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c/o Tom Engels
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Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels,

I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reason:

Our community here at Santa Ysabel Ranch along with surrounding neighborhoods is blessed with many great amenities and I know that you are at least familiar with these significant elements. While I could attempt to enumerate the Oak Tree and wildlife habitat among these unique attributes, the simple stark reality is that this corridor along South River Road is in fact, residential. Unfortunately, as you are also aware, our neighborhood along this corridor resides entirely within a designated High Fire Zone due to high winds, hilly terrain and dry brush as depicted (Pg. 17 of Ch. 4.9 of the Draft EIR). I cannot stress enough that choosing this route for High Voltage power line transmission would knowingly and intentionally put residents of our community and surrounding neighborhoods at unnecessary risk due to these unique circumstances. There are many examples of past poor judgment which resulted in significant loss of life and property when these compiled elements for fire risk should have been identified and considered more seriously. In this case, we simply know by benefit of hind-site that this corridor is the worst option available. My business partner lost his mother in August of 1972 to just such an event where PG&E was found liable for her death in Cambria, Ca. Eighty five people died and 19,000 buildings lost in the Camp fire just two years ago in Paradise, CA. Unfortunately, there are many more examples of similar tragedies that could have been avoided. Please protect our community by not supporting the South River Road (SE-PLR-2) option and choose one of the remaining less hazardous alternatives.

Sincerely,

