

Hello! My name is Kayla Ngo, and I'm a rising senior at Pioneer High School and a member of the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, San Jose team. I'm speaking to urge the CPUC to select alternative combination one or AC-1 placed in the Grove terminal at the PG&E Metcalf substation. The CPUC's own draft environmental impact report confirms that it's the environmentally superior option and if placed in the orchard near Coyote Valley, the site would replace 6 acres of trees with concrete, tear up nearly a mile of the Coyote Creek trail and require tunneling under the creek, which is right through a critical wildlife corridor. Building next to Coyote Creek severely disrupts the wildlife's migration patterns with noise and light, and increases their chances of being hit and killed by cars. Adding over a mile of new infrastructure would also bring more financial burden onto the public. Please choose AC-1. It's a clear, responsible path forward. Thank you.