugly and people are saying they are dangerous. The commenter doesn't know if they are or are not dangerous, but he does know that the valley is very special. It is a very special place for him and his family. The commenter has decided that if the lines go up he and his family would have to move. (Oral - Brewner)

5. Consideration of Issues Raised in Scoping Process

A primary purpose of this Scoping Report is to document the process of soliciting and identifying comments from interested agencies and the public. The Scoping Process provides the means to determine those issues that interested participants consider to be the principal areas for study and analysis. Every issue that has been raised that falls within the scope of CEQA during scoping will be addressed and/or be considered in the EIR.

APPENDIX A

Noticing Letter

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298**



To: Interested Parties, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Property Owners
From: Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager
Subject: NOTICE OF A SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC SCOPING PERIOD AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: Permit to construct electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)
Date: August 25, 2010

Proposed Project Update.

The Project Description for the Presidential Substation Project has changed. A description of the revised Proposed Project is provided in the response to Data Request #4, which can be viewed at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>.

Supplemental Public Scoping Period and Public Meeting

Due to the changes in the Proposed Project design and the length of time that has passed since the initial scoping period, the CPUC is opening a supplemental scoping period between **August 26, 2010 and September 25, 2010**. During this supplemental scoping period the CPUC will be accepting comments from the public and agencies on the revised Proposed Project. Please include a name, organization (if applicable), address, and email address of a contact person for all future notification related to this process. All comments submitted during the initial scoping period are being considered, and it is not necessary to resubmit. Public comments submitted during this supplemental scoping period will become part of the public record and will be published in an amended Scoping Report.

Please send your comments to:

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Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954
Fax: (707) 795-0902
presidentalsub@esassoc.com**

In addition, a supplementary Public Scoping Meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Palm Garden Hotel,
495 North Ventu Park Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320**

The supplemental Public Scoping Meeting will start with a brief presentation providing an overview of the revised Proposed Project and alternatives identified to date. Following the presentation, interested parties will be provided an opportunity to provide comments about the project. Comment forms will be

supplied for those who wish to submit written comments at the scoping meetings. Written comments may also be submitted anytime during the supplemental scoping period.

REMINDER: All comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through September 25, 2010. Please be sure to include your name, organization (if applicable), address, and email. All comments already submitted during the initial scoping period are being considered, and it is not necessary to resubmit.

For additional information about the CEQA review of the Proposed Project, go to:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>.

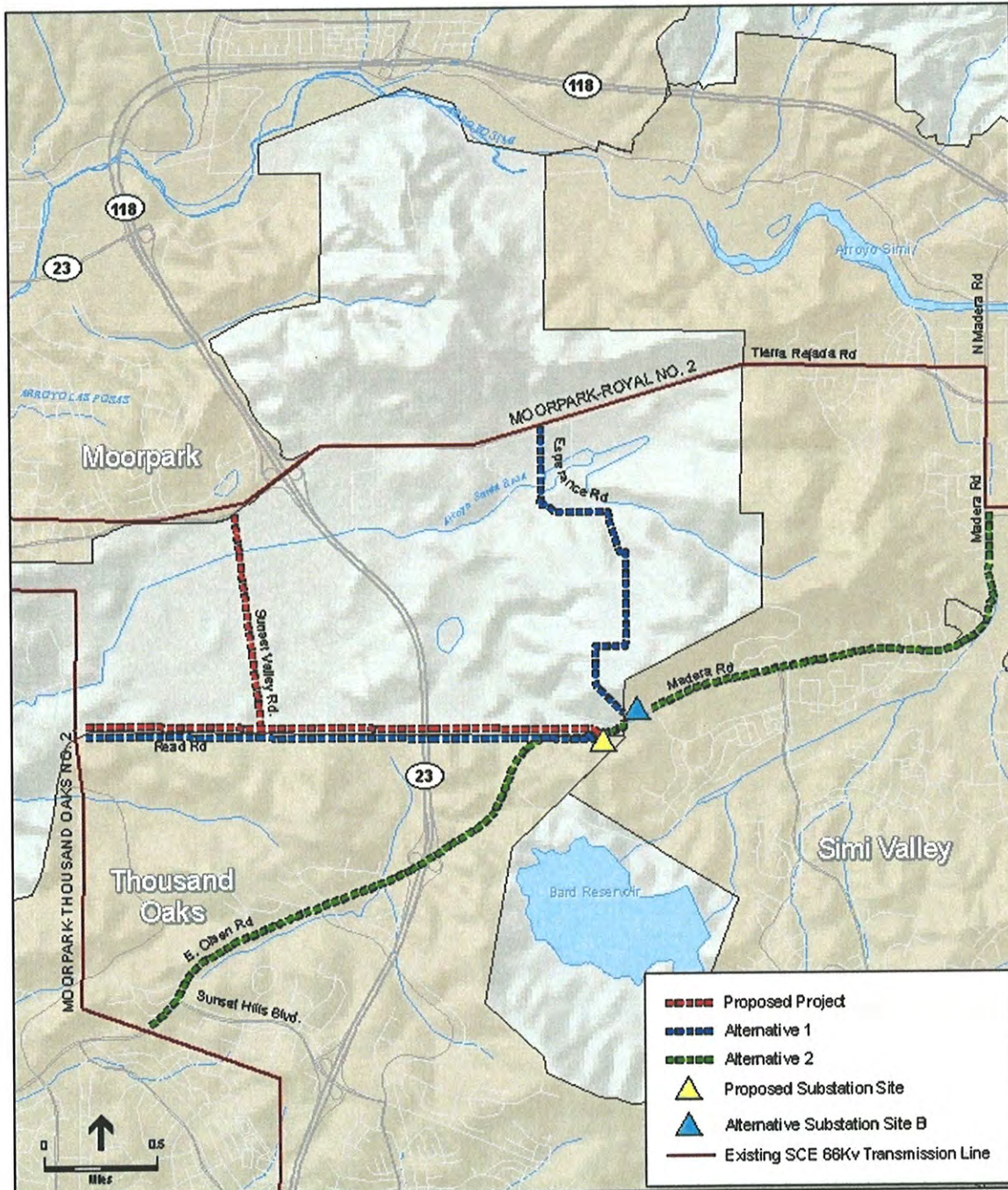


Figure 1: Project Location

APPENDIX B

Newspaper Notice

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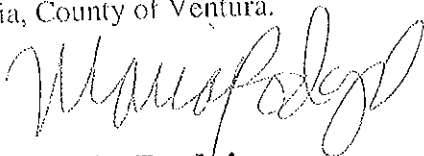
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I, **Maria Rodriguez**, hereby certify that the **Ventura Star, Thousand Oaks Star, Oxnard Star, Simi Valley Star, Moorpark Star, Camarillo Star** has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura within the provisions of the Government Code of the State of California, printed and published in the City of Camarillo, County of Ventura, State of California; that I am a clerk of the printer of said paper; that the annexed clipping is a true printed copy and publishing in said newspaper on the following dates to wit:

Aug. 26, Sept. 11, 2010

I, Maria Rodriguez certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this Sept. 13, 2010, in Camarillo,
California, County of Ventura.


Maria Rodriguez
(Signature)

**California Public Utilities Commission
Public Notification of a Supplemental
Scoping Period and Public Scoping Meeting
for the Presidential Substation Project**

Notice is hereby given that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has opened a supplemental scoping period for the Presidential Substation Project (Proposed Project). An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be drafted to address site-specific impacts of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project and alternatives. Information to be included in the EIR will also be based on input and comments received during the 30-day supplemental scoping period that is open from August 26, 2010 until 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2010. The revised project description is available for public review on the project website at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>. The website includes further information on the environmental review process for this project and will be updated during the review process to include copies of related public documents, project history, and announcements of all upcoming public meetings. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing to: Ms. Juralyne Mosley, C/O ESA, 225 Bush Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94104; by fax to (925)-896-0332; or by email to: presidentialsb@esassoc.com.

Additionally, the CPUC will hold a supplemental Public Scoping Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at the Palm Garden Hotel, 495 N. Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. The scoping meeting will convene from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend the scoping meeting. At the end of the supplementary public scoping period the CPUC will prepare a Draft EIR that will consider comments received. Decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, property owners, and interested persons and parties will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR after it is published and circulated for public review.

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APPENDIX C

Project Website Notification



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project

(Application A.08-12-023, filed December 22, 2008)

UPDATE: The Project Description for the Presidential Substation Project has changed. A description of the revised Proposed Project is provided in the response to Data Request #4. In response to this change, the CPUC held a supplemental **Public Scoping Meeting on September 14, 2010** at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The CPUC also reopened the **Scoping Period from August 26 to September 25, 2010**, to accept comments on the revised Project Description and information received in response to Data Request 4.

Welcome to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of proposed construction of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Presidential Substation Project. An application for this project was submitted to the CPUC on December 22, 2008 (Application A.08-12-023). This site provides access to public documents and information relevant to the CEQA review process.



Files linked on this page are in Portable Document Format (PDF). To view them, you will need to download the free *Adobe Acrobat Reader* if it is not already installed on your PC. **Note:** For best results in displaying the largest files (see sizes shown in parentheses below for files larger than 3.0 MB), right-click the file's link, click "Save Target As" to download the file to a folder on your hard drive, then browse to that folder and double-click the downloaded file to open it in Acrobat.

Background



The CPUC is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Presidential Substation Project, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. SCE seeks a permit to construct (PTC) the Presidential Substation, which includes the following major elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site;
- Removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles to accommodate a new 66 kV subtransmission line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines. Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way;
- Four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and
- Facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County.

Location of the Proposed Project

The Proposed Project is located in portions of unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. To view a project area map showing the proposed and possible alternate routes, click [here](#).

Environmental Review

CEQA Process Schedule Revised 8/24/10	
Notice of Preparation to solicit written input from agencies and the public	February 17, 2009 - March 20, 2009
First Public Scoping meeting held in the project area	March 3, 2009
Agency consultation meetings	March 30, 2009 - April 10, 2009 and ongoing as necessary
Supplemental Public Scoping meeting held in the project area	September 14, 2010
Supplemental Scoping Comment Period	August 26 - September 25, 2010
Draft EIR circulated for agency and public comment	January 2011
Public and agency comment period (45 days from release of Draft EIR)	January-February 2011
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Note: shaded cell dates are tentative.

Supplemental Public Scoping Period

Due to the extent of changes to the Proposed Project design and the length of time that has passed since the initial

scoping period, the CPUC opened a supplemental scoping period between August 26, 2010 and September 25, 2010. During this supplemental scoping period the CPUC is accepting comments from the public and agencies on the revised Proposed Project. All comments submitted during the initial scoping period are being considered, and it is not necessary to resubmit. A supplementary public scoping meeting was held on September 14, 2010 in Thousand Oaks, CA, to update the public on the environmental review process and provide an opportunity to provide comments on the revised Proposed Project.

Also available from the public information meeting are the [presentation slides](#) shown at the meeting.

Public Scoping Period

On February 17, 2009 the CPUC published a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023). Click [here](#) to view the NOP.

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping period was held between February 17, 2009 and March 19, 2009.

Educational Workshop

In order for the public and regulatory agencies to have an opportunity to submit comments on the scope of the EIR an educational workshop was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Park Oak Elementary School from 6:30 to 7:00. This workshop addressed: a) CPUC's process for reviewing the Proposed Project application; b) California Environmental Quality Act review process for construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project; and c) details on where the public can become involved with both planning processes.

The scoping meeting followed the workshop (7:00 to 9:00pm) and began with a brief presentation providing an overview of the Proposed Project and alternatives identified to date. Following the presentation, interested parties were provided an opportunity to provide comments about the project. Comment forms were supplied for those who wish to submit written comments at the scoping meetings.

Workshop Presentation Slides

- To view the slide presentation from the March 3rd, educational workshop, click [here](#).
- To view the slide presentation from the March 3rd, scoping meeting, click [here](#).

The Scoping Report Published in April 2009 may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

The Appendices to the Final Scoping Report may be viewed by clicking [here](#). [35.7mb]

Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)

To view the Application or PEA for the project click a link below:

- [Application](#) [5.3mb]
- [PEA](#) [86.7mb]

To go to the SCE website for the project click [here](#).

Data Requests

The EIR Team submits Data Requests to SCE and other entities when it needs specific information to support EIR preparation. The following are the data requests submitted to date:

Data Request Letter No. 4 (June 8, 2009), click [here](#) to view. **Responses may be viewed by clicking [here](#).**

Data Request Letter No. 3 (May 19, 2009), click [here](#) to view. **Responses may be viewed by clicking [here](#).**

Data Request Letter No. 2 (April 17, 2009), click [here](#) to view. **Responses may be viewed by clicking [here](#).**

Data Request Letter No. 1 (March 23, 2009), click [here](#) to view. **Responses may be viewed by clicking [here](#).**

For Additional Information

The CPUC, through its Environmental Review Team, manages [environmental review](#) of the project. To request additional information or to be added to the mailing list, please contact us by email, fax, or phone, as follows:

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APPENDIX E

Scoping Meeting Presentation

Residential Substation Project

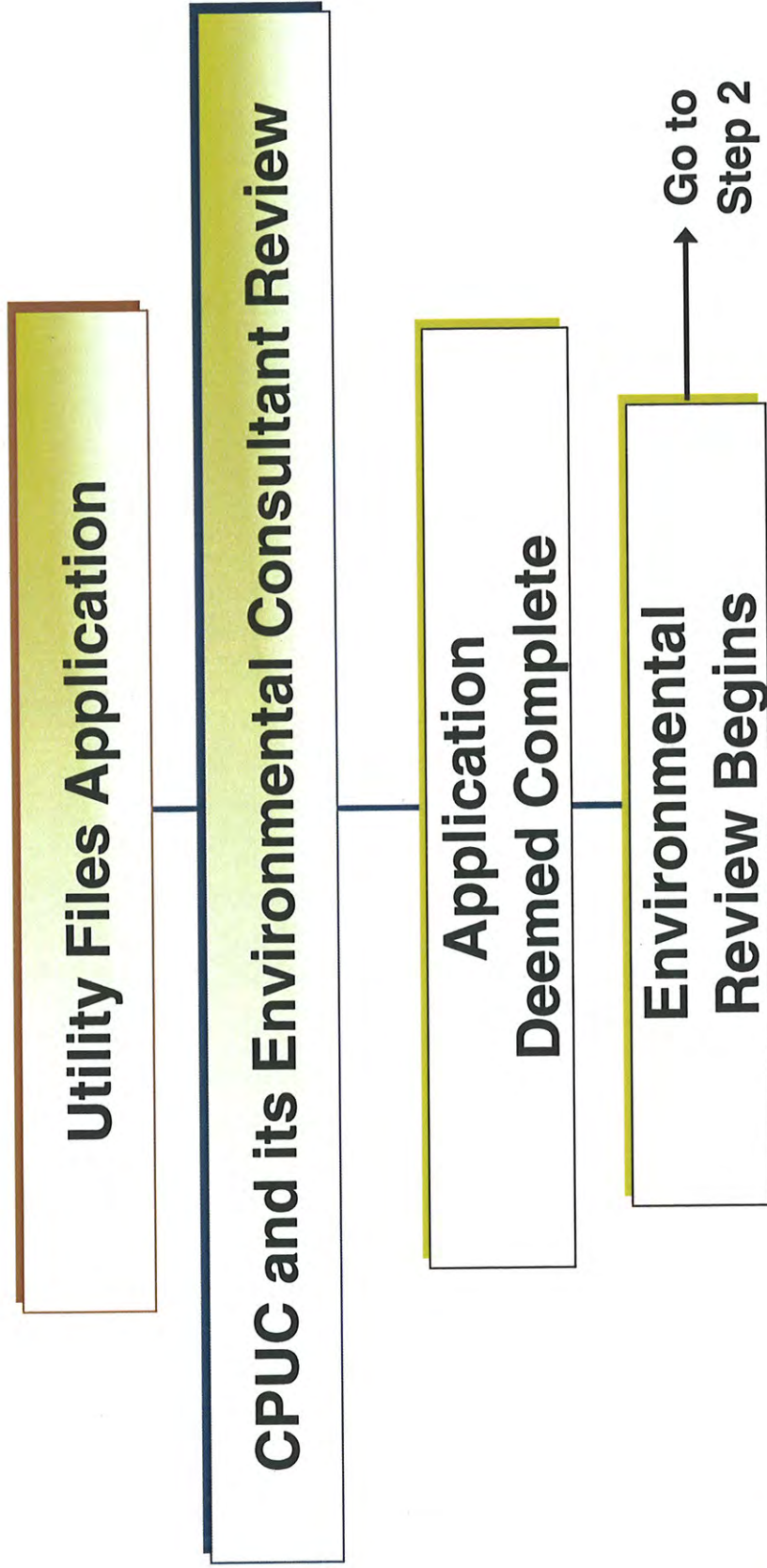
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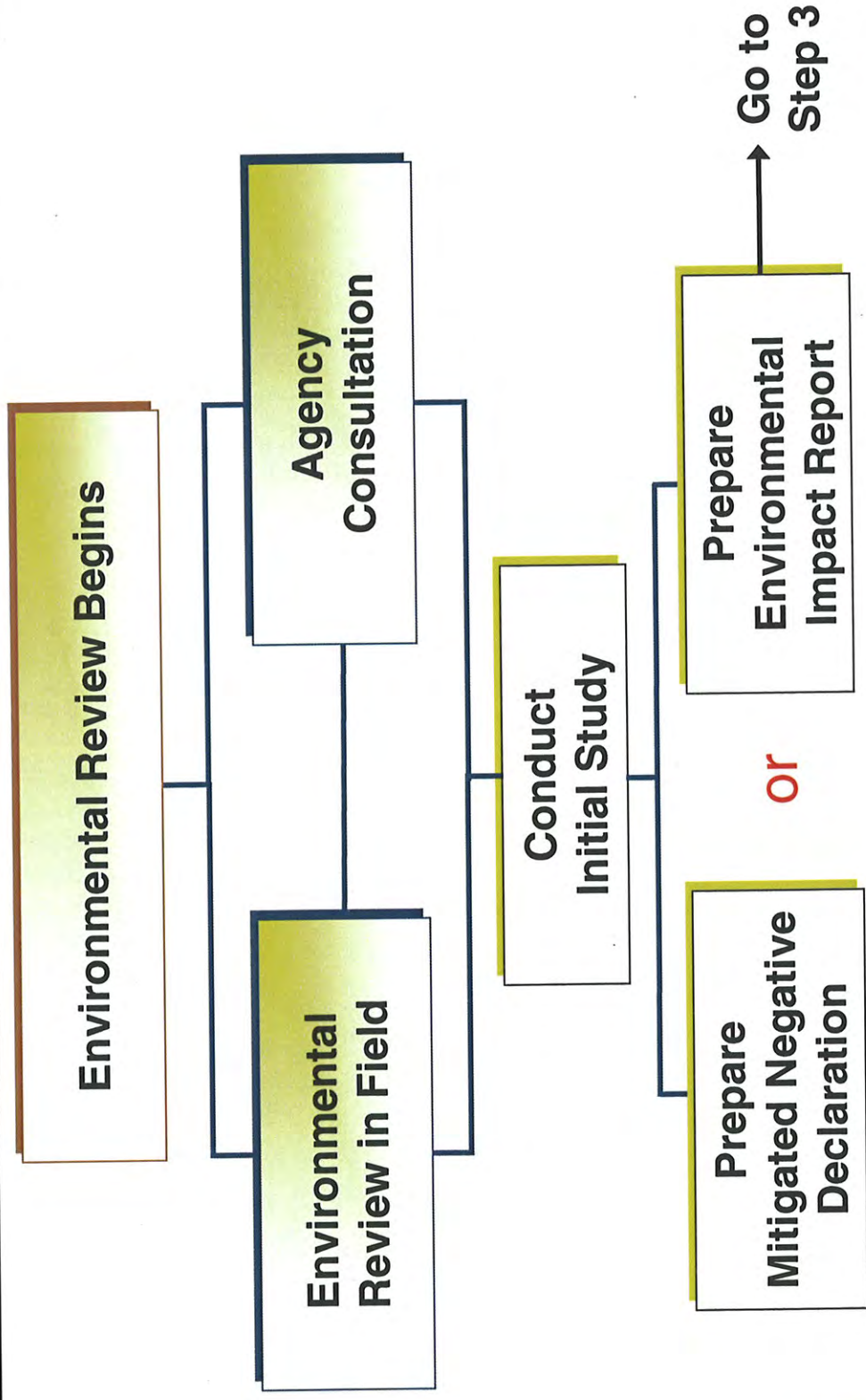
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- Environmental Science Associates (ESA): Environmental Consultant to the CPUC
 - Michael Manka, ESA Project Manager
- Southern California Edison (SCE): Applicant

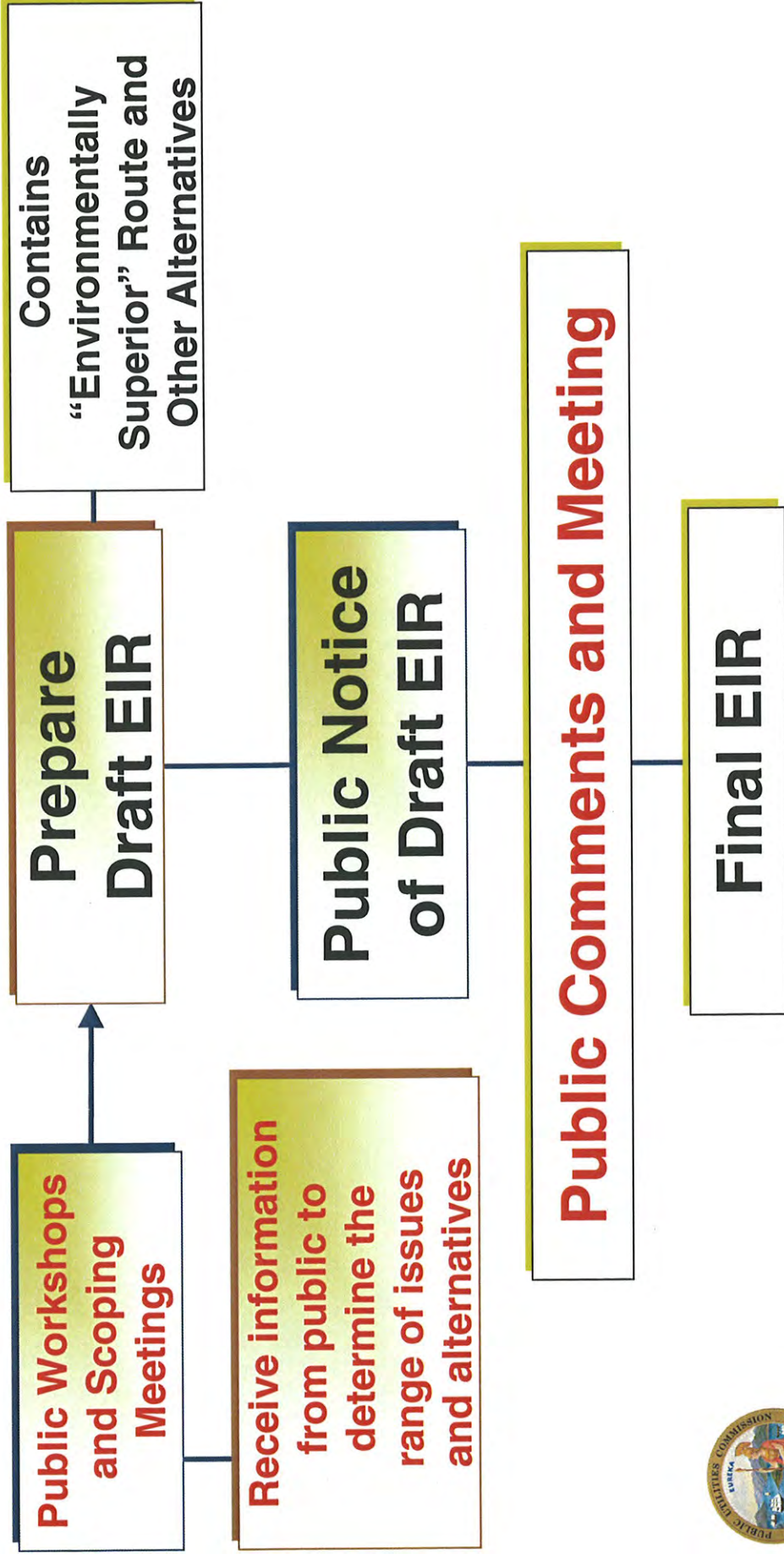
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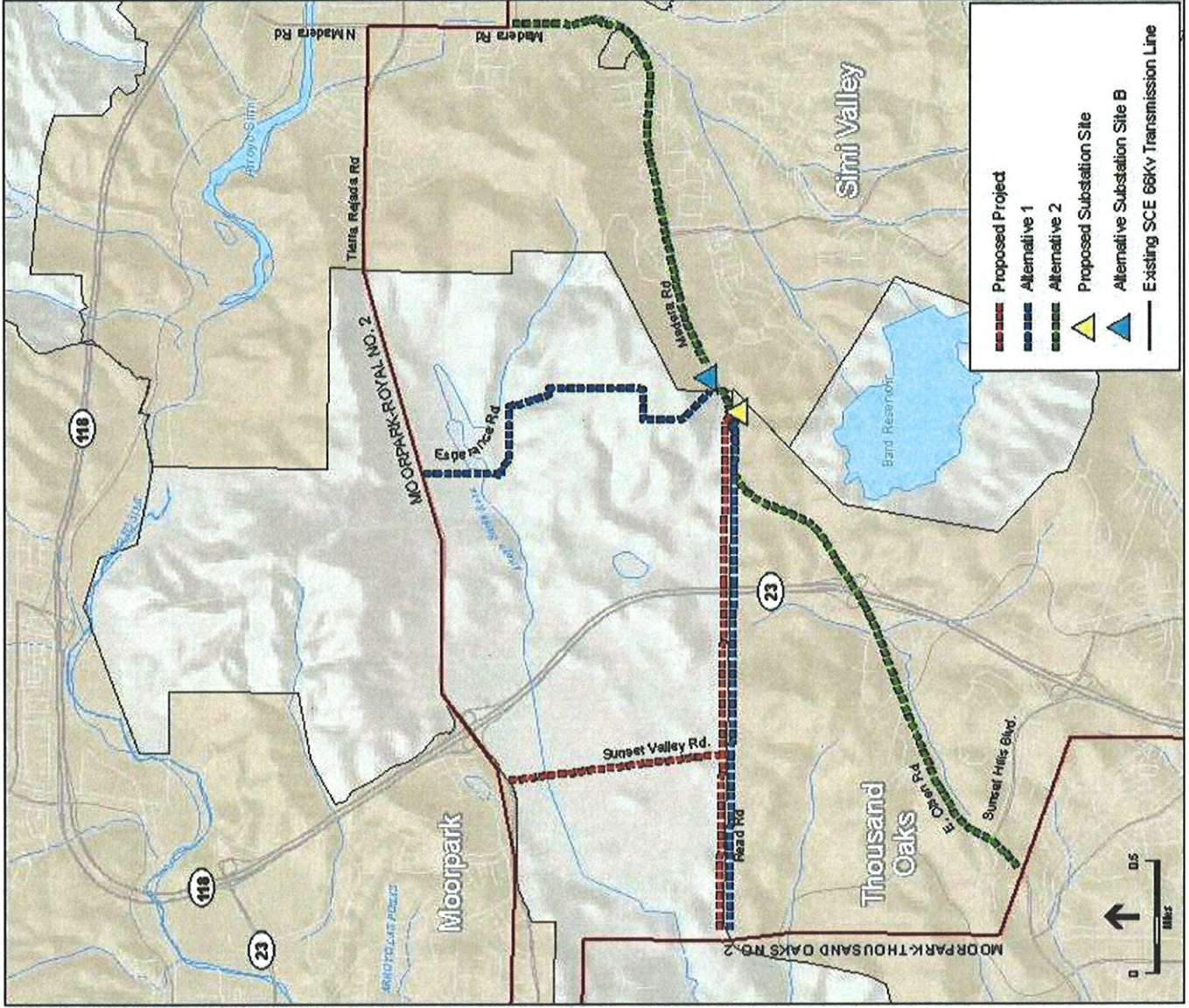
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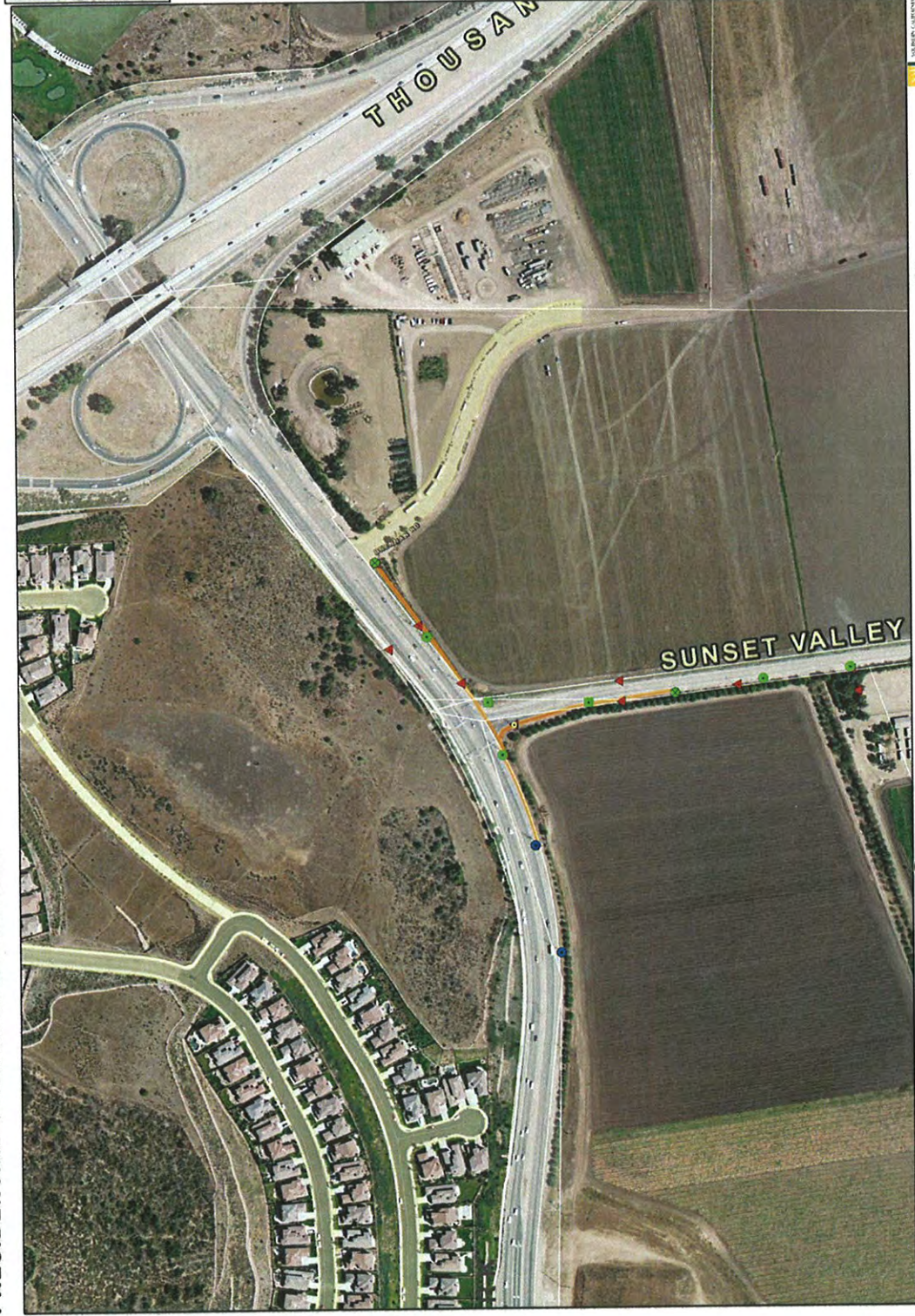
Basic Environmental Review Process (Step 3)



Proposed Project Location



PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION PROJECT



Legend

- Existing Underground Distribution
- Install Underground Distribution/Telecom
- Install 66kV Underground Subtransmission
- Remove - Wood/ Guy Pole (35-80')
- Install - LWS (70-85')
- Install - TSP (60-100')
- Remove - TSP (55-80')
- Install - Wood Pole (35-75')
- Remain - Wood Pole (50-80')
- LWS Riser
- TSP Riser
- District Street Light
- Presidential Substation Location
- Lot Lines

**Subtransmission & Distribution
Map 1**

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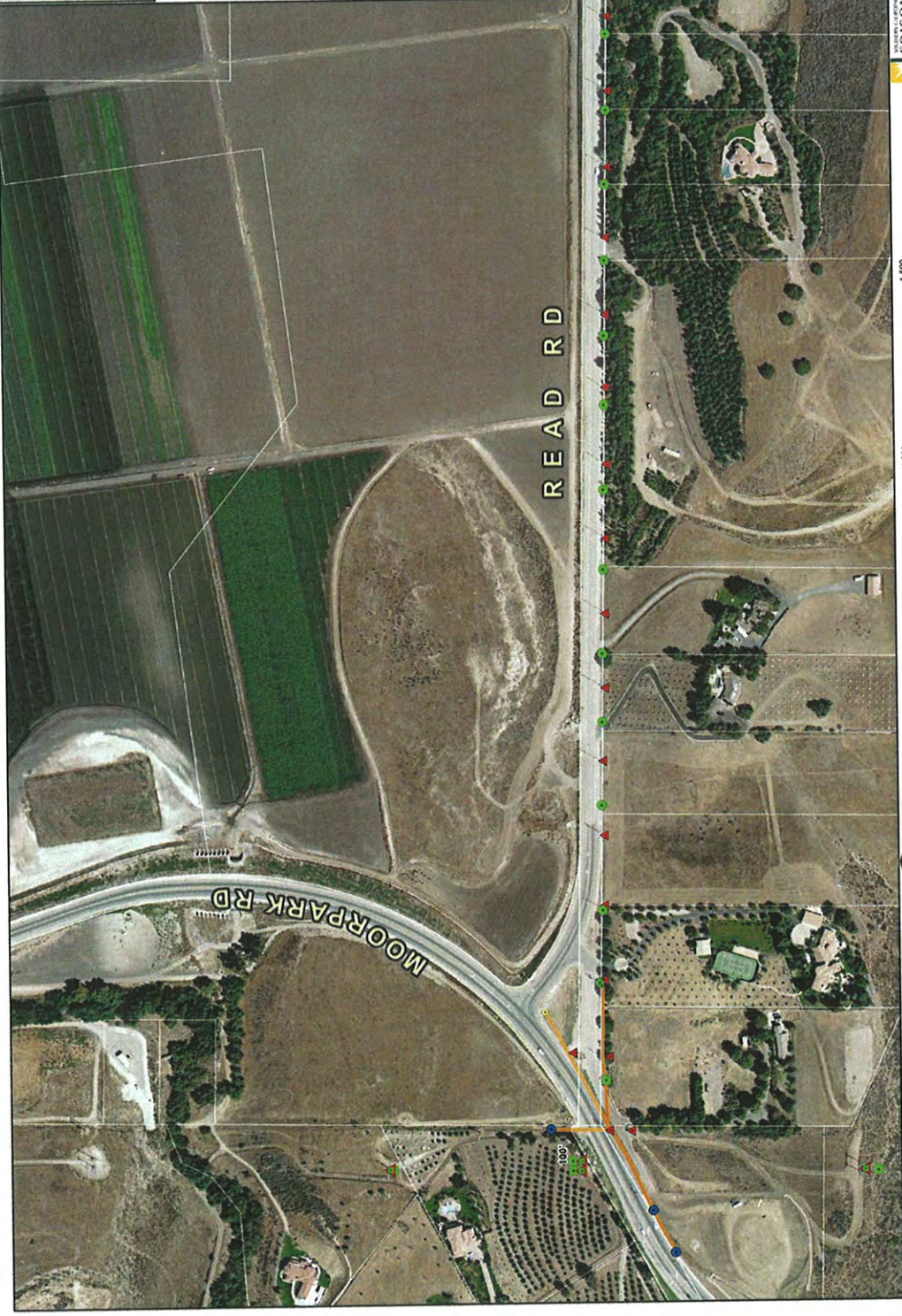
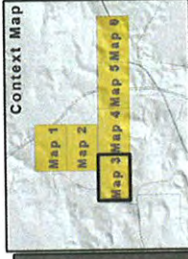
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Subtransmission & Distribution Map 2

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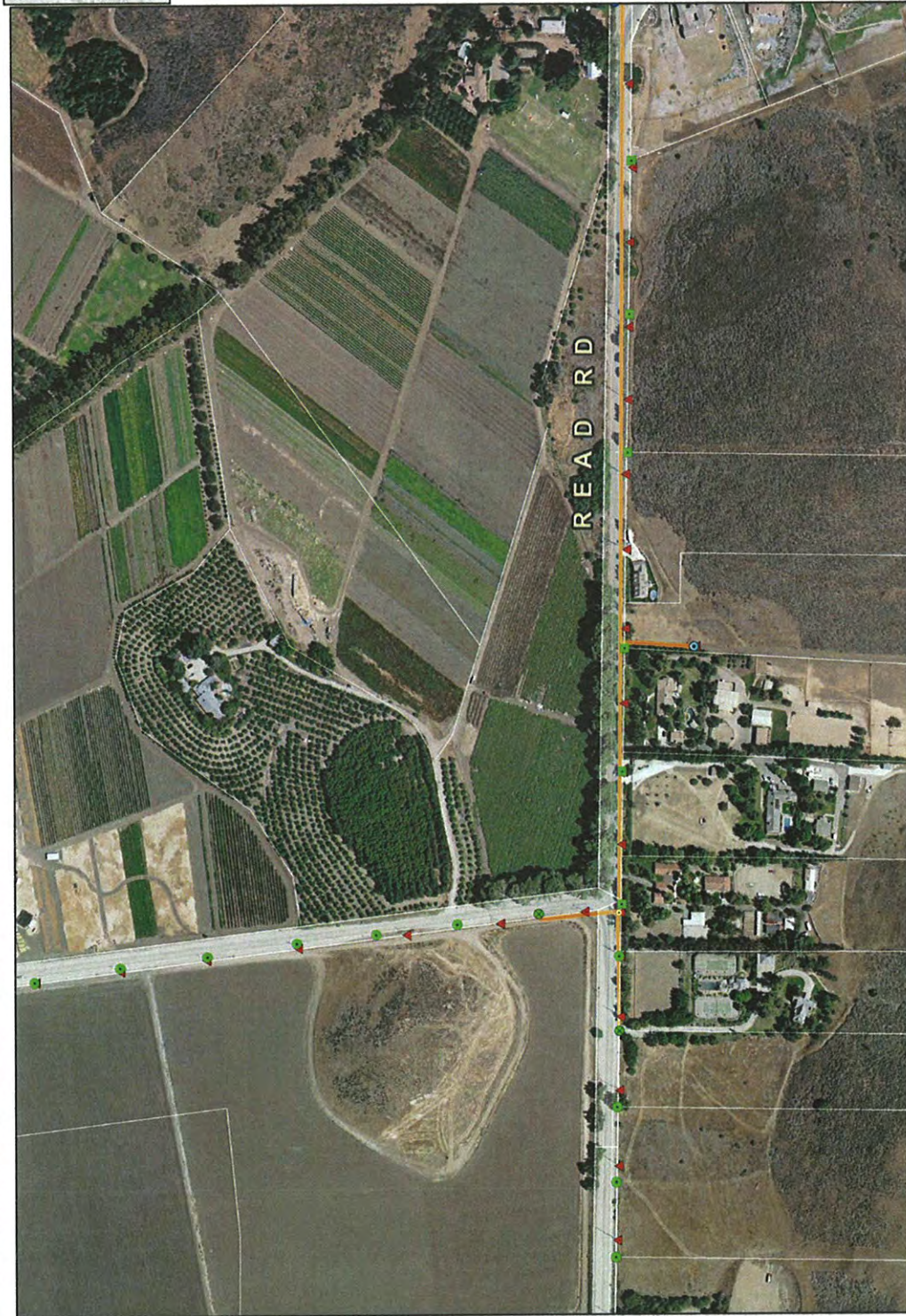
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- LWS Riser
- TSP Riser
- ⊙ District Street Light
- Presidential Substation Location
- Lot Lines

Subtransmission & Distribution
Map 3

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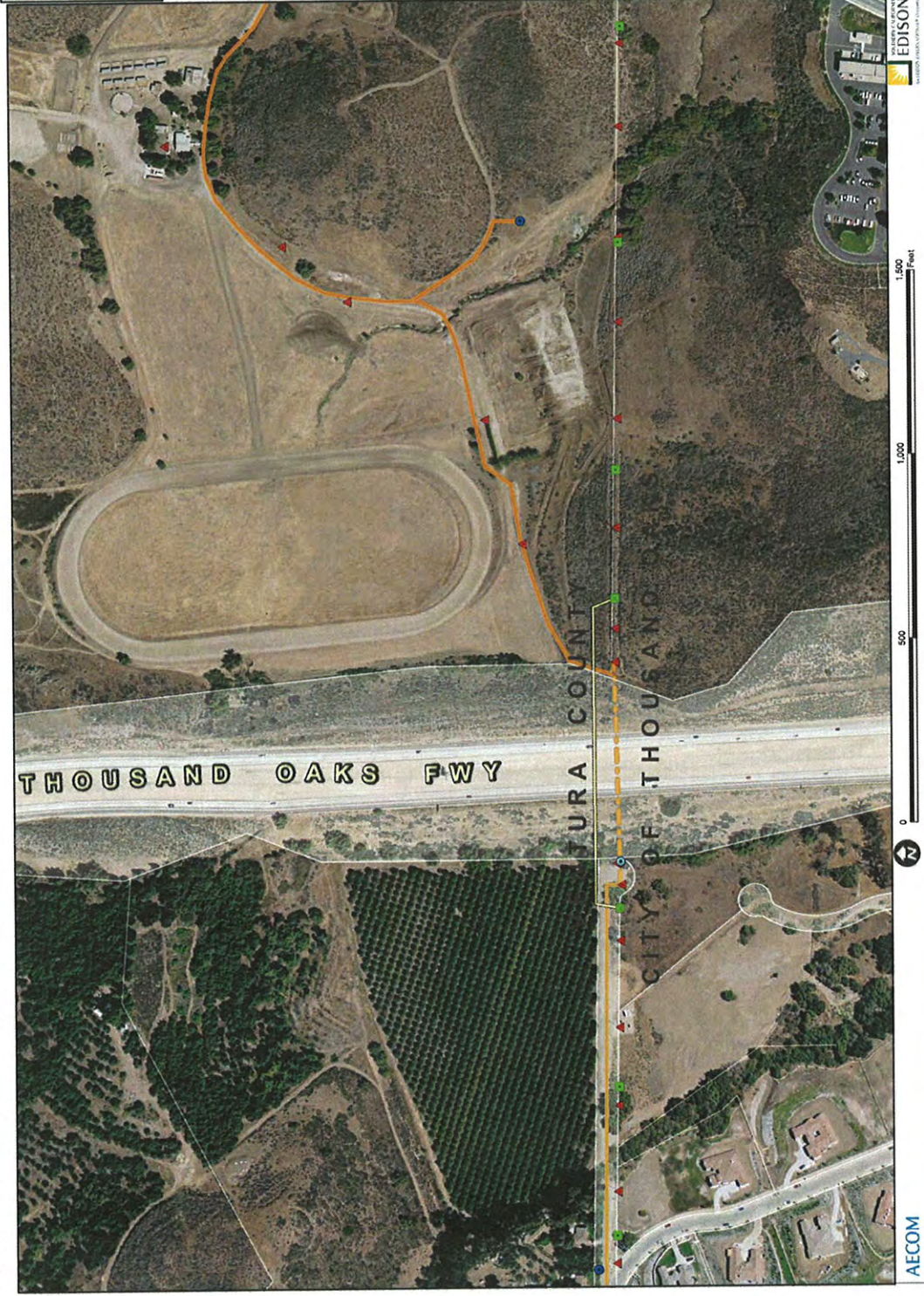
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- District Street Light
- Presidential Substation Location
- Lot Lines

Subtransmission & Distribution
Map 4

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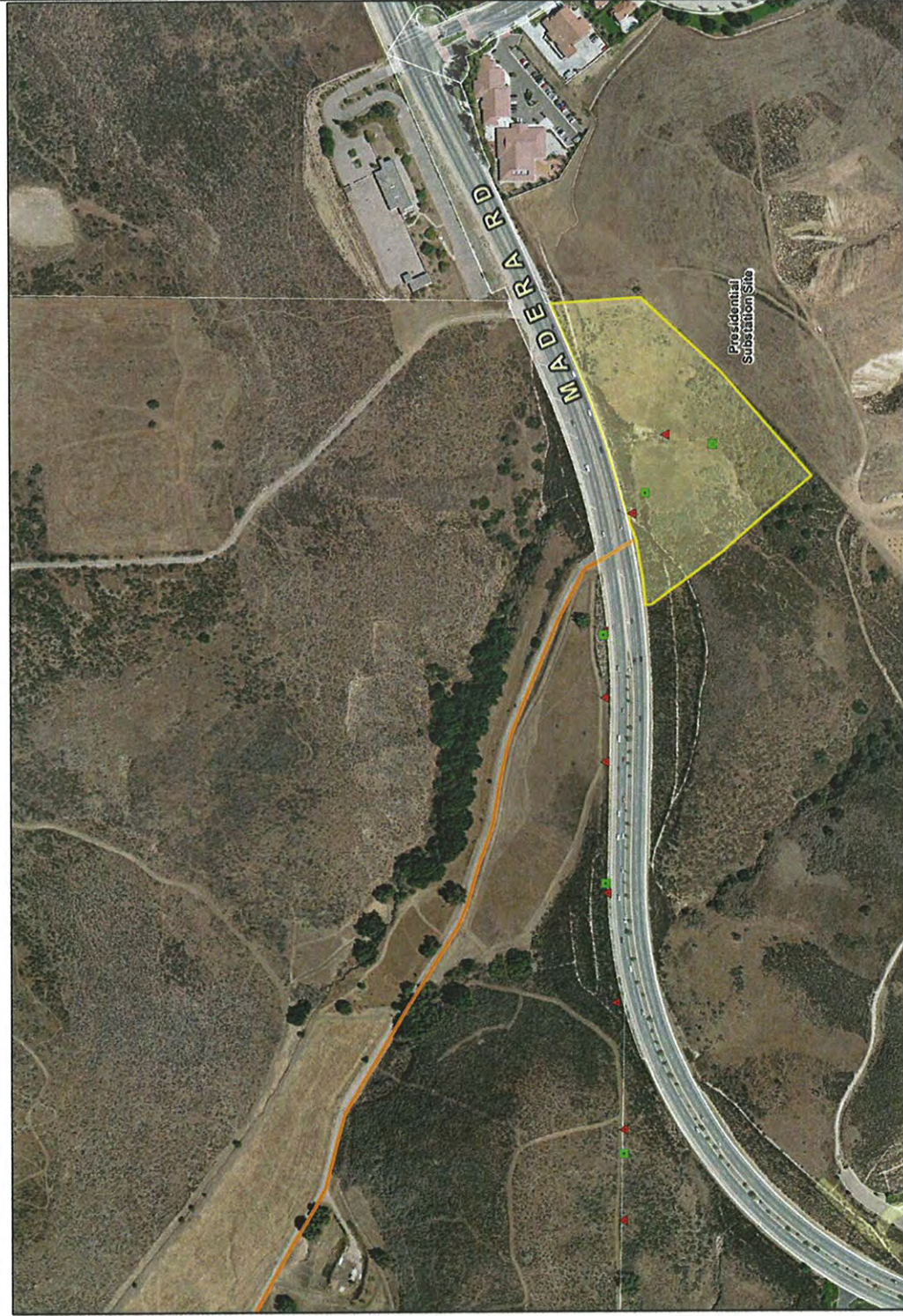
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- ⊙ District Street Light
- Presidential Substation Location
- Lot Lines

**Subtransmission & Distribution
Map 5**

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- Existing Underground Distribution
- Install Underground Distribution/Telecom
- Install 66kV Underground Subtransmission
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Subtransmission & Distribution
Map 6

Project Description

- Construction of a new 66/16kV distribution substation
 - ~ 4 acre site in Thousand Oaks
 - Unstaffed, automated, low-profile substation

- Installation of 2 new ~ 3.5 miles of 66kV overhead subtransmission lines
 - Unincorporated Ventura County and City of Thousand Oaks
 - Existing right-of-way (ROW) along Read Road and Sunset Valley Road
 - Removal of 89 existing distribution poles and 9 subtransmission poles; replacement with 66 new subtransmission poles

- Construction of four new 16kV distribution getaways

- Construction of facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system

CEQA Process Schedule

Agency consultation meetings	Ongoing
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*Dates subject to change.

How to Comment

- Please submit scoping comments no later than Monday, September 27, 2010 to:

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Public Comment

Discussion Guidelines

- ❑ One person to speak at a time
- ❑ Be concise
- ❑ Stay on topic
- ❑ Support everyone's participation
- ❑ Respect others' opinions
- ❑ Comments will be recorded
- ❑ Written comments are encouraged

APPENDIX F

Scoping Meeting Transcript

PROJECT - PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING, SCE PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION

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1 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010; THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA
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4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTATION
5 PROJECT PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
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7 CRAIG UNDERWOOD: Craig Underwood. We farm right
8 along the edge of this project and we continue to be
9 concerned about the scale of it. It looks like the
10 changes that we are looking at now only increase the scale
11 of the total cost of the project, as well as the impact on
12 our farm.

13 The road that will probably be used in the
14 process of construction will be impacted greatly and
15 probably impede our use of that particular piece of
16 property.

17 We just think it's too hard of a project,
18 probably unnecessary and will have a huge impact on our
19 neighborhood, which that is the kind of comment I made
20 before and continue to feel. I think the changes only
21 magnify the whole thing.

22 MICHAEL MANKA: The next person is Michael Bates.
23 And sorry. After Jonathan Evans is Chuck Cronin.

24 MICHAEL BATES: Good evening. I appreciate this
25 forum and I appreciate everyone who has come tonight.

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1 Our family has had in the last couple years -- I
2 have a five-year-old and a three-year-old -- we have had a
3 great opportunity to know where our food comes from by
4 going to Underwood Farms. We are there a couple days a
5 week March through October when the farm is open.

6 In an increasingly urbanized environment, we know
7 little about where our food comes from, how it was grown,
8 what pesticides are used. So for our kids to eat from the
9 vine the tomatoes and the berries and to know how corn
10 grows, how fast it grows, to be able to feed the donkeys
11 and the cows and sheep, there is not anything like
12 Underwood Farms anywhere around here for, I would wager,
13 at least 50 miles, and it is something so true and so
14 natural. It's not commercialized. It's not Disneyland.
15 It's just a place that is simple and pure.

16 And with all the room that is out there -- Even
17 if we need to expand power, with all the room that's in
18 Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi, it just seems that -- I
19 appreciate that there are other alternative -- other
20 alternatives being looked at. It seems to me there is
21 still another alternative beyond sunset valley Road.

22 MICHAEL MANKA: Jonathan?

23 JONATHAN EVANS: Yeah.

24 MICHAEL MANKA: After Mr. Cronin is Dieter Wolf.

25 JONATHAN EVANS: Good evening. Thank you for

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1 holding this public scoping meeting.

2 Again, my name is Jonathan Evans. I'm a staff
3 attorney for the Center For Biological Diversity, and I
4 think it's important to recognize the amount of people who
5 turned out tonight. I want to thank you all for coming
6 here today. This is the only way we are going to get a
7 good, informed, public review process out of -- that would
8 provide for a good project result, so I encourage you all
9 to maintain your involvement throughout this process.

10 For a little background on the Center for

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11 Biological Diversity, we are an organization that is
12 dedicated to the protection of wildlife, wildlife habitat
13 and endangered species. We have over 250,000 members,
14 many in the area who would be affected by the project, and
15 that's why we are here today. We are here today because
16 of our members' concerns and our concerns with the impacts
17 of the project on endangered species and important
18 wildlife habitat.

19 The Presidential Project impacts critical
20 habitats for three endangered species that are protected
21 under the Endangered Species Act. These are three
22 creatures that are endemic to California -- Southern
23 California. They are nowhere else on the planet and part
24 of our natural history legacy that we should be working to
25 protect and not negatively impact. The California coastal

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1 gnatcatcher, the Riverside fairy shrimp and the flowering
2 Lyon's pentachaeta are all species that are on the brink
3 of extinction that would be negatively impacted by the
4 habitat destruction that would result from this project.

5 Unfortunately, the Presidential Project also
6 threatens one of the last remaining wildlife linkages in
7 the area in Southern California, a critical linkage
8 between the Santa Monica Mountains, the Simi Hills and the
9 Santa Susanna Mountains. This is an area that is already
10 heavily fragmented and the increased disturbance that
11 would result from this project would continue to fragment
12 habitats for a range of species, such as bobcats, coyotes,
13 mountain lions and other native fauna in California we
14 have worked very hard to protect.

15 I really appreciate speaking to you and having a
16 supplemental scoping meeting because in the year and a
17 half that has passed since the beginning of this process
18 it's gone from bad to worse. The increased project impact
19 through trenching and undergrounding will only have a
20 greater disturbance that really should be addressed in the
21 environmental review process. There are better ways to
22 meet the needs for this project that are beneficial for
23 wildlife, beneficial for the environment, better for the
24 community and better for ratepayers, and I think it's
25 important that the alternatives analysis through this

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1 process be robust and vigorous and not simply parrot what
2 SCE wants to do, which is build power lines.

3 As the proponents of Environmental Assessment
4 state, "The purpose of the project is to ensure the
5 availability of safe, reliable electrical services, not to
6 build power lines." Their only alternatives that are
7 proposed are power lines. There are better ways to
8 provide for safe, reliable electricity that don't require
9 the destruction of habitat and don't require spending tens
10 of millions of dollars.

11 In 2008 the proponents of Environmental
12 Assessment said the price tag for this project would be
13 36.5 million dollars, in addition to 17 percent overhead.
14 That's over 40 million dollars that we are spending on a
15 costly, destructive and environmentally destructive
16 project. There's better ways to spend our ratepayers'
17 money than destroying critical habitats, destroying
18 wildlife linkages, and some of those alternatives really
19 should be addressed vigorously through the California
20 Environmental Quality Act process.

21 Particularly -- And we provided comment in our

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22 protest in our prehearing conference statement and in an
23 initial scoping comment where we outlined some ways that
24 there are energy conservation alternatives which will
25 reduce the peak demand within the general service needs

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1 area where we don't have to have a high spike on hot days;
2 we can mellow out that spike that this project is
3 triggered by.

4 There's also ways we can provide for distributed
5 energy, solar renewable energy within the project area
6 that will meet some of the peak demand that this project
7 is alleged to serve. So if we are going to be spending
8 tens of millions of dollars on this project, I encourage
9 the CPU staff and SCE staff to look at alternatives that
10 spend those tens of millions of dollars on projects -- on
11 alternatives that will benefit the environment and benefit
12 ratepayers by reducing the environmental impacts and
13 providing for a better alternative for the community.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHARLES CRONIN: Jonathan, thank you.

16 Jonathan came from the San Francisco area and
17 left me nothing to talk about.

18 So my name is Charles Cronin. I live at 1912
19 Maya Pradora in Thousand Oaks and up to the post office
20 it's considered Moorpark.

21 First of all, I would like to categorize the
22 project. Thank you for your efforts on working through it
23 and giving us additional information. I'm going to echo a
24 little bit about what Jonathan said because it's already
25 written. But it's clear to me from reading the data

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1 request information that you have received from -- I'm
2 assuming there's none other pending -- but data requests
3 1, 2, 3 and 4 focus on in a great deal of detail the
4 vault, the size of the vault, the height of the trees over
5 on the substation, but I feel very strongly that there's
6 better alternatives, especially as this project nearly
7 doubles in projected cost. We don't have a final cost
8 estimate yet. That was not in the revised PEA and we hope
9 that we get a cost estimate that includes the
10 undergrounding.

11 To put it succinctly, we think it's the wrong
12 project in the wrong place. The project, first and
13 foremost, should be a very aggressive effort for energy
14 efficiency. Keep in mind that since this project was
15 applied for in December of 2008 a whole new three-year
16 energy plan was approved by the CPUC. Southern California
17 received funding for \$250 million, and that doesn't count
18 some of the other programs that have been specially
19 funded, such as Smart Connect and others, that should have
20 an impact on the energy usage within the area.

21 A plan that focused on zero energy growth using
22 the whole House program, which the commissioner in charge
23 of this project wholeheartedly endorsed, would be a much
24 better alternative, but is not even being considered by
25 your team. I think that's a big oversight. The important

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1 part about it is that an energy efficiency program can be
2 incremental and can be ramped up depending on the growth
3 or zero growth in the area, whereas this infrastructure
4 project, whether you send one kilowatt through it or send
5 40 million kilowatts through it, it's still going to cost,
6 my guess, when it's finally finished, between 50 and

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7 \$60 million. I hope I get more specific information.

8 There's no significant alternatives other than,
9 you know, with more power comes more towers. That's the
10 only alternative that's being studied. That's obvious to
11 us. Okay. You may have had other discussions.

12 The reason that we bring that up is that the
13 research that we have taken a look at says basically you
14 can get one megawatt of efficiency for \$1 million whether
15 it's a public utility district, whether it's Southern
16 California Edison's own numbers, but the public standard
17 is anywhere between a dollar and a \$1.10. That means you
18 spend a million dollars, you save a million megawatts of
19 peak power.

20 For those in the audience, this project is being
21 built to only generate and provide additional capacity of
22 40 megawatts. Okay. That means that we could spend
23 \$40 million on conservation, something that would probably
24 do much better for the local job market, local installers,
25 local distributors of HVAC equipment, it would be a much

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1 better investment in the local economy. That's where we
2 think you should go as far as efficiency.

3 If you are going to build a project and that's
4 determined, we along Read Road feel perhaps you are
5 undergrounding the wrong towers. To say it quite frankly,
6 we like our little wood poles. We have trees that have
7 grown around them. They are pretty innocuous. But we
8 would prefer that you underground -- since it's already
9 going to cost you \$12.5 million to underground the
10 low-voltage per the data request information we received,
11 that you take that money and invest it into undergrounding
12 the high-voltage and leave our little distribution lines
13 and little wood poles just where they are and we would be
14 happy. I think people have grown accustomed to them. You
15 might want to lower them a little bit where we are not
16 using them like you have topped them on -- between Sunset
17 Road.

18 But we really request, now that the project is in
19 the grips of the underground team at Edison, it's moved
20 from the overhead team to the underground team, that the
21 underground team take a look. That's in the spirit of the
22 letter that you have received to CPUC from Simi Valley,
23 Thousand Oaks and Moorpark. And I have to tell you, it's
24 pretty hard to get those three cities to agree on
25 anything, let alone write a letter; right? So they are

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1 pretty important.

2 And by the way, one of the cities is represented
3 here by Mark Towne. We thank him for his efforts.

4 So I'm sure I'm way over the time limit, but we
5 also do think that keeping underground the high-power
6 lines, the high-tension lines, the high-voltage, and
7 keeping the 16-volt where they are is in keeping with one
8 of the missions of CEQA and the CPUC, which is rural and
9 community values. That is a rural value and -- we don't
10 need to be redundant -- it's open space, it's covered by
11 SOAR, it's the scenic corridor, whole ball of wax. So we
12 think it's in keeping with the charter of the CPUC to
13 extend rural and community values in siting power lines.

14 And I thank you for your time.

15 MICHAEL MANKA: I want to say after Dieter Wolf
16 is Jim Assalley, followed by Brian Gillespie.

17 DIETER WOLF: My name is Dieter Wolf. I live in

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18 Moorpark. Chuck and everybody else has spoke very
19 intelligently, very informed.

20 I will tell you, I have been busy for the last
21 six months rebuilding a building that had a fire, and I
22 learned one thing: You don't get anything accomplished
23 unless you have your heart into it. You have to be
24 persistent and you have to have your heart into it.

25 I noticed you are from Petaluma. I visit my

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1 brother over there. My nephew works at Velasco's on
2 Kentucky Street. And what would you do if a beautiful
3 street like Kentucky, all of a sudden they decided they
4 were going to rip it up or they were going to put in
5 high-wire lines in it? That's what you have to bring to
6 the table when you are here. You have to put yourself in
7 these people's shoes.

8 The farm is special. It's not just -- It
9 shouldn't just be an argument about how we are going to do
10 this or this and that. You have to put your heart into it
11 and realize there's a right way to do it, but putting it
12 to the farm is not -- not the right way.

13 I put solar panels on my house. I got a new pool
14 pump. My electric bill is zero. It wasn't a big deal.
15 They are talking about, "we could do this." I did it and
16 I can tell you it's easy and the government is there to
17 help you. They want you to invest in your house. Do it.

18 The amount of demand in Simi Valley, if we put
19 the \$50 million, what they reported in the paper,
20 \$50 million, you divide that, give everybody a 50 percent
21 incentive on solar panels, you could do 6,600 houses and
22 make them energy neutral, just paying \$0 at the end of the
23 month and -- actually, at the end of the year.

24 And the other idea was the air conditioning.

25 Simi Valley is an old town. It's not like Moorpark.

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1 There's a lot of houses out there from the '70s and '80s.
2 Air conditioners that were replaced could easily really
3 improve efficiency.

4 That's what I'm saying. Put your heart into
5 figuring out how not to build the lines and then we are on
6 the way to a solution.

7 Thank you.

8 MICHAEL MANKA: After Brian Gillespie is Mark
9 Reich.

10 JIM ASSALLEY: Hello. My name is Jim Assalley
11 and I'm a resident of the Enclave community in Thousand
12 Oaks. We are a community directly affected by the
13 Presidential SCE project.

14 I would like to thank the CPUC for helping us to
15 attain what I think is a small concession so far, which
16 is -- I'm referring to the decision to go underground with
17 the lines at the 23 Freeway. I'm thankful for that and I
18 think everyone will agree that it will help reduce visual
19 impact at the gateway to the city, but I'm hoping this is
20 seen as just a start.

21 Although I appreciate this change to the plan, I
22 don't think it's going to pacify anybody or reduce our
23 resolve and resistance to this project. We were right
24 here a year ago voicing our concerns. Here I am again,
25 and I feel like many have not yet been addressed by SCE.

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1 They continue to move forward with a project where there's
2 not really, in my mind, a proven need and there's multiple

3 alternatives.

4 I'm hopeful, just like the speakers before me,
5 that you will continue to require that every alternative
6 is explored, as well as the no-project alternative. I'm
7 still just not convinced it's necessary. I think in this
8 time, this economy, it's a wasteful project and we all
9 need to be frugal right now. And I really just think,
10 like Chuck said, it's the wrong project in the wrong place
11 at the wrong time.

12 If you determine that this project is absolutely
13 necessary, then I'm hopeful you will require that all of
14 Read Road and Sunset Valley Road have the lines put
15 underground. Now that the underground team is involved,
16 I'm hoping that transition will be easy. It's my
17 understanding they intend to underground the current
18 distribution lines and aboveground the new transmission
19 lines. That seems absolutely backwards. They need to
20 underground the new transmission lines and leave the
21 current small wooden poles and the beautiful tree-lined
22 rural road intact.

23 This is a small valley. It's very pristine.
24 Some of the other speakers said they don't know anywhere
25 for 50 miles around. I don't know anywhere like this for

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1 100 miles around. I just think Underwood Farms is
2 beautiful. I have three kids. My children and I go play
3 there all the time. It would be a shame to have these big
4 industrial poles in the middle of this rural community.
5 That's completely out of place and not fitting.

6 Please remain thoughtful of all of us in the
7 community that are affected and will be hurt as a direct
8 result of this project. Everybody knows that people need
9 power. We understand that. But this is simply the wrong
10 remedy to that. We have people who are going to lose many
11 feet of property. This project will disrupt wildlife,
12 birds, the natural wildlife corridors, cut down trees.
13 All of us are going to lose property values. In this
14 recession that's just, you know, astronomical.

15 I'm hoping you will consider all of this in your
16 decisions, and thank you for this time.

17 MICHAEL MANKA: Brian Gillespie up next, followed
18 by Mark Reich.

19 MR. GILLESPIE: I'm Brian Gillespie, a resident
20 of Moorpark directly across from the Underwood Farms, and
21 my -- my objection to a \$50 million project is it's
22 probably not going to cost \$50 million. What project has
23 gone ahead and been on budget?

24 So one way to go ahead and keep it on budget is
25 by taking that \$50 million and giving it as a subsidy for

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1 further projects, such as -- I've been trying to -- I was
2 in the portable (inaudible) business in the mid '80s and
3 I've been trying to justify it every since. I just had
4 four quotes in February, and it's still 12 and a half
5 years we try to conserve power, which is something that we
6 all need to do.

7 We had a shot over the bow during the 1970s oil
8 embargo. We need to go ahead and conserve. If we can go
9 ahead and take \$50 million and go ahead and give anywhere
10 from a 50 to 25 to 10 percent subsidy back to homeowners
11 that will go ahead and use their real estate and they will
12 also subsidize the program. So we will go \$50 million,
13 but the end user will go ahead and subsidize by putting

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14 the portable (inaudible) back in their house. We are
15 eliminating the need for future power usage. Every
16 household will be able to come back through and monitor
17 what their usage is, and so we will be self-conserving in
18 the sense we see what power we are using and we can go
19 ahead and control that.

20 If we go ahead -- If we did a minimum of 10
21 percent subsidy back, we could have 20,000 installations
22 off that \$50 million. If we go ahead and do a 50 percent,
23 which would be a zero cost back just because of state and
24 federal subsidies, they are approximately 50 percent
25 today, if this money was used for 50 percent, it would be

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1 So why would we go ahead and continue a project
2 which is what we have been doing in the past? All we are
3 doing is we are building for more usage when we can come
4 back through and say use this real estate that's out
5 there, everybody goes ahead and is producing the power
6 they are needing, and they are also going to be able to go
7 ahead and control that power, and it's also going to be
8 reducing the cost for the expansion.

9 So my message is: Let's go back through and do
10 regenerated power and give us the responsibility to go
11 ahead and control use.

12 Thank you.

13 MICHAEL MANKA: After Mark Reich is Mark Towne.

14 MARK REICH: Good evening. My name is Mark
15 Reich. I'm an attorney and I represent the Valdez family
16 who live on Read Road.

17 I think we agree with what every speaker has
18 said, that this is a project that shouldn't occur. But if
19 it is going to occur, I think there's one thing that is a
20 no-brainer here. Your job is to analyze the negative
21 impacts of the project and also to look at a reasonable
22 range of alternatives that can mitigate that impact.

23 And a few weeks ago when I was in my office and I
24 got notice that the scope of the project had changed and

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2 Read Road, I thought, well, it's still bad that they are
3 going forward with this, but at least they are mitigating
4 the negative impact of the horrible harm to the aesthetics
5 in the community of having these monstrosity towers that
6 will hold the line, so I thought this is a good thing.
7 But then as I read more into it I realized, wait, they are
8 not going to underground the new lines; they are going to
9 take the old lines that people have accepted and they are
10 okay with and they are going to underground the old lines,
11 and in looking at the paperwork I received, I could see no
12 explanation for this.

13 So it seems to me that if anyone is going to
14 consider going forward in this project, it is a no-brainer
15 now that we have undergrounding to underground the new
16 lines, not to underground the existing ones.

17 Thank you very much.

18 MICHAEL MANKA: After Mark Towne is Bala
19 Kanayson, if I said that right. If I didn't, I'm very
20 sorry.

21 MR. TOWNE: Good evening. My name is Mark Towne.
22 I would like to again thank CPUC and staff for being here,
23 for providing everybody this evening an opportunity to
24 comment again as to the scope based on the project

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25 description. The City recognizes that this revised

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1 project description in large part involves undergrounding
2 of lines under the 23 Freeway, as well as it appears fewer
3 lines from the intersection of Read Road and Sunset Valley
4 Road east to the proposed substation location.

5 I should note that with regard to scoping
6 comments, the City did provide a comment already to the
7 CPUC dated March 19th of last year. Staff has reviewed
8 the new project description in light of that previous
9 scoping letter and we do not at this point believe that
10 any of the topics are going to change that we had
11 requested before to be analyzed.

12 In that note I wanted to reiterate that the City
13 does still have concerns about the project and the
14 potential environmental impact of it. These are the same
15 points that were raised in our previous scoping letter in
16 terms of topics to be studied.

17 Just to summarize, those include demonstration of
18 project need, evaluation of site alternatives, which we
19 heard about from some speakers already this evening.
20 Again, the substation is located at the proposed site,
21 detailed site plan and related exhibit, substation route
22 alternative.

23 Also the dimensions of the poles, in looking at
24 the new project information, it still is not clear exactly
25 what the size of the poles would be. For instance, from

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1 Laundry Road east of Sunset Valley the dimensions still
2 range from 60- to 100-foot poles, and so it's obviously a
3 significant difference and the greater detail could be
4 provided on the pole dimensions. Again, if that's -- I
5 know it's a detail, but it's still relevant. If that
6 information could be provided, it would be helpful I think
7 to everybody.

8 And then finally, as we previously mentioned in
9 multiple correspondence media, the issue of
10 undergrounding. We still believe that undergrounding
11 should be considered for all of the lines within and
12 adjacent to the Conejo Valley. This is recognized by the
13 mayor of Moorpark and all the affected citizens of
14 Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley.

15 Again, we appreciate the undergrounding of both
16 the transmission and distribution lines at the freeway,
17 but still would like these other topics to hopefully be
18 addressed in the environmental impact report.

19 Thank you very much.

20 MICHAEL MANKA: Is Bala Kanayson here?

21 K-a-n-a-y -- Oh.

22 BALA KANAYSON: Yes. You did a good job the
23 first time. Bala Kanayson. My background is in
24 engineering in neuroscience. I know a little bit about
25 what power lines do and how they work and probably most

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1 high school kids know that as well. I wanted to talk not
2 about the wildlife, but about the tame life, those
3 two-legged things we call humans.

4 The thought of power lines going up on Read Road
5 and the surrounding areas reminds me of William Blake's
6 poem about those dark satanic mills, except these are
7 going to be large towers of electricity and, besides the
8 fact that they are going to look rather ugly, I think
9 what's key is to think about what it's going to do to the

10 people who live there.

11 Studies have shown in England and in many people
12 in Europe that your surroundings affect your mental state.
13 If you have depressing surroundings, you are going to have
14 a lot more depressed people.

15 The other issue, of course, is something that has
16 come up in the past and then knocked down, which is the
17 affect of electrical fields and magnetic fields on the
18 human body. Now, most people who say that's rubbish will
19 tell you that a study was done in Finland on well over
20 100,000 young children and they could not find any
21 correlation, but I have something here.

22 Let me get my glasses out. You know, once you
23 are Jack Benny's age, which is 39 and holding, you need
24 reading glasses.

25 This was a study done in 2002 by the CPUC. I

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1 think you have heard of them. Right. They got together
2 three scientists well accomplished in their fields and
3 they reviewed all the research that has been done on the
4 affect it has on us, the two-legged tame humans, and what
5 they found -- and they were very careful because they were
6 afraid of being ostracized by other scientists, so this is
7 how they worded it: They said, "The scientists are
8 inclined to believe -- inclined to believe that EMFs can
9 cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia,
10 adult cancer and miscarriage." The highest correlation
11 was with miscarriages.

12 I would ask whoever is making the decision to
13 think if their children were living in that neighborhood,
14 if your mother was living in that neighborhood, would you
15 approve this.

16 Thank you.

17 MICHAEL MANKA: I'm sorry. I didn't give much
18 warning to the next speaker, but the next speaker is
19 Rebecca Voskanian.

20 But I did want to add that as part of the project
21 revision, Southern California Edison is preparing a
22 "revised field management plan" it's called, which is
23 their EMF plan. That hasn't been made available to us
24 yet. It's in the works. But as soon as we get it, we
25 will put that up on the website also as part of the -- as

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1 part of the additional information available.

2 And sorry. I might as well go through --
3 Following Rebecca Voskanian is BJ de Castro then
4 Dr. Jennifer Crandall.

5 REBECCA VOSKANIAN: My name is Rebecca Voskanian.
6 I live on 4946 Read Road. I have many of the same
7 concerns as everyone else, especially EMFs because these
8 high-voltage lines will be going right in front of my
9 house.

10 An additional concern I have is with the new
11 project they are talking about undergrounding and they
12 will be doing that right in front of my house and my
13 neighbor's house because I'm right at the intersection of
14 Read Road and Sunset Valley Road, and so I'm just
15 wondering how that would impact my property because I have
16 trees right there. Probably have to cut down my trees. I
17 would probably have to give up some of my property for
18 them to fit that in.

19 And also I would like to say what everyone else
20 says: If they are undergrounding, it doesn't make any

21 sense for them to underground these small poles. I would
22 rather they underground the large poles.

23 And that's all I have to say.

24 Thank you.

25 BJ DE CASTRO: I'm BJ de Castro. I'm president

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1 of the Rancho Madera Homeowners Association on Madera
2 Road. I have been going to these meetings with a couple
3 of our homeowners for almost two years now. In short, we
4 don't want them on Madera Road. It sounds to me like it's
5 already decided that it's going on this other route, this
6 first route.

7 Our concerns are, again, property values, sales,
8 aesthetics, the view, health concerns, household
9 electrical responses to these power lines. There are no
10 power lines there as opposed to the routes that they are
11 considering as 1 or 2.

12 You've all heard that before. We've sent in
13 petitions and letters and everything else. And although
14 we are Alternative Route 3, listening to everybody and the
15 concerns that other people have made, I have something new
16 that has come to mind in this meeting that is irritating
17 me just a bit.

18 Two years, and through this process we have
19 two -- we have three routes. Now one person it
20 sounds like decided and, of course, they are very alarmed
21 and concerned all the way to route 3, which is what we
22 are, and there's no decision being made on which route you
23 are going to go, and this has been going on for two years
24 or -- yeah, two years in December when the first
25 application was filed.

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1 The homeowners in Rancho Madera subdivision
2 literally from this wall to probably the third or back row
3 of these aisles, these poles would be over the backyards
4 of our homes with children playing.

5 At the very first meeting we were allowed to ask
6 questions, gain information. When you give people
7 information it's power, there's less concern, they
8 understand what's going on, their questions are answered.
9 To me, coming here and just having us babble about the
10 same concerns we have had for two years I don't think is
11 going to change.

12 why is there not an opportunity for us to ask
13 questions?

14 Go to the website. I'm a web developer. I put
15 all the information on my website, our HOA website that I
16 built. I think we need a forum where we can actually ask
17 you questions, you can address our concerns. We can be at
18 least put at ease a little bit with information instead of
19 giving us -- And also this information you brought today,
20 it's nothing like the information that you gave us at the
21 first meeting almost two years ago. There's nothing on
22 the EMFs. There's nothing on the information of
23 underground versus aboveground. This is basically just a
24 printout of your slide show. It doesn't give us any
25 information.

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1 I would like to see on page 14 that you
2 reconsider the agenda on this process and include in here
3 an opportunity for all of us to come and actually have our
4 questions answered. Also I would like for you to give us
5 some kind of projected date as to when you are going to

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6 make a decision on what route. It's ridiculous to have
7 three routes in all the communities and the homeowners
8 with families going -- that live in all of those routes in
9 a panic over this, as we have been for two years, and it
10 looks like January, end of January, April, two and a half
11 years by the time we are going to get any answers.

12 So again, my objective for speaking tonight has
13 changed and I hope that you would consider your public
14 relations and how you are handling this a little bit
15 better and revamp that.

16 Thank you.

17 MICHAEL MANKA: Dr. Jennifer Crandall is next,
18 and it looks like we have someone else as well.

19 I will actually at the end -- I'm making a list
20 of things that are process-related that I can go over
21 after everyone is done speaking.

22 DR. JENNIFER CRANDALL: This project probably
23 affects me more than anybody else on Read Road because our
24 distribution pole is within a hundred feet of our front
25 door and for personal reasons we need to sell our house.

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1 I just don't understand. These kinds of things
2 belong alongside a freeway. Would you buy a house where
3 they are proposing to put this pole on the front door?
4 They belong alongside a freeway.

5 We have -- Our house has got these beautiful
6 Eucalyptus trees. All of these will be destroyed. And
7 I'm just learning tonight that they are going to add an
8 extra pole along the side of our house. On this diagram,
9 I mean if you look at the house on Read Road at 4956, you
10 will see on page 10 there's a little red dot where the
11 distribution pole is and then you will see that they are
12 now going to add two of these green dots, which are the
13 big transmission towers, right along side our property
14 line, and we have to disclose to people interested in
15 buying our house what's going to happen.

16 Just like the last speaker, we can't get answers.
17 I called Rudy, or whoever the PR person is, and I don't
18 get any answers.

19 But right now the easement ends on our property
20 line. It took a year and a half to hand-weld a fence
21 around our five-acre equestrian estate and that's going to
22 have to get torn down if they are going to bury anything
23 underneath it. And our septic field, the only place you
24 can put it is in our front yard. And where are we going
25 to put our leach fields? We have two septic systems on

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1 our five-acre parcel.

2 I'm not one of these crazies that got involved in
3 a sub-prime and borrowed money out. I put every single
4 penny that I earned to the age of 41 into that property
5 and I can't sell my house, so this personally deeply
6 affects me because I'm frozen in time until this thing is
7 a nonissue anymore. And the economy is one thing, but
8 this totally destroys any chance of trying to sell our
9 property.

10 The other thing is it's a beautiful equestrian
11 estate. I train a young horse that just turned five years
12 old. It's very dangerous with noises and vibration to
13 train young horses. With this kind of construction and
14 vibration, I don't know anybody who will want to ride on
15 that property. That would destroy the whole enjoyment of
16 living on that property. We have a couple sets of owls

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17 that live in these trees. That's been their home -- For
18 probably 75 years we have had owls living in those trees.
19 That's all going to be destroyed.

20 So these things don't belong in front of people's
21 front doors. You know, alongside a subdivision of track
22 homes way in the outskirts of those big walls or
23 something, that's one thing, but to actually have these
24 things hover over into someone's front yard on a five-acre
25 estate alongside the front door and then now alongside the

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1 bedroom window, it just deeply affects me and should not
2 be allowed. Once they are up they are not coming down.

3 What's also upsetting is that SCE shows the
4 decreased energy needs in the last page of its study, then
5 they put this hypothetical line in there, you know, "In
6 ten years we will be needing this much energy." when we
7 asked SCE what's happened this last year, we can't get an
8 answer. And the last time I was up here I asked the judge
9 about these data requests and asking questions. We are
10 not even getting answers. We are getting responses. So
11 even if we ask a question, we can't even get the answers,
12 we will just get a response. It might be seven pages of
13 rhetoric, but we are not getting any answers. So this
14 whole thing is extremely upsetting.

15 And the icing on the cake to be upset about is
16 the fact that I'm a homeowner in the City of Thousand Oaks
17 and the SCE tried to pull a fast one saying this is
18 serving Thousand Oaks. Then in September of 2009 the
19 attorney for the SCE stated that these power lines, which
20 is going to destroy our property value, are going to serve
21 solely the needs of Simi Valley. That was a statement
22 made in September of 2009. So Thousand Oaks should not
23 bear the burden of this. Until they can show us a study
24 that there's a need for this, they shouldn't be allowed to
25 continue with this.

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1 Thank you.
2 MICHAEL MANKA: We have Andy Gosser is the last
3 speaker.

4 If anybody else would like to speak, we still
5 have time available, so just raise your hand and we can
6 get you a card.

7 ANDY GOSSER: I live right off of Olsen Road on
8 the corner almost of Olsen and Erbs directly across from
9 the Sunset Hills Country Club. My backyard is the third
10 house up from that intersection in our neighborhood, which
11 I'm a member of the Sunset Hills Homeowners Association,
12 which I don't know how many people are here from that, but
13 I hope some. We are one of the alternate routes.

14 I have been told that this was going to happen in
15 the past by our homeowners association president and then
16 it was off the scale and it wasn't going to happen and I
17 let my guard down. I just had a neighbor give this to me
18 two days ago and I took off work to come here. I know I'm
19 late, so I didn't have the benefit to listen to some of
20 these other people, which I would have liked to.

21 I know my neighborhood where they are proposing
22 to put the poles through the 23 Freeway down Olsen Road
23 and down towards Moorpark Road, we live -- our entire
24 neighborhood -- and I have lived there for 15 years -- is
25 an underground utilities neighborhood. We bought our

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1 homes because that was a big issue with myself.

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2 I came from my previous home in Newbury Park
3 which was two streets over from high-tension lines. There
4 were three cancer clusters on that street where
5 children -- you can -- I don't want to hear any crap about
6 it, about the EMFs. There were three families who had all
7 their children get cancer and they were under the wires.
8 You can hear it at night, the buzzing, every time it got
9 foggy or whatever. The EMFs are there. There's no
10 reason, if the lines have to go in, that they can't be
11 underground. It's expensive.

12 I don't know what the environmental report is
13 regarding underground or aboveground utilities but, if it
14 goes through this third route, you are going through
15 people's yards. You are not impacting people on large
16 ranches or big properties. You are literally going
17 through hundreds of peoples backyards. In my yard you are
18 talking 50 feet. I am on a sloped hill. Right there
19 where the poles would come up, the wires would not only
20 destroy my pristine view of the golf course, now I'm going
21 to have high-tension wires right there. Not to mention I
22 have five young children and a swimming pool, which that
23 will be overshadowing 50 feet away.

24 I consider that it should be illegal. It is not
25 morally correct. It is just an example of big money

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1 pushing little people, middle class people in the dirt.
2 This is our homes. We -- We cannot just move out. I
3 already moved out of Newbury Park to come over there to be
4 in an underground utility neighborhood and this is what
5 I'm all of a sudden faced with. It's unbelievable. I
6 can't afford to move my home again with the way the
7 economy is and the property taxes. It's insane. And to
8 have this wire -- I mean literally, my kid couldn't throw
9 a baseball in the backyard without hitting a pole if they
10 put this in, and you are talking 100 feet or whatever.
11 You are talking house after house after house that this is
12 in our backyard.

13 It is a -- It is a medical danger. It is a -- It
14 destroys one of the entrances into Thousand Oaks, one of
15 the scenic entrances and a very well-used entrance where
16 there's a golf course, trees. The City spent a lot of
17 money just redoing the median there with replanting grass
18 and brickwork. Now there's a proposal to put these
19 abominations in there. It's insane. I mean there's not
20 one thing that anyone could say that makes that okay. It
21 is wrong, it should be illegal and it is the force of a
22 big company trying to put something on to people.

23 I have been in touch with every city council
24 member in the last two days. I've talked to every city
25 council member and my congressman, who I happen to know.

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1 He wants to stay out of it for now because it's a city
2 issue and a state issue. I am going to do everything I
3 can because this is my home. This is like going to war.
4 This is -- This is insane. This is not only endangering
5 my children and my family and many other families in my
6 neighborhood, but it -- the house that I have, you can't
7 tell me this isn't going to destroy property values,
8 destroy our view.

9 Every evening our backyard, what we do, we have a
10 swimming pool, a lawn, and a beautiful view of the golf
11 course that I paid for. Now the beautiful view of the
12 golf course is going to be high-tension lines and every

13 night I'm going to have to listen to the buzzing when it
14 gets foggy because it's always foggy in our little
15 microclimate there.

16 I know about high-tension lines. I work in
17 emergency services. I deal with this. They start brush
18 fires all the time. I know what high-tension lines are.
19 I even worked for Edison as a young person doing line
20 clearing, so I'm aware of what's going on. I don't want
21 those in my backyard. I don't think it's reasonable. I
22 think it's morally wrong.

23 I don't know how -- Like I heard the speaker
24 before me say, could you sit there and allow this to
25 happen in your backyard? You work for Edison, I presume.

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1 You know about what's going on, what you don't want to
2 tell us, but you know that that's not okay when it's in
3 your backyard. Just regular distribution lines are bad
4 enough, but now high-tension lines. That's a whole new
5 ball game. You get within six feet of those in the right
6 conditions and they will arc onto you.

7 We can't -- In my line of work -- I work for the
8 fire department -- we can't drop water near there, we
9 can't shoot hoses there because the electricity will arc
10 back onto us. It can flash in. I've seen it like blow up
11 and go down tree branches and stuff. And I know with
12 tension lines it's not that big of issue because you keep
13 everything away from it, but it's a hazard, it's a life
14 hazard, and I don't want it 50 feet from my backyard,
15 swimming pool and my five children. I think it's insane.

16 MICHAEL MANKA: I have one last speaker, Daniel
17 Milligan.

18 I did want to say I heard a couple comments and
19 just wanted to be clear that we are not Southern
20 California Edison. We are the -- This is the California
21 Public Utilities Commission and we are environmental
22 science associates. For those of you who came late, we
23 are the contractor preparing the environmental impact
24 report.

25 The way the process works is Southern California

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1 Edison submits an application to the CPUC for review and
2 consideration, and after our last speaker I'll talk a
3 little bit more about the process.

4 Mr. Milligan.

5 DANIEL MILLIGAN: Thank you.

6 I'm Danny and I live in Simi valley near the --
7 near where this project will be, and my main concern I
8 think is just one of quality of life and protecting the
9 beauty of a very special piece of land, that Tierra Rejada
10 Valley, which is very beautiful and scenic.

11 Back in the '90s I believe the majority of the
12 residents of Ventura County voted for an open space and to
13 make Tierra Rejada part of that open space plan, and it
14 seems this project is really right in the middle of the
15 Tierra Rejada open space and I believe it will have a
16 really negative impact of the view just of the scenic
17 beauty, not to mention things like, you know, impacts to
18 the wildlife corridor, owls, other environmental -- I'm
19 just concerned that we are seeing a gradual decline in the
20 quality of this very beautiful and scenic land and this is
21 just one project; 50 behind it and hundreds more after it.
22 They are continuing to just slowly chip away at the
23 quality of these -- this land. It's not a renewable

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24 resource.
25 Some examples, in addition to the homes that have

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1 been built there, but the lights, water towers, cell
2 towers, radio towers, just keep building things.
3 Conditional use permits. It's like scars. These are
4 scars that don't go away and we continue to scar this land
5 and it has these impacts. It has impacts on us
6 emotionally. So it affects us not just physically and
7 physiologically, but also emotionally and I'm against the
8 project for that reason.

9 I realize we need electricity. Please do what
10 you can to look at ways to mitigate the impacts. If it's
11 not needed, then even better.

12 MICHAEL MANKA: Thank you very much.
13 Is it Josh?

14 JOSHUA BREWNER: Hi everybody.
15 Well, my only -- my family has been on Tierra
16 Rejada Ranch since about 1930s and I guess our main
17 concern -- well, my main concern is my family. We just
18 moved back out here from Los Angeles and found out as soon
19 as we moved in that this project was going to happen.
20 Very disturbing.

21 None of us want the power lines going up. They
22 are ugly and, you know, people are saying they are
23 dangerous. I don't know whether they are or not, but I do
24 know that the valley is very special. It's a very special
25 place for me, my family, in my heart. I mean it's going

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1 to -- I've kind of decided that if these lines go up we
2 are going to have to move and -- because it's going to
3 be -- I mean I could throw a rock and hit the poles. I
4 mean they are right there.

5 And also we are going to be losing -- There's a
6 different factor. Craig -- This is going to be in front
7 of Craig's property also, and thousands of kids come out
8 and they come out to get the farm experience, and they are
9 surrounded by things that are pretty much foreign to kids
10 now. So they are going to come out and be surrounded by
11 these huge poles, and it just seems like there's got to be
12 some other way.

13 I mean I would like to -- I don't know if this
14 has been covered or not, but the -- what the difference is
15 between burying them and keeping them underground.

16 So that's basically all I have to say. You know,
17 it's -- it's really sad and we hope it doesn't happen and,
18 you know, hope you can do your best to stop it.

19 MICHAEL MANKA: It looks like that's all of the
20 speakers that we have. There's still -- Please feel free
21 to submit written comments whether you spoke tonight or
22 not. And as you see in the handouts and we went through
23 the presentation, there's a number of methods, e-mail and
24 fax and writing the letter as well.

25 I did want to go through a couple things. I

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1 wanted to talk a little bit about the CPUC process as an
2 overview. This particular meeting is limited to the
3 environmental review process, which is the CEQA,
4 California Environmental Quality Act process. This is for
5 the preparation of the EIR.

6 The CPUC has a larger process for reviewing these
7 projects. It's not just the EIR. The EIR is one
8 component that factors into the Commission's decision on a

9 process.

10 Correct me if I'm wrong on any of this.

11 So the other process that's ongoing, which many
12 of you are participating in, is the public participation
13 hearing process. The hearing was actually at this hotel
14 last year in June. So that's the other process that's
15 ongoing.

16 Some of the -- Some of the issues will be
17 addressed and considered as part of the EIR and some of
18 the issues, such as EMFs, are not part of the EIR process,
19 but, you know, those comments have been accepted by
20 Administrative Law Judge Grau, and that's part of the
21 record of the other process as well.

22 So a little bit about the alternative development
23 process. As I mentioned, we are in the process of looking
24 at what are the basic project objectives and what
25 alternatives are available. The alternatives that were

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1 shown earlier on the presentation are not necessarily the
2 only alternatives being considered in the EIR. It's a
3 process that we go through with our engineering staff to
4 come up with whether or not there are other alternatives.

5 The proposed project is Southern California
6 Edison's proposed project. It's not the CPUC's proposed
7 project. That is what the application was filed on. In
8 the draft environmental impact report, the CPUC will
9 identify an environmentally superior alternative. It will
10 evaluate the proposed project. It will include an
11 evaluation of a no-project alternative and any other
12 alternatives that are developed and considered to be
13 within a reasonable range. The decision of route or
14 alternative is not made in the EIR; it's the commission
15 that makes that determination.

16 Let me see what else.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mike, could you repeat
18 that. I got lost in the logic. I had a senior moment.

19 MICHAEL MANKA: EIR presents the range of
20 alternatives, then the commission will make the final
21 decision on what project it approves. So the
22 identification of the environmentally superior alternative
23 does not necessarily mean that that's the project the
24 commission is going to approve. But as part of the CEQA
25 process, we go through an exercise where we lay the

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1 alternatives side by side and the proposed project and the
2 no-project and say, from an environmental standpoint, this
3 is the environmentally superior alternative.

4 So I didn't want anybody to think that a decision
5 on route has been made. We are still -- I know it's been
6 a long road, but we are still early in our process because
7 we had to go back and evaluate a different design for a
8 project, which also kicks us back into alternative
9 development.

10 So I wish I had a more thorough project
11 description to present to you, but we are early in our
12 process as well, where we are trying to identify data gaps
13 from Southern California Edison, and your comments today
14 will be part of what we consider in making those requests
15 of SCE, and that's the type of information we are trying
16 to gather for our evaluation.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I know you are not taking
18 questions, but just to clarify on your process schedule
19 here. So we are in fact looking at at least another year

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20 before we know what route or alternatives and any new ones
21 that are going to be added to it before that decision is
22 made by the CPUC?

23 MICHAEL MANKA: I think that's the right
24 schedule. And I will take process questions. I didn't
25 mean to give the impression that we weren't taking

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1 questions, but we needed to get through our public comment
2 record before we could entertain things so we wouldn't run
3 out of time.

4 Mr. Assalley.

5 JIM ASSALLEY: When you say you look at the
6 alternatives, you are not just talking about route
7 alternatives; right?

8 MICHAEL MANKA: No, we look at whatever is a
9 reasonable range of alternatives to meet. The way it's
10 written in CEQA is, for an alternative to be valid, it
11 needs to meet most of the basic project objectives. It
12 doesn't have to meet every single objective of the
13 project, but it has to meet most of the project
14 objectives.

15 So when we develop alternatives, we go down a
16 list of, well, what if we did this, what if we did that,
17 what if we did that, then we compare it to the project
18 objectives and decide whether or not it needs to be
19 carried forward for analysis.

20 JIM ASSALLEY: Thank you.

21 MICHAEL MANKA: I hope that answers it.

22 Yes, Mr. Milligan.

23 DANIEL MILLIGAN: Who has the final say--so
24 whether it's built or not?

25 MICHAEL MANKA: That would be the commissioner,

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1 the CPCU commission.

2 DANIEL MILLIGAN: Any influence by local city or
3 county?

4 MICHAEL MANKA: All that is taken into account.
5 Do you want to speak to the judge process?

6 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: The PHC that Judge Grau had a
7 year ago, there are people that commented during that
8 prehearing conference and Judge Grau will take into
9 consideration everything that was said at that prehearing
10 conference. In addition to, she opened it up for I
11 believe a few people to do data requests to Southern
12 California Edison. So all of that is taken into
13 consideration when she will write -- hand over her
14 decision to our five commissioners to vote it in or out.

15 Does that answer your question?

16 DANIEL MILLIGAN: So it's a judge that provides
17 feedback to the five panel CPCU members?

18 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: Yes.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So is the judge making the
20 final decision on the route or is the judge?

21 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: No, the panel.

22 MICHAEL MANKA: The judge is someone who takes
23 the environmental report and the public hearing process
24 and comes up with a recommendation to the commission, but
25 it is -- the decision is ultimately the commission's.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So is it a three out of
2 the five commissioners that make the decision?

3 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: It will be the five
4 commissioners that make the decision -- Oh, I'm sorry.

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5 It's a majority vote, yes, yes.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is there a public record
7 of the kinds of decisions that these five commissioners
8 have made before?

9 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: I didn't hear you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is there public record
11 where we could look up just their track record, what kinds
12 of decisions have been made by these people before --

13 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: I don't know.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- what kind of people we
15 are dealing with?

16 You know, it would just be interesting to see.

17 JURALYNNE MOSLEY: If you go to the CPUC website,
18 you can get their profiles and the -- that is -- that's
19 located on our home page.

20 Anybody else? Okay.

21 MICHAEL MANKA: Well, thanks, everybody. I
22 really appreciate you coming out here today. We heard
23 some really valuable comments, so thanks for taking the
24 time. Please submit written comments as well and we will
25 keep you posted. As I mentioned, when we get the revised

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1 field management plan, we will put that up on the website
2 as well, and that will be included as an appendix in our
3 EIR, too. So --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have a quick question.

5 MICHAEL MANKA: Yes?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does an EIR, its
7 environmental review, does that -- is the environment
8 people, people's feelings, or is it just the land? Are
9 people the environment?

10 MICHAEL MANKA: The -- Do you want to take this
11 one? Or I'm trying to figure out a good way to answer it.
12 I'll go through --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: People's emotional state.

14 MICHAEL MANKA: The California Environmental
15 Quality Act is generally geared toward the environment,
16 but it does take in other conditions, such as like public
17 services and utilities and land use. It's not a human
18 environment.

19 I'm trying -- I wish I could answer your question
20 a little better.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I understand. That's what
22 I was afraid of.

23 MICHAEL MANKA: There's some differences between
24 the CEQA process and other processes.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

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1 MICHAEL MANKA: Thank you.
2 (Proceedings concluded.)

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APPENDIX G

Scoping Period Written Comments

Julie Holst

From: Jim Assalley [jim@westoaksettlement.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 9:31 AM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: 'Jim Assalley'
Subject: Please help us

Just want to voice my concerns again as a resident that this project must be required to go completely underground on road, not just under the freeway. They need to bury the "new lines", not the existing lines. There is no proof that this project is even necessary, alternative solutions have been discussed. Please add my comments to record, I also plan on attending the meeting on Sept 14th with several others from the community who know this project is not necessary and is wasteful.

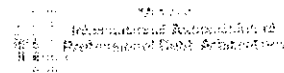
Kindest Regards,

Jim Assalley

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Julie Holst

From: andy lintz [andyfirefish@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 7:33 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: WIRES

I am a home owner who bought my property in a underground utility area of an upscale community after living near wires and a cancer cluster previously. I have five young children and I live right on Olsen Road. My back yard is facing the golf course and I enjoy the view which I paid to obtain. I am shocked that this area is even under any consideration of a route to erect feeder lines at all and unbelievably right in my back yard. The entire neighborhood would be devalued and scared not to mention the EMFs which is not okay. I belong to the Sunset Hills home Owners Asso. Who will vigorously Oppose destroying our neighborhood and I will my self use my considerable family money and my own to defend us from this attack and eminent danger to my children my property values and my life. I am prepared to use the equity in my home to start a legal action to stop this and my neighbors have told me of their similar attentions. I will not move again. The lines can be erected in the farm land proposed which will not effect so many family's and destroy lives. The fields can be used how ever they chose to and the poles are for the most part not in their back yards. Our neighborhood is a scenic entrance to our city and will not be destroyed by the hideous poles that you propose. I am ready and willing to react to save my home and my children. DO NOT ERECT POLES THRU OUR HOMES!!! Andrew Gosser 1574 Calle Artigas Thousand Oaks (805)553-9767

Julie Holst

From: Dieter Wolf [4dwolf@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 4:07 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: Notice of Supplemental Public Scoping

Dear Ms Mosley,

Please:

1. Study the future expected demand again. New electrical efficiencies and reduced housing demand need to be re-evaluated.
2. Consider spending the money on Solar panels for the under served residential areas. It will solve many of the issues and grant money may be available.
3. Do consider under-grounding all or part of the lines. This is what all three Cities want.
4. Please do not use the Sunset Valley route as this obviously shifts the "project costs" to the area that benefits the least and the farm has become a part of our community and should be valued and protected.

Thank You,

Dieter Wolf
Moorpark
Cell 805.750.9696



**County of Ventura
Public Works Agency
Integrated Waste Management Division
MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 9, 2010

To: Laura Hocking, Planner
Resource Management Agency, Planning Division

From: Derrick Wilson, Staff Services Manager
Integrated Waste Management Division

Subject: Notice of Proposed Project Update
Presidential Substation Project – Public Scoping
RMA Reference No: 08-058-2

Lead Agcy: State of California Public Utilities Commission
Contact: Juralynne Mosley, presidentialsub@esassoc.com

Summary: The State of California's Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as Lead Agency, has circulated a *Notice of a Supplemental Public Scoping Period and Public Scoping Meeting* regarding a project to construct high voltage electrical facilities as part of the revised Presidential Substation Project. The CPUC is preparing an EIR for this project and has formally requested comments.

The proposed project will be sited on approximately 4 acres in Ventura County and is intended to provide electricity to the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and areas of unincorporated Ventura County. The project description includes the removal of approximately 84 creosote treated wood power poles, and their replacement with approximately 83 sub-transmission poles. Standard utility poles in the United States are approximately 40 ft. long and are buried about 6 ft. in the ground. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utility_pole_-_cite_note-Florida-1 Construction of the new sub-transmission lines would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of the existing right of way. The project includes four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways and other new facilities to connect the substation to Southern California Edison's existing telecommunications system.

Comments:

Pursuant to your request, the Integrated Waste Management Division (IWMD) has reviewed the project materials included with your September 1, 2010, memo and appreciates this opportunity to provide our comments.

The IWMD requests the Lead Agency for this project to comply, to the extent feasible, with the general requirements of Ventura County Ordinances #4308 (solid waste handling, disposal, waste reduction, and waste diversion) and #4357 (requirements for the diversion of construction and demolition debris from landfills by recycling, reuse, and salvage) to assist the County in its efforts to meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939). AB 939 mandates all cities and counties in California to divert a minimum of 50% of their jurisdiction's solid waste from landfill disposal. Both of these Ordinances may be viewed in their entirety on the IWMD's website at: www.wasteless.org/landfills/ordinances.

Pursuant to IWMD review and responsibilities, the following contract specifications shall apply to this project:

Recyclable Construction Materials

Contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that recyclable construction materials (e.g., concrete, asphalt, rebar, untreated wood, metal) generated during the Ventura County phase of the project be recycled at a permitted recycling facility. A complete list of facilities in Ventura County that recycle construction debris is available at: www.wasteless.org/construction&demolitionrecyclingresources.

Non - Recyclable Construction Materials

Per Section 25150.7 of the California Health and Safety Code creosote treated wood waste is regulated as hazardous waste but can be disposed in a permitted Class III landfill. The Simi Valley Landfill will accept creosote treated power poles if the load is presented with a "Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Profile Number." The applicant can obtain a *Simi Valley Landfill Profile Number* by calling (800) 963-4776.

Sediment and Soil - Recycling & Reuse

Contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that sediment and soil not reused on-site will be transported to a permitted facility for recycling or reuse. Illegal disposal and landfilling of soil is prohibited. A complete list of facilities in Ventura County that recycle soil and sediment is available at: www.wasteless.org/construction&demolitionrecyclingresources.

Green Materials - Recycling & Reuse

The Contract Specifications for this project shall include a requirement that untreated wood waste and vegetation removed during the Ventura County phase of this project be diverted from the landfill. This can be accomplished by on-site chipping and land-application at various project sites, or by transporting the materials to a permitted greenwaste facility in Ventura County. A complete list of permitted greenwaste facilities is located at: www.wasteless.org/greenwasterecyclingfacilities.

Materials Diverted from Landfill Disposal by On-Site Reuse or Off-site Recycling

The contract specifications for this project shall include a requirement that all contractors submit a *Summary Table* to the IWMD at the conclusion of their work on this project. The *Summary Table* must include the contractor's name and address,

the project's name, and the types of recyclable materials generated (e.g., concrete, asphalt, soil, untreated wood, metal, vegetation), and the approximate weight of recyclable materials:

- Reused on-site, and/or
- Transported to permitted facilities for recycling and/or reuse. Please include the name and address of facilities where recyclable materials were transported for recycling or reuse in the *Summary Table*.

Receipts and/or documentation are required for each entry in the *Summary Table* to verify that recycling or reuse occurred and the materials were not landfilled.

Should you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Pandee Leachman at 805/658-4315.

Ec: Larry Cardozo, PWA Development and Inspection Services

Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: September 14 - October 14, 2010



Commenter

Name:

James Counsel

Address:

3618 Cloudege Ct, Simi Valley, Calif

Comment:

Olsen road is the gateway to Simi Valley and the route to the Reagan library. The site for the Reagan library was picked because it is similar to his ranch. Why must you put a power substation and high voltage lines right on the road to this major attraction and landmark.

Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: September 14 - October 14, 2010



Commenter

Name:

Paula Cornell

Address:

3618 Claridge Ct Simi Valley 93063

Comment:

Simi Valley has little growth planned so I don't understand

why this is needed. The Reagan Library produces its own

power. The Simi Landfill will double its output of methane generated electricity.

What is expected that makes the substation even needed?

Julie Holst

From: Dieter Wolf [4dwolf@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 3:03 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: Presidential Substation

Dear Ms Mosley,

In addition to the public meeting comments and emails please also consider in the report:

1. The project will most likely get under grounded and the budget increased to \$80 million? At what point does the project become no longer viable?
2. 50 million / \$7,500 (50% of a 3,000 watt solar system after tax) per house credit towards solar for the targeted area will allow 6,660 houses to reduce their yearly demand to zero. Other efforts directed toward HVAC or pool pumps will yield higher results.
3. The future demand has not be proven but only speculated on. Logic dictates a wait and see approach to the demand question.
4. At the first public meeting last year there were many more comments and concerns about the EMFs and cancer.

Thank You,

Dieter Wolf
Cell 805.750.9696



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office
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Ventura, California 93003

IN REPLY REFER TO
81440-2010-CPA-0169

September 16, 2010

Juralynne Mosley, Environmental Project Manager
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
1425 N. McDowell Boulevard, Suite 105
Petaluma, California 94954

Subject: Notice of Supplemental Public Scoping Period and Public Scoping Meeting for the Presidential Substation Project, Ventura County, California (A.08-12-023)

Dear Ms. Mosley:

We are responding to your request for comments on the updated project description for the Presidential Substation Project (project). The Notice of Supplemental Public Scoping Period was dated August 25, 2010, and received in our office August 30, 2010. The proposed project is located in portions of unincorporated Ventura County, and the city of Thousand Oaks, California.

We understand that you are seeking a permit through the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to construct the proposed project, which consists of the following elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate 4-acre site;
- Removal of approximately 79 distributional poles and five substation poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 substation poles to accommodate a new 66 kV substation line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV substation lines. Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way;
- Four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and
- Facilities to connect the substation to Southern California Edison's existing telecommunications system.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) responsibilities include administering the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), including sections 7, 9, and 10. Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibits the taking of any federally listed endangered or threatened species. Section 3(19) of the Act defines take to mean to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Service regulations (50 CFR 17.3) define harm to include significant habitat modification or degradation which actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential

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behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering. Harassment is defined by the Service as an intentional or negligent action that creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to breeding, feeding, or sheltering. The Act provides for civil and criminal penalties for the unlawful taking of listed species.

Exemptions to the prohibitions against take in the Act may be obtained through coordination with the Service in two ways. If a project is to be funded, authorized, or carried out by a Federal agency and may affect a listed species, the Federal agency must consult with the Service, pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the Act. If the proposed project does not involve a Federal agency, but may result in the take of a listed animal species, the project proponent should apply to the Service for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. To qualify for the permit, you would need to submit an application to the Service together with a habitat conservation plan (HCP) that describes, among other things, how the impacts of the proposed taking of federally listed species would be minimized and mitigated and how the plan would be funded. A complete description of the requirements for a HCP can be found at 50 CFR 17.32.

We reviewed the updated project description, which was made available on the PUC website. We do not have any comments at this time regarding the changes to the project description, as described; however, we have comments on the biological surveys and habitat assessments which have, or will be, conducted for the proposed project.

Attachments 8 and 9 of Data Request Letter number 4 on the PUC website contain habitat assessments for federally endangered Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) and Lyon's pentachaeta (*Pentachaeta lyonii*). Maps and figures contained in the attachments illustrate project components occurring within designated critical habitat for these species. If a federal nexus exists for the proposed project and adverse effects may occur to designated critical habitat, including its primary constituent elements, the lead federal agency is required to initiate consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act. Section 7(a)(2) of the Act prohibits federal agencies from authorizing, funding, or carrying out any action that could destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat.

Attachment 8 states that a portion of the proposed project site containing suitable habitat for Lyon's pentachaeta was not surveyed. We recommend that surveys according to Service protocol be conducted specifically on the proposed substation site prior to construction due to the suitability of the habitat for Lyon's pentachaeta. If federally listed plants are discovered onsite, we recommend contacting the Service to initiate the appropriate level of consultation. As a reminder, Lyon's pentachaeta is also listed by the California Endangered Species Act as endangered.

Measure APM-Bio-1 of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) recommends avoidance or minimization of impacts to coastal sage scrub vegetation. This vegetation community could provide suitable habitat for the federally threatened coastal California

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gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*). We recommend taking all actions necessary to minimize or avoid any impacts of the project on suitable habitat for federally listed species. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project and look forward to working with you and the applicants in the future. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Colleen Mehlberg of our staff at (805) 644-1766, extension 221.

Sincerely,



Jeff Phillips
Deputy Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

Mary Meyer, California Department of Fish and Game

Julie Holst

From: Dennis Broersma [dbroersma@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 1:46 PM
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Cc: letters@vcstar.com; Linda.Parks@ventura.org; Assemblymember.nava@assembly.ca.gov; assemblymember.strickland@assembly.ca.gov; assemblymember.smyth@assembly.ca.gov; assemblymember.brownley@assembly.ca.gov; Steve.Bennett.@ventura.org; Kathy.Long@ventura.org; Supervisor.Foy@ventura.org; Supervisor.Zaragoza@ventura.org
Subject: Presidential Substation Project

Ms. Jeralynne Mosley
California Public Utilities Commission
Presidential Substation Project

Subject: Humans are part of the environment

Dear Ms. Mosley,
I attended the public meeting in Thousand Oaks on September 14 regarding the Presidential Substation Project proposed by Southern California Edison. The meeting was conducted by yourself and a representative of Environmental Science Associates, the company preparing the environmental impact report. SCE was not represented at the meeting. At this meeting members of the public expressed their concerns and stated their objections to the project. It was pointed out that the habitat of some animal species would be negatively impacted and the wildlife corridor would be further diminished by the project. At the end of the meeting a lady asked the ESA representative if the environmental impact report would consider humans as part of the environment. There was long pause followed by essentially a non-answer, causing the woman to dismay, "That's what I was afraid of." I believe her question to be the most important comment anybody made during that meeting. If the impact on the habitat of humans is not currently a consideration of the EIR, it certainly must become so before the report can be considered complete. Negative pressures on people's habitat in terms of aesthetics, physical health, finances and emotional health must be considered. A human is no less important than a gnatcatcher. Most would agree that living and sleeping nightly beneath 66,000 volt power lines just might not be good for you, and power lines through the yard do little to increase a home's value or the homeowner's peace of mind.

This and every EIR should consider humans as part of the environment.

Respectfully,
Dennis Broersma
1540 Calle Fidelidad
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
805-529-5309

September 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

I am gravely concerned about the transmission towers that are proposed down Read Road.

As a resident of a beautiful equestrian estate, The Flying Heart Ranch, I feel deeply about this issue of power lines and towers.

1. The steel towers and lines will destroy my peaceful domain and safety on my equestrian ranch. I raise and train young horses. The lines will run over my property line and the construction will be frightening for my horses and create an unsafe environment for myself, my trainer, and boarders. Horses are sensitive to noise and vibration.
2. The project will destroy the beauty of my surroundings which is why I chose a home on the rural belt of Read road. My property borders farm fields and the Open Space reserves on the other perimeters. This electric project contradicts the preservation of the Open Space Reserves in the Tierra Rejada Valley. Please protect their intention of preserving the land.. These power lines and transmission steel towers belong beside freeways, not in homeowner's front yard and 100 feet beyond their front door and bedroom window. There should be a law against allowing such construction so close to people's homes. The easement in front of my property was for DISTRIBUTION lines NOT an easement for TRANSMISSION TOWERS.
3. We have over 10 mature trees that line out front yard border and are over 70 years old. The root systems will be destroyed by any excavation for burial of the poles or foundation.
4. Hawks and big horn owls live in these trees along with other wildlife. SCE will be destroying their homes.
5. Currently, my home is on the market. This pending project has made it undesirable for any buyers to consider. We have lowered the price by \$700,000 and still have no lookers. Would you consider a home to buy with a project of this size pending in its front yard ??? This issue is causing great worry and stress on me. My partner and I have split up over 2 years ago, but the issue pending with the SCE has put my life in a frozen limbo/hold mode and is affecting my state of mind and well-being. Thus, the SCE is creating great stress by discouraging potential buyers to view the ranch and it has created great worry for me.
6. I understand that appraisers place a reduction value by 18-58% on homes with power lines near them. How will this affect the equity in my home that is my life savings and especially since the list price has already been reduced 30% because of the economy?
7. The SCE will have to obtain eminent domain to take the buzzing wires over the property lines. We have a hand welded iron pipe fence around the perimeter of our ranch that took a year and a half to build. We also added rattlesnake fencing to the bottom of its perimeter. It has water running the entire top pipe of the pipe fencing, How will the SCE even think they can replace the trees, the habitat, and the fencing?

Jennifer Crandall The Flying Heart Ranch 4956 Read Road Moorpark(mailing), CA 93021
jlcdds@me.com

8. What will the SCE do about my lose of income from not having boarders at my property? How about my lose of breeding, training, and income from selling young horses. I will also most likely lose the month to month tenant that occupies our guest house.

9. Up to the fence line from the front of our house runs the septic systems and leach fields. There is no other place for the leach fields for the two septic systems we have since our property is on a slope. What will the SCE do for our sewage?

AGAIN, PLEASE LOOK AT THE PHOTOS ATTACHED AND ASK YOURSELF IF YOU COULD TOLERATE THESE TOWERS IN YOUR FRONT YARD? THEY BELONG BESIDE A FREEWAY. Why not even consider Tierra Rejeda Road where the same type of lines exist. Why visually pollute more of our county?

I urge the City Council, the CPUC, my county supervisors to protect our beautiful Tierra Rejeda Valley and our southern tree-lined rural country border of Thousand Oaks. Once these towers go up they aren't coming down.

Please demand that the SCE PROVES there is a need. Attached is information that the SCE gave us two years ago and hypothetically concludes there was a need for the power. However, 2007 and 2008 shows a 5-10 percent CONSECUTIVE REDUCTION in energy needs. How is it possible to conclude and hypothetically draw a line going up for energy demands? The SCE won't do the same study for 2009, WHY NOT???? What are they hiding? I believe, especially with the economy, most residents are conserving energy, using their airconditioners less, going to SMART metering, switching out their lightbulbs, doing their laundry late at night, replacing their refrigerators, going solar... more and more, over time, we are going toward conservation. So, before we allow something to be built without being able to tear it down, let's demand a proof of need. The SCE is speculating need to keep themselves employed and make more money. There is virtually no more building of homes even, so how will the demands be increasing with respect to that fact? Where is the proven need?

The SCE's way of making a profit is to find a new place to build another subtransmission station. They can increase their rates then, find an employment project for their employees, and even charge a 19% contractor's fee on top of the cost of a 50 plus million project. What contractor in this economy gets to charge 19%????

The City of Palos Verdes demanded the SCE put their transmission lines all underground.

We should be collectively working together to preserve our beautiful land, wild-life, the home-owners property values (especially during these times), and putting these type of dollars into alternative conservation methods of renewable energy and reduction in demand.

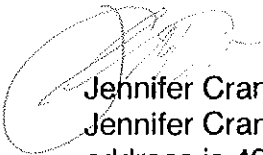
The other factors we need to preserve are the cyclists route down Read Road. Read Road is so narrow that it does not have a shoulder nor a white line down the center. How are the motorist, cyclist, and equestrians going to be safe during such a long construction project. Again, these towers should exist alongside freeways, not narrow country roads of estate home owners.

The Indian reserve is also along Read Road. Their sacred burial artifacts are all underground along the route where they are proposing the project!

And, lastly, we have the endangered species to protect as well.

Please consider and protect all of the above.
Thank you for you representation.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Crandall

Jennifer Crandall The Flying Heart Ranch 4956 Read Road Thousand Oaks (mailing address is 4956 Read Road Moorpark, CA 93021)

VENTURA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
Memorandum

TO: Laura Hocking/Dawnyelle Addison, Planning

DATE: September 21, 2010

FROM: Alicia Stratton

SUBJECT: Request for Review of Notice of Supplemental Public Scoping Period and Revised Project Description for the Presidential Substation Project, A.08-12-023, Southern California Edison (Reference No. 08-058-2)

Air Pollution Control District staff has reviewed the revised project description and responses to additional information, based on a request by the Public Utilities Commission. The project, designed to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County, entails construction of a new substation and a new 66-kilovolt subtransmission line route. The project would increase electrical capacity to the area, maintain system reliability and serve the area's projected electrical demand. The project location is the south side of Olsen Road in the City of Thousand Oaks. The subtransmission line route is 3-1/2 miles long, beginning near the intersection of Read Road and Moorpark Road. It would proceed east to Read Road and Sunset Valley Road. A second subtransmission line would begin near the intersection of Tierra Rejada Road and Sunset Valley Road.

Based on information in the original project description, the project will involve a new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site; removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles to accommodate a new 66 kV subtransmission line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines. Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way; four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The revised project description contains changes to figures, construction methodologies, emissions, substation drawing, pole locations and subtransmission and distribution line alignments. These revisions indicate more underground lines for the project.

The Public Utilities Commission requested additional information for the project, specifically asking for a description of construction activities associated with underground duct bank, conduit and getaway installation (trenching), as well as an update on construction equipment table/personnel/emissions and required staff. In response to this request, SCE indicates they will be submitting a revised PEA (Proponents Environmental Assessment) Table 3.3, *Construction Equipment Use Estimations* to the Public Utilities Commission, which will reflect the requested construction and personnel information.

VCAPCD staff will review this material when it is available. We have no further comments to submit at this time.

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 645-1426.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Home of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

September 23, 2010

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates
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Petaluma, CA 94954

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC SCOPING PERIOD FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL
66/16 KILOVOLT SUBSTATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT**

Dear Ms. Mosley:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Presidential Substation project. It is our understanding that the project continues to propose a new substation on the south side of Olsen Road in the City of Thousand Oaks just west of the City of Simi Valley city limits. Subtransmission lines are proposed to follow Sunset Valley Road and Read Road and proceed east, crossing under State Highway 23, to the proposed substation site. The lines would run parallel to Olsen Road (and cross it along that corridor) for approximately one-quarter mile from the water tank on the Day Ranch property to the proposed substation.

Project alternatives have also been proposed for possible consideration. An alternate substation site is proposed for the former Sheriff substation site at Madera Road and Country Club Drive. Alternative subtransmission route #1 would connect the subtransmission site to the line on Tierra Rejada Road with a new right-of-way west of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Alternative subtransmission route #2 would follow Olsen Road and Madera Road.

Due to the project's proximity to the City of Simi Valley, and the fact that portions of the alternatives are proposed within our city limits, the City is concerned about the potentially significant impacts of the project on the community. The substation as proposed would be located at a visible location on Olsen Road, a highly traveled roadway and a major gateway to Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. While Southern California Edison states that the facility will be low profile, it will be visible to a high volume of motorists, as well as adjacent properties. In addition, approximately one-quarter mile of subtransmission lines with 65' to 85' high poles would parallel and cross Olsen Road, detracting from the natural open space beauty of the area.

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c/o Environmental Science Associates
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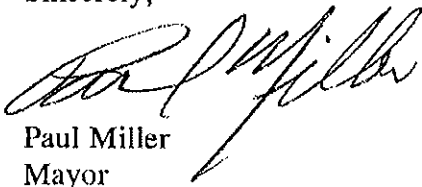
Of further concern is that the alternative substation site is owned by the City of Simi Valley, and placement of a substation there would restrict current and future uses of the site. Alternative subtransmission routes #1 and #2 would place above-ground power lines where none currently exist and would substantially detract from the views in the area, again the majority of which traverse open space corridors.

Based on the above concerns, the City of Simi Valley formally requests that the EIR incorporate the following changes to the project:

1. Delete the alternative substation site from the proposal. The Simi Valley City Council is not prepared to allow this use on City property;
2. Design the substation to screen it entirely from the adjacent roadway and properties. Screening methods should include extensive landscaping including large trees and a berm. The visual simulation that is available for review on the CPUC website demonstrates that the proposed landscaping and screening wall would be woefully inadequate. The wall should be tall enough to block the view of the equipment from Olsen Road. The landscaping should include trees along the entire street frontage. All of the proposed trees should be at least 48"-box in size and spaced 20' on center when planted;
3. Underground the portion of the preferred project's subtransmission lines that would parallel and cross Olsen Road; and
4. Modify both of the Alternative subtransmission routes to underground the lines. Alternative 1 would result in significant negative impacts on the view west from the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Alternative 2 would have significant impacts on the aesthetics of Madera Road in Simi Valley. No above ground lines currently exist along this portion of Madera Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project EIR. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 583-6701.

Sincerely,



Paul Miller
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager
Director of Environmental Services

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September 23, 2010

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
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**Presidential Substation Project (A.08-12-023)
Scoping Comments**

Dear Ms. Mosley:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) is the primary State open space planning agency in the subject project area. We are concerned with the project's potential impacts on habitat and wildlife connectivity. Although transmission lines are relatively low-impact infrastructure, the associated maintenance roads and tower footprints may have a significant impact on biological resources. We are also concerned with the potential aesthetic impacts on public viewsheds, particularly as seen from public hiking trails.

The Conservancy encourages that the alignment of the proposed transmission lines and the location of the proposed substation follow existing, disturbed rights-of-way as much as feasible. To that extent, Alternative 2 appears to follow Olsen and Madera Roads and would therefore be the preferred route. Both the proposed project and Alternative 1 alignments appear to partially deviate from existing linear infrastructure and would therefore increase impacts to biological resources. The proposed substation site would also impact biological resources as the presently vacant site includes habitat beneficial to wildlife crossing Madera Road. The Alternative Substation Site is already disturbed and opposite Madera Road from existing residential development, reducing its value for habitat and connectivity.

The environmental document must fully assess these impacts. The environmentally superior alternative will be one that minimizes the project footprint outside existing, disturbed rights-of-way.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PAUL EDELMAN
Deputy Director
Natural Resources and Planning

Julie Holst

From: Craig Underwood [craig@underwoodranches.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 9:36 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: Scoping comments

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
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Petaluma, Calif. 94954

Dear Ms. Mosley

The revised plan by SCE to underground at RT 23 has significant impact on those along Read Rd. The undergrounding of the distribution line requires a certain work area on a road that is only 19 ft. wide and has no shoulders in sections. Please provide a map showing the City's right of way and the area designation for construction. Will the boring for the towers carrying the high voltage be concurrent to the trenching for distribution? If so, please provide a map of the combined work area.

The preparations for the boring under RT23 is said to require a work area 900 by 50 feet. How is SCE going to prevent runoff into the active growing fields as well as provide access by the public along the Read Rd. right of way? How will access to the growing area be maintained without adversely impacting the fields? Erosion and runoff on all the adjoining fields is a large concern. What provisions will be made to keep water flowing through the creek that the trenching crosses? Where will water be channeled? What provisions are there for dirt disposal?

There is need for access to the fields along the dirt road right of way as well as emergency exit for the residence at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Craig Underwood
Underwood Family Farms



Ventura County
Watershed Protection District

Planning and Regulatory Division
Permit Section

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2010

TO: Laura Hocking, RMA/Planning Technician Planner
Resource Management Agency, Planning Division

FROM: Tom Wolfington, WPD – Permit Section *TW*

SUBJECT: RMA 08-058-2 – State of California PUC
Notice of Proposed Project Update
Presidential Substation Project
Tierra Rejada Valley – Arroyo Santa Rosa

Pursuant to your request, this office has reviewed the subject Notice of Proposed Project Update at the website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/presidentialsubstation/index.html>.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Proposed Project is located in portions of unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks. The substation site would be located in the City of Thousand Oaks, and the subtransmission source lines would be located in both unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks.

According to the location map provided, the alignment of the proposed project includes a segment originating at Moorpark Road and Read Road and proceeding east along Read Road and its projection to Madera Road, and a segment originating at the intersection of Read Road with Sunset Valley Road and proceeding northerly along Sunset Valley Road to Tierra Rejada Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CPUC is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Presidential Substation Project, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. SCE seeks a permit to construct (PTC) the Presidential Substation, which includes the following major elements:

- A new 66/16 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation on an approximate four acre site;
- Removal of approximately 79 distribution poles and 5 subtransmission poles located within existing rights-of-way, and replacement with approximately 83 subtransmission poles to accommodate a new 66 kV subtransmission line that would feed the proposed substation from two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines. Construction of the new subtransmission line would occur within approximately 3.5 miles of existing right-of-way;
- Four new underground 16 kV distribution getaways; and
- Facilities to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system.

The Proposed Project is to meet forecasted electrical demands in the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as well as adjacent areas of unincorporated Ventura County.

WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT PROJECT COMMENTS:

According to the location map the project will cross Arroyo Santa Rosa, a District jurisdictional red line channel, at Sunset Valley Road. This crossing will require a watercourse permit from the District prior to construction.

Any activity in, on, over, under or across any jurisdictional red line channel will require a permit from the District. In addition, a project can not impair, divert, impede or alter the characteristics of the flow of water running in any jurisdictional red line channel

END OF TEXT

**County of Ventura
Planning Division
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Laura Hocking

DATE: September 23, 2010

FROM: Bruce Smith, Manager
Plans, Ordinances and Regional Planning Section

SUBJECT: Notice of Supplementary Public Scoping for Public Utilities Commission
Presidential Substation Project (Reference No. 08-058)

The Ventura County Planning Division has reviewed the Notice of Supplementary Public Scoping for the construction of 50 kV to 200 kV electrical facilities and the Presidential Substation Project. Sec. XIV of General Order No. 131 D clarifies that local jurisdictions are preempted from regulating electric power line projects, distribution lines or electric facilities constructed by public utilities subject to jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The General Order also states "However, in locating such projects, the public utilities shall consult with local agencies regarding land use matters."

Potential environmental issues which we are aware of include the following:

- Land Use: The unincorporated land affected by the proposed project is designated Open Space by the General Plan and is zoned OS-40ac (Open Space, 40 acre minimum lot size) or OS-10ac (Open Space, ten acre minimum lot size). These land use designations are consistent with the proposed electrical facilities.

The proposed project is largely located within the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. The Tierra Rejada Greenbelt was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the Local Agency Formation Commission and the cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Moorpark. The primary purpose of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is to protect agricultural land, maintain a healthy agricultural economy and preserve open space within the boundaries of the Greenbelt. The text of the Greenbelt agreement states that when making land use decisions decision-makers should pay "careful consideration to whether the proposed action would impair the open space values that this Greenbelt is designed to protect. Of particular concern is the use of night lighting within the Greenbelt. Night lighting, particularly unshielded, upward facing and/or high intensity lighting, compromises open space values in terms of visual impact and effects on animal mobility, among others." The proposed project should be evaluated for consistency with the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt.

- Agricultural Resources: The proposed high voltage lines would generally follow road right-of ways within areas largely designated as Prime farmland by the State Important Farmlands Inventory. For properties designated Open Space by the General Plan, Ventura County has adopted significance thresholds which would consider impact on agricultural soils to be significant if the proposed project would result in direct or

indirect loss of more than 10 acres of Prime or Statewide Important farmland, or more than 15 acres of Unique farmland or more than 20 acres of Locally Important farmland. The proposed project should be evaluated for its impact on State designated Important Farmland.

- Visual Resources: The site is located within ½ mile of the following eligible County Scenic Highways: State Highway SR-23, Moorpark Road (Sunset Valley Road), Read Road, Olsen Road and Madera Road. An analysis of the project's visual impacts viewed from these roadways should be included in the environmental document.

Please also incorporate the comments included in the County Planning Division's previous communication (Memorandum from Bruce Smith to Kari Finley, dated January 21, 2009) which is attached for your convenience. This document cites specific County General Plan and Area Plan policies associated with utility transmission facilities and scenic resources.

Attachment: Memorandum from Bruce Smith to Kari Finley, dated January 21, 2009



City of Moorpark

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: PLANNING – BUILDING AND SAFETY – CODE COMPLIANCE

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September 24, 2010

Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
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Dear Ms. Mosley,

Re: Supplemental Public Scoping for Presidential Substation EIR

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping input on the EIR for the revised Presidential Substation project. The Community Development Department has reviewed the revised and more-detailed project plans, and continues to have the same comments as expressed in its March 17, 2009 e-mail, as well as the December 22, 2009 letter from the Mayors of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks requesting that the transmission lines associated with this project be constructed underground to preserve the quality of the open space in the Tierra Rejada Valley.

In addition to the addressing the comments previously submitted, the EIR needs to fully explore two alternatives which do not appear to be in the current list of project alternatives: 1) full undergrounding of the new 66kV transmission lines through the Tierra Rejada Valley, and 2) a 66kV pole route location alternative, where the new lines would follow the existing north-south 66kV lines to the west of the Tierra Rejada Valley from Tierra Rejada Road to Read Road instead of creating a new path along Sunset Valley Road. From Read Road east, this alternative should be explored as both an underground and an above-ground line. These alternatives, once evaluated in the EIR, may show a significant reduction in project impacts to the Tierra Rejada Valley, thereby improving the decision-making process on this project with a reasonable range of alternatives.

Finally, the revised project description indicates that some of the steel poles will be between 1.5 and 2 feet in diameter and some will be between 2 and 4 feet in diameter; the wider poles would be between 60 and 100 feet high. Although poles at either extreme in size may be found in the EIR to have significant adverse visual impacts as proposed, a 4' wide by 100' high pole would have much greater visibility than a 2' wide by 60' high pole. Since visual impacts of the poles are one of the most important issues to the public, pole sizing should be as specific as possible in the project description to improve the quality of the EIR analysis.

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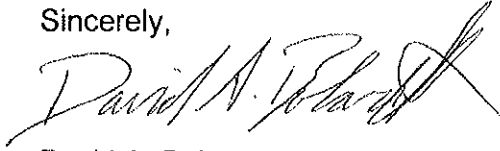
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MARK VAN DAM
Councilmember

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Bobardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

David A. Bobardt
Community Development Director

Attachments:

1. March 17, 2009 e-mail
2. December 22, 2009 letter

cc: Honorable City Council
Honorable Planning Commission
Steven Kueny, City Manager
Mike Sedell, City Manager, City of Simi Valley
Scott Mitnick, City Manager, City of Thousand Oaks
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Commenter: Mercedes Todesco, 331 Laguna Ter. Simi Valley, CA 93065

Via Electronic Mail: presidentialsub@esassoc.com

September 24, 2010

To: Ms. Juralynne Mosley
Presidential Substation Project
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1425 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite 105
Petaluma, CA 94954

Re: 9/14/2010 Public Scoping Comment re Presidential Substation Project

While we are encouraged that plans to underground the power lines at the 23 freeway are an improvement, we are alarmed the modified proposal would allow high voltage power lines so close to our home at 4964 Read Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, (aka "the blue house"). We oppose the Project for the following reasons:

Public Health and Safety Dangers

1. The power lines create a serious danger to human life and property. The proximity of these lines to our home would result in high voltage lines encroaching and spanning over to *within feet* of our home and windows' edge. *People live here- children play, eat and sleep here.* The close proximity of such high voltage to our home is unacceptable.
2. Above ground transmission lines are more susceptible to environmental forces, such as high winds and earthquakes. And threats like downed power lines are an even more pronounced danger to public safety, considering the high voltage the proposed lines would carry.
3. The high voltage lines increase the risk of fire and threaten human life and property (i.e. from electric sparks and arcing) and would lead to massive property loss in the surrounding community.
4. Exposure to high voltage lines is linked to noise-induced hearing loss, and causes difficulty for people with cochlear implants.
5. SCE's dismissal of EMF exposure is disappointing. EMF exposure risk is still debated in the medical field. It is a very real concern for us and our children and it must be sufficiently addressed.

Negative Physical Impacts

6. High voltage lines would create constant noise pollution, i.e. "zapping" and "buzzing" noises. The increased noise would be terribly disturbing and would create a constant fear and uncertainty as to whether a problem was occurring outside/overhead that could risk the family's safety. The lines were not this way when we built the home- it is improper to force this situation onto us now.

Aesthetic / Quality of Life Issues

7. The above ground power lines would be a hideous eyesore and would totally destroy and distort the natural scenic view that makes the neighborhood so beautiful and desirable.

Suggestions to SCE:

- Implement conservation programs and eliminate the need for the project entirely, even imposing higher tiered rates for high or excessive usage to trigger conservation by consumers, if necessary;
- Provide alternative design plans and routes; or
- Underground the lines, especially at our home and along Read Rd. SCE is in the best position to bear the cost of placing the transmission lines underground, as it can spread the cost over a larger number of customers and recoup the cost over time. This would both mitigate the health/safety hazards and proximity issues and preserve the beauty of our rural neighborhood.

Mercedes Todesco

Julie Holst

From: georgette@mcgreen.net [gmcbreen27@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 10:22 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: presidential substation project in Tierra Rejada Valley

To whom this may concern at Environmental Science Associates,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern regarding the proposed placements of high voltage power lines along Sunset Valley Road and Read Road in Moorpark. My reasons for concern are many and are as follows:

1. Underwood Family Farms serves thousands upon thousands of families throughout the county providing agricultural educational experiences for our children. I am a teacher and I bring my classes to the farm at least twice a year to pick pumpkins in the fall, and then strawberries in the spring and also for the children to see and learn about all the farm animals that are on display at the farm. My school, Conejo Valley Adult Education Parenting Program, consists of 22 Parent education teachers, all who bring their classes faithfully to the farm because it offers such a quality educational experience. Our program alone represents at least 600 families and we are one school. There are dozens more just like us. The farm also provides a source for these families, including myself, to pick our own produce, allowing us to eat fruits and vegetables in their most freshest state. **If this was a school, no one would ever consider placing power lines down two sides of the property in such close proximity to such large numbers of children. Underwood serves as many children as a school.** The health risks attributed to such close exposure as unknown. No one should take such risks with children both born and unborn as in addition to all the children who go, there are also a high number of pregnant mothers who are there often as well. You must see how placement of these high power lines right at the farm will jeopardize a very valuable community asset and place many children in a possible health risk situation.

2. In addition to the questionable health risks, **these high power lines would be very unsightly.** Tierra Rejada Valley is a place of beauty and the residents have fought hard to maintain this area of beauty. Why must the power lines go there? I live in Moorpark. I don't want to see our beautiful valley marred by these unsightly monstrosities.

3. **It has not been proven that the need for more power will continue to grow and that this increased need for more electricity exists.** If anything growth has slowed down, and in the case of new construction, has all but stopped. Do not mar our land for the "possible" need for more power. There is a lot of open uninhabited space. Put the lines there if you have to. Don't ruin a place of beauty where farm land exists, private houses and trees line the streets and the corridor for wild animals is open for them to travel.

4. **Placement of the power lines is incredibly unfair also to the homeowners on Read Road.** If my house was on that street, I would be devastated by the loss of my trees, the land that will be taken from my property and the placement of these large, unsightly high power lines right in my front yard. It's just wrong to do this.

5. If it is decided that, in spite of all of our objections, the high voltage power lines will be placed there, then recommend that they **ALL be placed underground.** If you can do it on the Simi Valley side so as not to ruin the view from the Reagan Library, then you can do it for us on the Moorpark side.

6. This project needs to be stopped altogether. Think of how you would feel if this was your neighborhood and this was placed right down the center of your most beautiful part. I am positive that if this would be put up for a vote by the residents at an election, it would be overwhelmingly voted NO! **Except for writing letters and speaking at the meetings, we have no vote and have no say in our future. Please do the saying for us and recommend that this project, both plan A,B, and C "as is" be stopped** and for all the involved parties to begin again with a more fair and sensitive plan to both the maintenance of the beauty of our land, to the rights of the farmers, horse facility owners, and homeowners and to the health and welfare of the residents in our town.

Sincerely,
Georgette McBreen
4179 N. Cedarpine Lane
Moorpark, CA 93021



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September 27, 2010

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RE: Supplemental Scoping Comment Period for the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Presidential Substation Project, SCH# 2009021059; CPUC proceeding A.08-12-023.

Dear Ms. Mosley,

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity ("Center") during the Supplemental Scoping Comment period on the Notice of Preparation ("NOP") of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Presidential Substation Project ("Project"). Attached for your ease of reference is the Center's Protest regarding the Project filed February 19, 2009, and the March 19, 2009, comments on the NOP submitted during the initial scoping comment period. As described below these comments are equally germane for the supplemental scoping period.

Unfortunately since the initial scoping period the Project has only become more costly due to the substantial increase in costs associated with undergrounding, more environmentally destructive due to the increased development footprint in habitat areas associated with undergrounding and staging of equipment, and more problematic for the community due to increased condemnation of private property. As expressed in comments at the scoping meeting there are better, cheaper, and environmentally superior alternatives that should be adopted.

The Center is very concerned that the Preferred Alternative is the most biologically damaging alternative for the Project. The Draft EIR must fully analyze the project's impacts to sensitive species and all reasonable and prudent alternatives for adoption. Importantly the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") must ensure that the substantive mandate of CEQA is fulfilled because "public agencies should not approve projects as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen"

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a Project's significant environmental effects. Pub. Res. Code § 21002; CEQA Guidelines 15021; *see also* Pub. Res. Code 21002.1(b).

The Center for Biological Diversity ("the Center") is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center has over 250,000 members and online activists throughout California and the United States, including Los Angeles County. The Center's members and staff seek to protect the native species and habitats of southern California.

THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ANALYZE A REASONABLE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

SCE's preferred alternative runs contrary to CEQA's requirement to avoid the significant impacts posed by a Project when feasible alternatives exist. The "policy of the state" reflected in CEQA is that projects with significant environmental impacts may not be approved "if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen the significant environmental effects..." Pub. Res. Code § 21002; CEQA Guidelines § 15021(a)(2). In discussing the alternatives the "EIR shall include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison with the proposed project." CEQA Guidelines § 15126.6(d).

A Project should not be approved if environmentally superior alternatives exist "even if these alternatives would impede to some degree the attainment of the project objectives, or would be more costly." Pub. Res. Code §§ 21002; CEQA Guidelines §§ 15021(a)(2), 15126.6. The Project must be rejected if an alternative available for consideration would accomplish "most [not all] of the basic objectives of the project and could avoid or substantially lessen one or more of the significant effects." CEQA Guidelines § 15126.6(c).

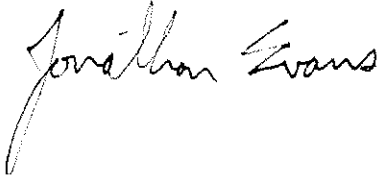
The EIR must consider a reasonable range of alternatives that includes non-transmission and substation alternatives that could meet the Project's purpose to "maintain safe and reliable electrical service to SCE's customers in the Electrical Needs Area." PEA at 1-1. The Protest describes in detail several alternatives that should be considered. The EIR should emphasize a range of "no-wires" alternatives that include system upgrades that avoid the unnecessary and costly construction of the Project. Indeed, the Project with its numerous significant environmental impacts, including impacts to biological resources and critical habitat for protected species, must be avoided if there are feasible alternatives.

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CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the DEIR for the Presidential Substation Project. Please do not hesitate to contact the Center with any questions at the number listed above. Please place us on the mailing list for all subsequent documentation regarding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Enclosures



City of Thousand Oaks

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September 27, 2010

Sent via e-mail and FedEx

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**Re: Supplemental EIR Scoping Comments – Southern California Edison (SCE)
Presidential Substation Project (Revised August 2010) (A.08-12-023)**

Dear Ms. Mosley:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supplemental scoping comments relative to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the recently revised (August 2010), Southern California Edison (SCE) Presidential Substation Project.

Please note that these written comments are in addition to verbal statements made by City of Thousand Oaks Staff at a supplemental public scoping meeting that was held at Palm Garden Hotel on September 14, 2010. The comments in this letter are also intended to augment a previous EIR scoping letter from the City dated March 19, 2009 which is attached.

In accordance with our previously-submitted correspondence, we are respectfully requesting that each issue identified below, as well as, issues identified in the City's March 19, 2009 scoping letter be thoroughly evaluated in the Draft EIR in order to ensure its adequacy and completeness.

Proposed Undergrounding of 66 kV Subtransmission Line

Staff has reviewed the revised project description, including the photo-simulations prepared by the EIR consultant. SCE's recent proposal to underground subtransmission lines below the Route 23 Freeway is strongly supported by the City. The proposed undergrounding of other distribution lines is also acknowledged as a positive step toward minimizing the project's impacts. However, the Draft EIR should analyze the feasibility of completely undergrounding all 66 kV subtransmission lines within and adjacent to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt as previously requested in the joint letter dated March 17, 2009 from the Mayors of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, including poles proposed in the vicinity of Olsen Road and Read Road,

in order to avoid any potentially significant effects on local residents. This analysis should include the estimated costs for undergrounding, including the entire 1.5 mile segment on Read Road and Olsen Road, as well as, an assessment of technical feasibility.

Actual Height and Width of Proposed Subtransmission Poles

As addressed in our prior scoping comments, the Draft EIR needs to clarify the actual width and height of proposed tubular steel poles at all locations along the subtransmission route. As an example, the revised project description states that pole diameters will range between 2 feet and 4 feet with a maximum height not to exceed 90 feet. Also, the preliminary photo-simulations prepared by the EIR consultant should utilize arrows or brackets to assist the public in identifying key elements of the proposed project. In some of the longer distance perspectives, it is difficult to determine exactly where the poles are located. The draft EIR photo-simulations should depict the actual width of the poles and state the pole width so that the accuracy of the scale can be determined.

Gabion Retaining Wall Adjacent to Route 23 Freeway

In one of the Route 23 Freeway photo-simulations a gabion wall is depicted as a means of stabilizing a manufactured cut slope adjacent to a subtransmission pole. It is recommended that SCE consider a different type of wall, preferably reinforced masonry block, that resembles the materials used other perimeter and sound walls in this general vicinity.

Trenching within Sensitive Archeological Corridor

As noted in our prior EIR scoping comments, recorded archaeological site (CA-Ven-1571) exists along the proposed Read Road transmission route. At the request of local Native American representatives the majority of the archaeological site has been preserved by the City as a permanent open space lot within Tract 5142. In keeping with the recommendations of the California Indian Council (Chumash), it has been fenced and capped in order to prevent any future disturbance to a significant, intact subsurface component. Based on previous Phase II testing conducted by W & S Consultants, this archaeological site is known to extend into the existing SCE easement that parallels Read Road. Proposed trenching in this area in order to underground electrical distribution lines will directly impact CA-Ven-1571. An alternative alignment that completely avoids these sensitive cultural resources is the City's preference. However, if this is not feasible, a Phase III salvage is recommended along with the participation of qualified Native American monitors.

Potential Impacts to Native Oaks and other Ornamental Trees

Given the revised project description, the Draft EIR needs to evaluate the potential impact to native oaks and other ornamental trees due to proposed trenching and undergrounding of distribution lines along the south side of Read Road. Any impacts to native oaks or designated "Landmark" trees should be evaluated in a manner that is consistent with the City's oak and landmark tree preservation guidelines and applicable ordinances.

Haul Route for the Disposal of Excess Earthen Materials

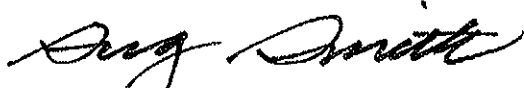
Due to the proposed trenching along the south side of Read Road, the Draft EIR needs to identify a suitable haul route for the disposal of excess earthen material that minimizes, or avoids any impacts on local residents as a result of dust, traffic congestion and noise.

Conclusion

This completes the City's supplemental EIR scoping comments. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or any of the issues discussed, please contact me at (805) 449-2329 or cdgrsmith@toaks.org.

Thank you in advance for considering these additional comments.

Sincerely,



Greg Smith, Senior Planner
Environmental Services Section

Attachments: Previous Scoping Letter dated March 19, 2009
Tri-City Letter dated December 22, 2009

Julie Holst

From: MDCInc [mdcinc@covad.net]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 1:44 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Subject: SCE prop posed Substation Read Road and Sunset Valley RD.

This is a request that the proposed plan be denied!

We home school our children and reside at 3678 Sunset Valley Rd.,
Moorpark, California 93021

We feel the overall impact on our children's health, our health and
the health of our animals will be affected.

The aesthetic look of the community will be ruined.

The alternatives should be looked at to go underground or remain on
the existing Terra Mojada Rd.

This is a formal complaint and request to NOT PROCEED with the above
ground transmission lines!

Deborah Cassar
3678 Sunset Valley Rd.
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Juralynne Mosley
c/o Environmental Science Associates
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Petaluma, Ca. 94954

Subject: Presidential Substation Project

Ms. Mosley,

I am writing concerning the Presidential Substation Project. I have lived in my home at 4954 Read Road for over 28 years. I raised my children here, and this is where my grandchildren come to play and spend time with us. I always thought this was where I would spend the rest of my life, but now I am having to face the prospect of moving elsewhere. When we moved here, we wanted a place with a rural atmosphere. A good, safe place to raise our children. Now we are looking at the prospect of huge sub transmission lines and power poles going in. If I thought there was no alternative for this project, I would not be writing this letter. However, I feel that SCE has decided to go forward with this with no regard for the residents of this valley or any of their concerns.

This valley is one of the last wildlife corridors in this area. We are home to several endangered species that are native to this area. We also have one of the last remaining farms where children and adults can come to learn about where the food comes from that they eat everyday. We have children who are bussed from as far away as Los Angeles who come to this farm to pick their own pumpkins and eat the produce. I have been at the farm when tour busses full of Japanese tourists have stopped to visit. This project is threatening our way of life.

It has also been stated to me by two different firefighters that if there would be a brush fire sweep through this area, that they cannot fight the fire around these poles because of the danger to the firefighters from arcing. My question then would be would my house be allowed to burn to the ground? And then, would the fire sweep on over the hill and into Thousand Oaks? There is history of brush fires in this area over the last several years.

There is also a concern over the size of the power poles. Read Road is a small country road about 1 ½ car width. The trees that line the road have been here since before I moved here. I'm guessing they've been there at least 40 years or more. They've already told us that we would probably lose these trees. Also, SCE has not really been clear as to the size of the poles. We've heard anywhere from 60 to 100 feet in height.

We are also concerned about property values. If we have to move because of concerns over our health, is SCE willing to compensate monetarily for our lower property values? There is documentation of increased cancer risks for people who live in proximity to these types of lines.

I am hoping that SCE will consider under grounding these lines if they insist on using the

route that they have proposed. I am also hoping they will consider an alternate route, such as taking these lines down Tierra Rejada, where they would not be close to anyone's home. There is also the alternative of not installing at all. If they would consider putting the same amount of money required for this project into conservation efforts or installing solar in private residences, this project would not be necessary at all.

Thank you for taking into consideration all of my concerns. I would hope that you will seriously consider the impact this is having on my and my neighbors lives, as well as others who come to enjoy this valley.

Sincerely,

Sharon Fleagane
Jon Fleagane

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Julie Holst

From: Marc G. Reich [mgresq@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:28 PM
To: Presidential Substation Project
Cc: Josh Valdez, Chuck Cronin; Jonathan Evans; Beth Kuttler
Subject: Presidential Substation Project: Additional Comments by Protestant Jose R. Valdez

Dear Ms. Mosley:

It was a pleasure meeting you at the Supplementary Public Scoping Meeting on September 14, 2010. I am writing to summarize the position of my client, protestant Jose R. Valdez.

During the meeting, numerous speakers very eloquently explained why the Presidential Substation Project should not go forward at all. Mr. Valdez agrees with that position for the reasons expressed by those speakers.

However, as I emphasized when I spoke at the meeting, should the Project go forward, then, at a minimum, the 66kv subtransmission lines should be undergrounded along Read Road. During the meeting, I referred to this mitigation step as a "no brainer."

"The purpose of an environmental impact report is to provide public agencies and the public in general with detailed information about the effect which a proposed project is likely to have on the environment; to list ways in which the significant effects of such a project might be minimized; and to indicate alternatives to such a project." CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, Section 21061. Undergrounding the existing transmission lines and installing new 66 kv overhead subtransmission lines along Read Road makes no sense. As repeatedly stated during the meeting, the 66 kv overhead lines would severely damage the aesthetics and culture of the community. In addition, community residents are greatly concerned that the lines would create health hazards and lower property values. These legitimate concerns can be greatly minimized, if not completely eliminated, by leaving the existing lines in place and undergrounding the proposed 66kv subtransmission lines. Mr. Valdez urges that the environmental impact report analyze these issues and conclude that no justification exists for placing the 66kv subtransmission lines above ground along Read Road.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Presidential Substation Project

As a concerned resident I would like to request that this project be given further consideration in light of the concerns voiced by my fellow residents. I would like to see further consideration given to alternative approaches to this project that include incentives for solar installations for residents to offset the need for increased power transmission. Also the possibility for running all transmission lines underground rather than the scheme in the current plan. These and other alternatives should be investigated and presented for consideration when making the final decision for the direction in which this project is to be accomplished. Below are some of the topics that I would like to see examined during this review process;

- The endangered species which are native to this area
- Negative impact on peoples real estate values, especially in a time of recession
- The proximity of the power poles to people's homes. Part of the proposed lines will go directly over at least one home in the area
- Danger of wildfires and the danger to firemen who have to fight these fires. It has been stated that they cannot work around these kinds of wires because of the danger of arcing. Does this mean that they will not be able work to save our homes? If so, what is there to stop the fire from racing across the hill into Thousand Oaks? There is the history of fires in this area
- This is one of the last known wildlife corridors in this area.
- Possibility of losing trees along Read Road that have been there for decades
- If part of this project can be undergrounded, why not the entire route? It's only a mile that would have to be underground.
- It would create an economic hardship for one of the last remaining farms where children come to enjoy farm life and have an opportunity to learn about where their food comes from. Children are bussed in from as far away as Los Angeles. Children also come to this area for horse riding lessons.
- SCE has never been forthcoming with the exact size of the poles. We've been told anywhere from 60' to 100'
- Read Road is a small, narrow country road. These poles require much more "footprint" than regular power poles
- Why can't the lines run down Tierra Rejada, where they would not be close to anyone's home?
- It is still unknown if exposure to the EMF from these power lines is dangerous and cause health problems in residents who live close to these lines. There is some evidence that incidence of cancers, especially in children and miscarriages is increased

Ultimately it is my money that will fund this project and I would like the assurance that my money is being spent wisely and in a manner that will not cause hardship for me, my fellow residents and neighbors and future generations,

Signed:

Frances Stanley

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VIA FACSIMILE: (707) 795-0902

September 27, 2010

To: Ms. Juralynne Mosley
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Re: 9/14/2010 Public Scoping Comment re Presidential Substation Project

My family owns the home at 4964 Read Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA. We oppose the project as it is currently proposed because it would create an unacceptable health and human safety hazard as our home would be precariously close to the proposed power lines. The prospect of placing high voltage lines virtually on top of our house is crazy. The health and safety of people must be paramount.

SCE is hereby on notice that the proposed project is a danger and a threat to human life. At minimum, any power lines along our home at 4964 Read Rd should be placed underground.

Respectfully,

Marco Todesco

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Re: 9/14/2010 Public Scoping Comment re Presidential Substation Project

We own the family home at 4964 Read Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA – aka “the blue house”. We have a particular concern because our home is right where the power lines would be. The prospect of placing high voltage lines at our house is outrageous. The lines would be right on top of us, and right at our face. This is absolutely dangerous and unacceptable.

SCE is on notice that this is a danger and a threat to human life. At minimum, any power lines along our home at 4964 Read Rd should be placed underground.

Respectfully,


Teresa Todesco

Public Comment Card

Southern California Edison's Presidential Substation Project
Scoping Period: September 14 - October 14, 2010



Sept. 27, 2010

Commenter Name: Charlotte (Kitter) (e-mail) karas_notis@yahoo.com
Address: 1590 Calle Artigas, Thousand Oaks, Ca 91360

Comment: I attended your scoping meeting along with a number of other Sunset Hills residents regarding this project.

As many of our homes back Olsen Rd. we have great concerns. All of our utilities are underground & as I stated in August 2008, if these poles were put along Olsen Rd, people would look out of their homes & yards at the poles & wires; aesthetically this would be terrible & would also affect our property value. The underground utilities were a selling point when we bought our homes; why would we want ugly poles & wires now?

at your meeting you indicated that the proposed routes on Road Rd. & w Olsen Rd. as shown on your map may not be the final routes. We have many concerns with this project plus (health concerns & also if the project is needed.

Our homeowners association president, Scott Mc Gregor, has received numerous responses from our membership stating their concerns & are against any power lines above ground on Olsen Rd.