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To: San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project
Subject: Edison San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop
Dear Sirs:

The EIR does not adequately identify, address or define mitigation measures to offset impact to farmland. The agricultural mitigation measures referenced throughout the EIR are deficient and incomplete regarding the proposed Routes for the Edison's San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop transmission line.

Route 3 has not been thoroughly explored and assessed for feasibility. There is significant evidence being introduced by PACE (at the July 23 hearing) that a "workaround" the ecological reserve is possible and feasible. The existing Rector Line currently cuts right through the Stone Corral Ecological Reserve, but it will need to be upgraded, so it would be practical to adopt Route 3 with the "workaround".

Route 3 meets both basic project objectives, and meets all legal, regulatory, and technical feasibility criteria. Route 3 would result in the permanent removal of fewer acres from farmland than the Proposed Project (Route 1).

If a different group making an EIR report would use these suggestions, they would come up with a different report.

Thank you for your consideration.

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