

January 1, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210  
Oakland, CA 94610

**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

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

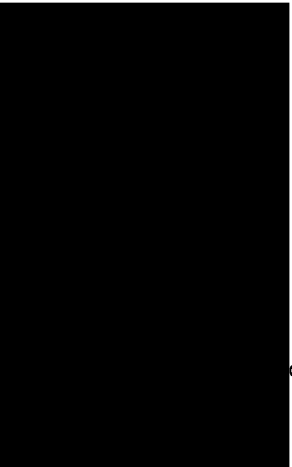
**Transmission lines in a Wildfire area will greatly increase our risk of fire.**

Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Both the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission line. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed.

**Our resident Golden Eagles (and visiting Bald Eagles) would be endangered by high power lines on S. River Rd., a known wildlife migration path.** There are several Golden Eagle nests on SYR. We have photos of young in the nests for 4 of the past 5 years. Construction of the lines on S. River is estimated to take 9 months. The eagles may be killed due to electrocution / collision with the power lines.

**The energy required for our area, Paso Robles 1107, is small enough that it can be accomplished with battery or thermal storage.** Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth, and a power line on S. River Rd. is contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. This is such a high cost to our neighborhood, our wildlife, and our fire safety, for the local need being so small at .53MW.

For the sake of public safety and wildlife preservation, please do not put a transmission line along S. River Road.



CC:

County Supervisor Peschong  
State Assemblyman Cunningham  
Templeton Community Service District Board of Directors