



May 10, 2019

Tom Engels, Ph.D
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Oakland CA 94610

Re: Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project

Dear Mr. Engles:

After a review of the Draft Alternatives Screening Report, the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) would like to present this letter as our response to the potential project.

Per the proposal, a portion of this project is located at Paso Robles High School. While battery storage at school sites is not uncommon, this project would require the installation of high voltage transmission lines (70kV) to charge the proposed batteries. According to the California Department of Education (CDE) a minimum setback for power lines of this voltage would be 100 feet to usable portions of the school site. Based on the acreage required to contain the proposed batteries, PRJUSD believes it is not possible to meet this standard.

Paso Robles High School was constructed in a location that limits the exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF). The introduction of EMF through the construction of transmission lines violates best practices instituted by the Department of Public Health, the Division of State Architect, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

PRJUSD strongly encourages the CPUC to consider other options that do not include the installation of high voltage transmission lines on or around any public schools operated by PRJUSD.

If you have any questions or comments with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 769-1000 ext. 30106.

Sincerely,

Brad Pawlowski
Chief Business Official
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District