

January 8, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I am passionately opposed to the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

- 1) Located entirely within a High Fire Hazard Zone, the placement of these power lines are an accident waiting to happen. California's fire season has becoming unrelenting, and construction such as this would inevitably prove disastrous.
- 2) Electricity lines have been implicated in many fires. These specific ones, PG&E transmission lines, were responsible for hundreds of thousands of burned acres and many lost lives during both the Camp Fire & Kincade Fire.
- 3) Golden Eagles make their home in the wildlife corridor of S. River Road. If any eagles fly into these power lines, they could face serious injury or death. Additionally, the construction would lead to irreparable loss of habitat for these majestic animals.
- 4) Santa Ysabel Ranch, and the areas around it, are sites of cultural discovery that eligible for the Nation Register of Historic Places. Numerous Chumash and Salinan artifacts have been found throughout the area, one of which lies exactly in the path of the proposed route. It would be shameful to destroy precious historical sites such as these.

I request that you reconsider putting power lines along S. River Road. Doing so would put many lives at risk, decimate the natural wildlife, and ruin sites of cultural heritage.

