

Letter CA: Janet McKibben (January 9, 2021)

Letter CA

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

January 09, 2021

RE: Opposition to SE-PLR-2 Templeton – South River Route *Alternative*

Dear Dr. Engels,

CA-1 | Please know that I strongly oppose the South River Route Alternative currently being considered, which would transmit high voltage power overhead, through the pastoral hills of Templeton to the growth regions of Paso Robles.

CA-2 | If this were to be approved and high voltage towers erected, it would greatly increase our vulnerability and possibility of FIRE such as has occurred in the past couple of years elsewhere in California. The elements associated with Electro Magnetic Fields could also cause health issues and put some people at risk. According to current Natural Hazard Zone maps, we are already considered to be within "High Fire Hazard Zone" ...please do not consider putting our community in greater danger when there are other and perhaps better alternatives such as underground lines.

CA-3 | I have been a Real Estate Broker for the past 39 years and a resident of Santa Ysabel Ranch for the past 12 years. We have witnessed with awe, the abundance of varied wildlife that inhabit this immediate neighborhood and surrounding area such as deer, red tail fox, hawks and the magnificent Golden Eagles and Bald Eagles which honor us with their nesting habitation. It would be a pity to put these animals at risk along with the human residence.

CA-4 | From my real estate experience, I can tell you that even the contemplation of this project has caused potential buyers from purchasing along the street where this eyesore would be looming. Essentially, it has already lost a sale for a parcel owner and could (safe to say "would") cause loss of value to all property owners along the designated corridor and certainly highly taint the entire surroundings while infringing on each individual's overall property value and basic "bundle of rights", where is comes to enjoyment and/or disposition.

CA-5 | *PLEASE* remove this route along S. River Road, Templeton, from the options being considered.

Earnestly,
Janet McKibben
Janet McKibben
2445 Battering Rock Road
Templeton CA 93465

Response to Comment CA-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CA-2

The comment expresses concerns regarding increased fire risk from transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 and notes that the area is designated as a High Fire Hazard Zone. The comment also expresses concerns regarding human health effects from EMF and implies that undergrounding the power lines would be a better alternative. For the CPUC's response to concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. For the CPUC's response to concerns related to EMF, including the consideration of undergrounding the power lines pursuant to CPUC's Design Guidelines, please refer to Master Response 2. The consideration of alternatives, including undergrounding, is also discussed in Master Response 8.

Response to Comment CA-3

The comment discusses the abundance of varied wildlife in Santa Ysabel Ranch and how it would be a pity to put these animals at risk along with the human residents. Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, discusses the various APMs and mitigation measures that will be implemented for Alternative SE-PLR-2 to ensure that impacts to wildlife are avoided or minimized. Some applicable measures that will be implemented include special status species pre-construction surveys; compensation for any impacts to special status plant species; monitoring of ground disturbance by a biologist adjacent to any sensitive habitat; the preparation and implementation of a worker environmental awareness program; as well as measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation, fugitive dust, and release of hazardous materials that could adversely affect habitat or species. For a detailed discussion of all measures placed on Alternative SE-PLR-2 refer to Section 4.4.4, Impact Analysis in Volume 1 of the FEIR.

For CPUC's response to concerns related to golden and bald eagles, see Master Response 9.

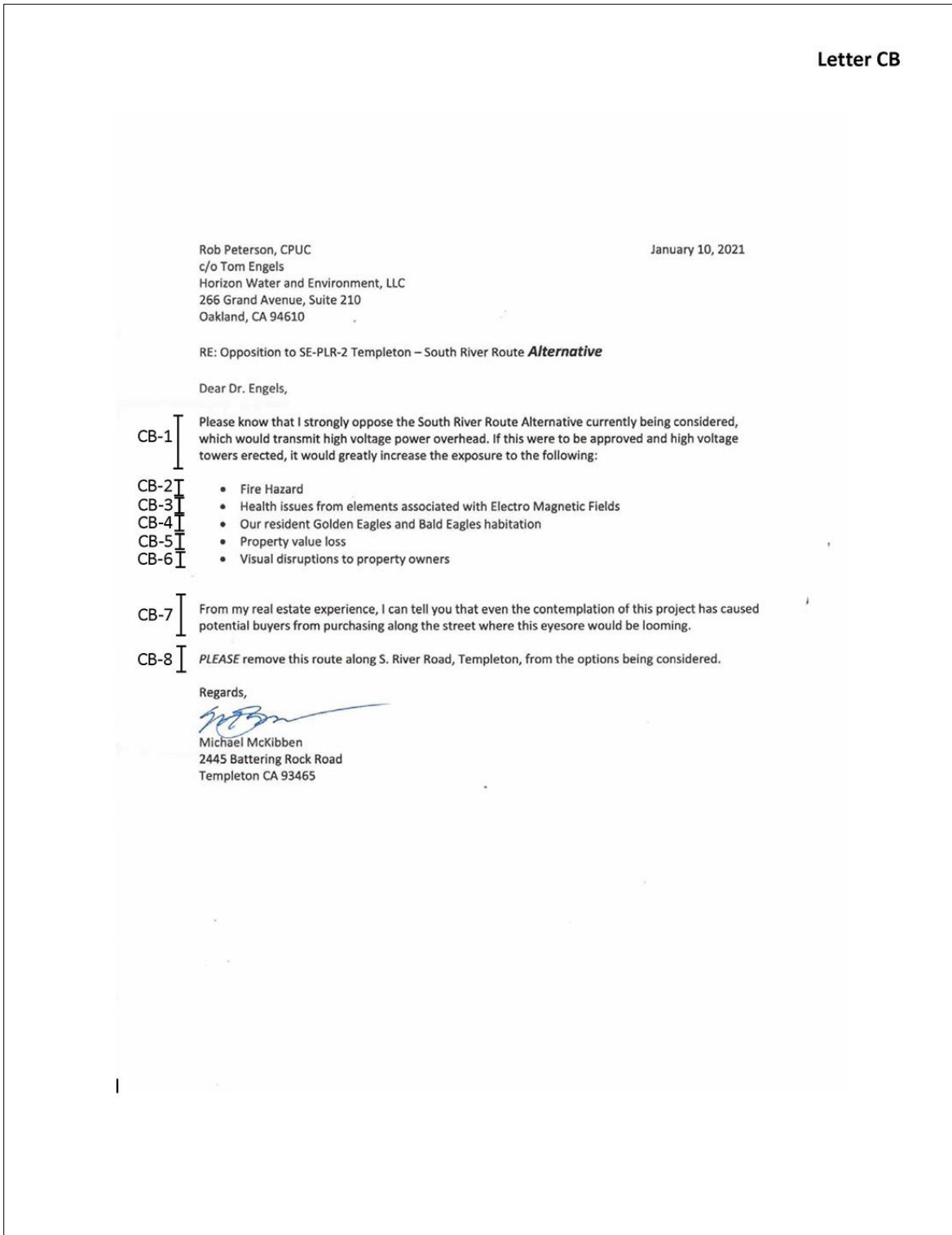
Response to Comment CA-4

This comment states that contemplation of Alternative SE-PLR-2 has caused economic impacts on property owners and would cause further loss of value if selected for implementation. In response to comments related to effects on property values, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CA-5

The comment requests decisionmakers remove Alternative SE-PLR-2 from consideration. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CB: Michael McKibben (January 10, 2021)



Response to Comment CB-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route for particular reasons that are addressed below in Responses to Comments CB-2, CB-3, CB-4, CB-5, CB-6, CB-7, and CB-8. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CB-2

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire hazard. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CB-3

This comment expresses "health issues from elements associated with Electro Magnetic Fields [sic]" as a concern. For the CPUC's response to comments related to EMF and effects on human health, please see Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CB-4

The comment expresses concern over high voltage towers and their exposure to golden eagle and bald eagle habitat. Please refer to Master Response 9 for the CPUC's response to concerns about golden and bald eagles.

Response to Comment CB-5

This comment lists "property value loss" as a concern from implementation of Alternative SE-PLR-2. In response to comments related to effects on property values, please see Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CB-6

The comment expresses general concern regarding the aesthetic impacts that would result from Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to aesthetic impacts from the high voltage overhead powerline and towers, please refer to Master Response 3.

Response to Comment CB-7

The commenter discusses their real estate experience and economic and aesthetic implications of the Proposed Project. Please refer to Response to Comment CB-5.

Response to Comment CB-8

The comment requests decisionmakers remove Alternative SE-PLR-2 from consideration. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CC: Tyler McKibben (January 9, 2021)

Letter CC

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

January 9, 2021

RE: Opposition to SE-PLR-2 Templeton – South River Route **Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

- CC-1 | Please know that I *strongly* oppose the South River Route Alternative currently being considered, which would transmit high voltage power overhead, through the pastoral hills of Templeton to the growth regions of Paso Robles.
- CC-2 | If this were to be approved and high voltage towers erected, it would greatly increase our vulnerability and possibility of FIRE such as has occurred in the past couple of years elsewhere in California. The elements associated with Electro Magnetic Fields could also cause health issues and put some people at risk. According to current Natural Hazard Zone maps, we are already considered to be within "High Fire Hazard Zone" ...please do not consider putting our community in greater danger when there are other and perhaps better alternatives such as underground lines!
- CC-3 | We have an abundance of wildlife that inhabit this immediate neighborhood and surrounding area such as deer, red tail fox, hawks and the magnificent Golden Eagles and Bald Eagles which honor us with their nesting habitation. It would be a pity to put these animals at risk along with the human residence.
- CC-4 | From my experience in a real estate family, I can tell you that even the contemplation of this project has caused potential buyers from purchasing along the street where this eyesore would be looming. This proposed project has already lost sales for parcel owners and would cause loss of value to *all* property owners along the designated corridor (and neighborhood) and highly taint the entire surroundings while infringing on each individual's overall property value and basic "bundle of rights", where is comes to enjoyment and/or disposition.
- CC-5 | PLEASE remove this route along S. River Road, Templeton, from the options being considered!

Respectfully,

Tyler McKibben
2445 Battering Rock Road
Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CC-1

The commenter expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy, and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CC-2

This comment expresses concerns related to construction of high voltage towers and power line infrastructure near the commenter's community along Alternative SE-PLR-2. Specifically, the commenter mentions concerns related to increased risk of fire and existing conditions related to wildfire risk (e.g., High Fire Hazard Zone), and EMF and effects on human health.

For the CPUC's response to concerns related to increased fire risk and the existing fire hazard designation along the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment, see Master Response 4.

For the CPUC's response to concerns related to EMF, see Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CC-3

The comment discusses the abundance of varied wildlife in the neighborhood near the Alternative SE-PLR-2 route and opines that it would be a pity to put these animals at risk along with the human residents. Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, discusses the various APMs and mitigation measures that will be implemented for Alternative SE-PLR-2 to ensure that impacts to wildlife are avoided or minimized. Some applicable measures that will be implemented include special status species pre-construction surveys; compensation for any impacts to special status plant species; monitoring of ground disturbance adjacent to any sensitive habitat by a biologist; the preparation and implementation of a worker environmental awareness program; as well as measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation, fugitive dust, and release of hazardous materials that could adversely affect habitat or species. For a detailed discussion of all measures placed on Alternative SE-PLR-2, refer to Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," pages 4.4-74 to 4.4-76, in Volume 1 of the FEIR.

For the CPUC's response to concerns related to golden and bald eagles, see Master Response 9.

Response to Comment CC-4

This comment states that contemplation of Alternative SE-PLR-2 has caused economic impacts on property owners and would cause further loss of value if selected for implementation. For the CPUC's response to comments related to effects on property values, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CC-5

This comment requests rejection of Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy, and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CD: Joel McQuiston (December 15, 2020)**Letter CD**

From: [CloudPhone](#)
To: tom@horizonh2o.com
Subject: New Voicemail Message from (818) 693-0820
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:02:30 AM

From: (818) 693-0820

To: CPUC Estrella Project - 102

CD-1 [Transcription of Message: Hello, my name is Joel mcquiston, and I'm calling about this trailer project in Paso Robles. My property has a power line in his backyard that according to your diagram will have a RI conducting segment added to it, and I wanted to find out. What that entails for my property? Save be wonderful. If somebody we're actually call me and tell me about that. I am I phone number is 818-690-3820. And my property address is 277 Shyanne Drive in Paso. I hope to hear from someone and thank you very much.

To download the file, just click this link:
<https://vx.vox.im/serve/021979b4c5958079353ef6ad1bf74328>

Response to Comment CD-1

This comment requests clarity as to which specific design components are projected to occur within the commenter's property line. The EIR includes figures of the Proposed Project alignment; in particular, Figure 2-7 includes a detailed view of the Proposed Project, including the 70 kV reconductoring segment and the replacement pole locations. Chapter 2, *Project Description*, of the EIR (see Volume 1 of this FEIR) also includes several figures depicting proposed structures to be constructed as part of the Proposed Project. For questions related to the distance(s) between individual properties and the Proposed Project and alternatives components, an interactive web map can be viewed at the following website:

<https://horizonh2o.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=2797fd90d3db4a3f8c6a287da3d20e9c>. The web map allows for commenters to insert their property address and/or find their property and see how and whether the Proposed Project and alternatives may cross individual properties.

Letter CE: James B Merzon (December 18, 2020)

Letter CE

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December 18, 2020

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

- CE-1 | There are many cogent reasons to oppose the S. River Route Alternative. In my view, the increased risk of fire is among the most significant.
- CE-2 | Placing transmission lines in a high fire hazard area will greatly increase our risk of fire. Importantly, in case of a fire on S. River Road, evacuation of SYR would be extremely limited since all but one exit from SYR flows onto S. River Road. If power lines absolutely need to be placed along S. River Road, undergrounding the lines would eliminate the fire danger along with the other harmful impacts.
- CE-3 | SYR contains a great deal of old oak trees which are protected from removal and several acres between houses that contain dry grass. Because of the topography much of the grass is inaccessible, not to mention the protected trees. Fire would move rapidly through SYR and, as you know, fire tends to move rapidly uphill. Many of the homes at SYR (including mine) are on elevated lots.
- CE-4 | I trust that the CPUC will take these concerns, as well as the others that you hear about, into consideration and that another site can be established.

Sincerely,



James B. Merzon

Response to Comment CE-1

The comment expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route and argues that increased fire risk is the most significant reason to oppose the alternative. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CE-2

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk. The comment also expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. Finally, the comment suggests undergrounding the power lines along South River Road.

For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased fire risk, please refer to Master Response 4. For CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding potential impacts on evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6. The CPUC's consideration of alternatives, including undergrounding, for the Proposed Project is discussed in Master Response 8.

Response to Comment CE-3

This comment describes the existing conditions in the Santa Ysabel Ranch area that make it susceptible to wildfire. Please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CE-4

This comment requests another site be selected. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CF: Frank Mineo (January 1, 2021)

Letter CF

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

January 1, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

CF-1 I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

CF-2 **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 Kincadee Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission line failures. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed. It's bad enough that insurance companies are getting skittish now about offering fire policies in our area. Who will protect us if they stop issuing fire policies? Certainly not the state of California nor the CPUC. Has the CPUC even considered this issue important? Those of us who live here most certainly have!

CF-3 **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.

CF-4 **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.

CF-5 For the sake of public safety, wildlife preservation, and the general well being of the residents impacted, please do not put a transmission line along S. River Road.

Sincerely



Frank Mineo
 2310 Battering Rock Road
 Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CF-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CF-2

The comment asserts that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected because it is in a High Fire Hazard Zone, would increase fire risk, and expresses concerns regarding impacts on fire insurance policies. For CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk due to construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. For CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to property values and insurance, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CF-3

The comment expresses concern about the risk of electrocution and collision of golden and bald eagles with the power lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to concerns related to golden and bald eagles, refer to Master Response 9.

Response to Comment CF-4

The comment states that energy needs in the commenter's housing development are not expected to grow significantly and can be met with other technologies, such as battery or thermal storage. This comment also asserts that Templeton does not have capacity for residential or commercial growth, and that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would be contrary to California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. For the CPUC's response to these comments, please refer to Master Response 8.

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 related to adverse impacts on wildlife and fire safety are noted. Specific concerns expressed within this comment letter are addressed above under Responses to Comments CF-2 and CF-3.

Response to Comment CF-5

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CG: Kenneth Moore (January 1, 2021)

	Letter CG
	January 1, 2021
	<p>Rob Peterson, CPUC C/o Tom Engels Horizon Water and Environment, LLC 266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210 Oakland, CA 94610</p>
	Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative
	Dear Dr. Engels,
CG-1	I am writing to express my opposition to the S. River Route Alternative which would construct at least 20 massive transmission poles and lines along South River Road within the property boundaries of Santa Ysabel Ranch ("SYR").
CG-2	WILD FIRE DANGER: First and foremost, transmission lines of this type have been proven to create a fire hazard as evidenced by the 2018 and 2019 Camp and Kincadee fires which caused devastation to the communities in which they occurred. Both fires were determined to be caused by PG&E transmission lines of the same type proposed for the S. River Route Alternative and PG&E was found liable for the resulting damages. The S. River Route Alternative (SE_PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation is the only site combination that sit entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE. With this knowledge, it would be unconscionable and irresponsible, if not criminal, for PG&E to put SYR and the surrounding area at a higher fire risk when other proposed routes are available. PG&E would be liable for any fire damage caused to SYR by its transmission lines.
CG-3	Many existing factors unique to SYR contribute to its high wild fire risk. Adding the proposed transmission lines will substantially increase the fire danger to SYR and surrounding areas. A fire could be ignited during construction. According to the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR"), section 4.9-38 "any accidental ignition from construction equipment or the electrified 70.kV power line once operational could have significant effects on the surrounding rural residential community along South River Road and surrounding areas". Having advance knowledge of this danger, PG&E's installation of such transmission lines along S. River Road would be irresponsible.
CG-4	In the event of a fire on S. River Road, evacuation of SYR would be extremely difficult. Two of the three main exits and two emergency exits from SYR flow onto S. River Road. Residents of all 146 lots plus the many visitors and workers (an average of 100 non-resident vehicles per day) would have to evacuate through the single-lane at the Hanging Tree Ln. gate. This would also negatively impact the ability for emergency vehicles to respond.

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CG-5 Santa Ysabel Ranch has a massive oak tree forest with mandated protections by the County of San Luis Obispo for visual mitigation to neighboring properties. Each sub-divided lot and open space within the community has oak trees that are numbered and catalogued by the County with strict rules dictating under what conditions a tree can be removed. A steep hill of protected Blue Oak forest between S. River Road and the upper ridge of SYR would mean that fire would climb very quickly, spreading to more homes and impacting evacuation.

CG-6 SYR residents and Homeowners Association have undertaken extensive and expensive measures to mitigate the fire danger within SYR. Each year we comply with CAL-Fire mandates for wild grass mowing, tree trimming and any other recommendations to reduce our wild fire risk. Installing PG&E transmission lines along S. River Road would add a measure of danger well beyond our control, one which we could not mitigate.

CG-7 On a personal note, my residential homeowner's insurer refused to renew my policy for 2020-2021 citing the high wild fire risk as the reason. In looking for a replacement policy, several main stream insurers refused to consider insuring my home for the same reason. Farmers Insurance offered me a California Fair Policy, which is anything but fair. Allowing the S. River Route Alternative to proceed in an already high fire danger area would impact many residential homes and further limit our ability to obtain insurance coverage.

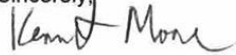
CG-8 **HERITAGE OAK TREES:** SYR along S. River Road is lined with large Heritage Oak trees, all of which have the protection of the County of San Luis Obispo and have been numbered and catalogued. As a condition during the development of SYR, the developer was required to mitigate the removal of trees for roads and infrastructure by planting oak trees along S. River Road. Installing the massive transmission poles would require removal of many of the large old and established trees as well as the ones planted to mitigate the effects of development. Removal of such trees would negatively impact the environment on many different fronts.

CG-9 **WILDLIFE:** SYR and S. River Road is a known wildlife corridor and migration path. We have Golden Eagle nests within SYR. The eagles and their young have been photographed in their nests by residents for four of the past five years. Golden Eagles are monogamous and may remain together for several years and possibly for life. I have a pair of resident Golden Eagles that rest on an oak branch in my back yard for hours at a time. We also have a number of Hawk and visiting Bald Eagles. All of these magnificent birds would be endangered by high power lines on S. River Road. Construction of the project would result in the permanent disruption and loss of an important wildlife corridor.

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CG-10 | **ENERGY NEEDS:** The energy required for Paso Robles 1107, is small enough (.53MW) 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 Road is contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. All power lines supporting the electric needs of SYR are underground. The high cost of damage to our neighborhood, our wildlife and our fire safety compared to the low energy need would not be a prudent decision.

CG-11 | For the sake of public safety and wildlife preservation, please do not allow PG&E to install the proposed transmission line along S. River Road. Thank you for your time and consideration of this highly important matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Moore
2438 Battering Rock Road
Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CG-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CG-2

The comment asserts that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected because it is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CG-3

The comment alleges that the Proposed Project would increase the fire danger to the area and that a wildfire could be ignited during construction activities. Please refer to Master Response 4 for a discussion of the Proposed Project's wildfire impacts, including related to construction.

Response to Comment CG-4

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to emergency vehicle access and evacuation routes/ability in the event of wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CG-5

The comment expresses concern that the oak tree forest located in Santa Ysabel Ranch could exacerbate fire conditions. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CG-6

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk for which the community could not mitigate. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. Furthermore, a discussion of measures that would be implemented to reduce the risk of fire for Alternative SE-PLR-2 is included in Section 4.9, "Hazards and Hazardous Materials," page 4.9-38, in Volume 1 of the FEIR.

Response to Comment CG-7

The comment expresses concern regarding the cost and availability of homeowners insurance for the commenter's property if Alternative SE-PLR-2 is selected. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CG-8

The comment states that the heritage oaks that line South River Road in Santa Ysabel Ranch all have protection by the County of San Luis Obispo and removal of the trees would negatively impact the environment. For CPUC's response to these concerns, refer to Master Response 10.

Response to Comment CG-9

The comment states that Santa Ysabel Ranch and South River Road are known wildlife corridors and migration paths. The comment also states that golden and bald eagles and hawks would be endangered by the proposed high power lines on South River Road. For CPUC's response to golden eagle and bald eagle concerns, refer to Master Response 9. Additionally, the APMs and mitigation measures discussed in the EIR will ensure that impacts to wildlife are avoided and/or minimized. Some applicable measures that will be implemented include special status species pre-construction surveys, compensation for any impacts to special status plant species, monitoring of ground disturbance adjacent to any sensitive habitat by a biologist, the preparation and implementation of a worker environmental awareness program, as well as measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation, fugitive dust, and release of hazardous materials that could adversely affect habitat or species. For a detailed discussion of all measures placed on Alternative SE-PLR-2 refer to Section 4.4.4, Impact Analysis in Volume 1 of the FEIR.

Response to Comment CG-10

The comment asserts that energy needs in the commenter's housing development are not expected to grow significantly and can be met with other technologies. The comment also argues that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would be contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. For CPUC's response to these comments, please refer to Master Response 8.

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 related to high costs of damage, wildlife, and fire safety is noted. Specific concerns from the commenter related to damage, wildlife, and safety are addressed in Responses to Comments CG-1 through CG-9, above.

Response to Comment CG-11

The commenter requests rejection of Alternative SE-PLR-2 for public safety and wildlife preservation concerns, which are addressed in Responses to Comments CG-2 through CG-6 above. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CH: Louise Moore (January 1, 2021)

Letter CH

January 1, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

CH-1 I am writing to express my opposition to the S. River Route Alternative which would construct at least 20 massive transmission poles and lines along South River Road within the property boundaries of Santa Ysabel Ranch ("SYR").

CH-2 **WILD FIRE DANGER:** First and foremost, transmission lines of this type have been proven to create a fire hazard as evidenced by the 2018 and 2019 Camp and Kincadee fires which caused devastation to the communities in which they occurred. Both fires were determined to be caused by PG&E transmission lines of the same type proposed for the S. River Route Alternative and PG&E was found liable for the resulting damages. The S. River Route Alternative (SE_PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation is the only site combination that sit entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE. With this knowledge, it would be unconscionable and irresponsible, if not criminal, for PG&E to put SYR and the surrounding area at a higher fire risk when other proposed routes are available. PG&E would be liable for any fire damage caused to SYR by its transmission lines.

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CH-5 | Santa Ysabel Ranch has a massive oak tree forest with mandated protections by the County of San Luis Obispo for visual mitigation to neighboring properties. Each sub-divided lot and open space within the community has oak trees that are numbered and catalogued by the County with strict rules dictating under what conditions a tree can be removed. A steep hill of protected Blue Oak forest between S. River Road and the upper ridge of SYR would mean that fire would climb very quickly, spreading to more homes and impacting evacuation.

CH-6 | SYR residents and Homeowners Association have undertaken extensive and expensive measures to mitigate the fire danger within SYR. Each year we comply with CAL-Fire mandates for wild grass mowing, tree trimming and any other recommendations to reduce our wild fire risk. Installing PG&E transmission lines along S. River Road would add a measure of danger well beyond our control, one which we could not mitigate.

CH-7 | On a personal note, my residential homeowner's insurer refused to renew my policy for 2020-2021 citing the high wild fire risk as the reason. In looking for a replacement policy, several main stream insurers refused to consider insuring my home for the same reason. Farmers Insurance offered me a California Fair Policy, which is anything but fair. Allowing the S. River Route Alternative to proceed in an already high fire danger area would impact many residential homes and further limit our ability to obtain insurance coverage.

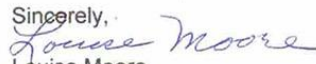
CH-8 | **HERITAGE OAK TREES:** SYR along S. River Road is lined with large Heritage Oak trees, all of which have the protection of the County of San Luis Obispo and have been numbered and catalogued. As a condition during the development of SYR, the developer was required to mitigate the removal of trees for roads and infrastructure by planting oak trees along S. River Road. Installing the massive transmission poles would require removal of many of the large old and established trees as well as the ones planted to mitigate the effects of development. Removal of such trees would negatively impact the environment on many different fronts.

CH-9 | **WILDLIFE:** SYR and S. River Road is a known wildlife corridor and migration path. We have Golden Eagle nests within SYR. The eagles and their young have been photographed in their nests by residents for four of the past five years. Golden Eagles are monogamous and may remain together for several years and possibly for life. I have a pair of resident Golden Eagles that rest on an oak branch in my back yard for hours at a time. We also have a number of Hawk and visiting Bald Eagles. All of these magnificent birds would be endangered by high power lines on S. River Road. Construction of the project would result in the permanent disruption and loss of an important wildlife corridor.

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C/o Tom Engels
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CH-10 | **ENERGY NEEDS:** The energy required for Paso Robles 1107, is small enough (.53MW) 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 Road is contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. All power lines supporting the electric needs of SYR are underground. The high cost of damage to our neighborhood, our wildlife and our fire safety compared to the low energy need would not be a prudent decision.

CH-11 | For the sake of public safety and wildlife preservation, please do not allow PG&E to install the proposed transmission line along S. River Road. Thank you for your time and consideration of this highly important matter.

Sincerely,

Louise Moore
2438 Battering Rock Road
Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CH-1

This comment letter appears to be identical to Comment Letter CG. The CPUC's responses to comments in letter CG can be found in Response to Comments CG-1 through CG-11. Please refer to Response to Comment CG-1.

Response to Comment CH-2

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-2.

Response to Comment CH-3

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-3.

Response to Comment CH-4

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-4.

Response to Comment CH-5

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-5.

Response to Comment CH-6

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-6.

Response to Comment CH-7

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-7.

Response to Comment CH-8

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-8.

Response to Comment CH-9

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-9.

Response to Comment CH-10

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-10.

Response to Comment CH-11

Please refer to Response to Comment CG-11.

Letter CI: Pearl Munak (February 1, 2021)

Letter CI

2-1-2021

Pearl Munak
3770 N. River Rd.
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Pebert Peterson c/o Tom Engds
Horizon Water and Environment
266 Grand Ave., Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Mr. Peterson:

CI-1 I am a 79-year-old widow living at 3770 N. River Rd., Paso Robles. Two farm worker families also live at this address, consisting of 8 persons, including one 5-year-old and 5 young adults. We fear that we will be impacted by the proposed PG+E high-power line in this area.

CI-2 Could you please tell me where the line runs in relation to my property? My southern property line is also the city limit of Paso Robles.

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CI-3 Can you please get a plan of my property?
 On a small, low hill in the middle-back of
 it are 3 mobile homes where we all live.
 KPRC radio station has built a radio
 tower near the city line on the back (East)
 side of my property. A cell phone company
 has an easement for a cell phone tower
 (disguised as a tree) toward the west side of my
 property. Will these two towers be impacted
 by the high power line?

CI-4 Was the PVC appraised the route? To
 whom can I appeal?

CI-5 Please help me. My 80-ac. farm has been
 heavily impacted by the loss of sales of produce
 to restaurants and I have lost 90% of my
 income. Thank you so much.
 Sincerely, Paul Murch

Response to Comment CI-1

This comment expresses concern that commenter and residents would be impacted by the Proposed Project. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR accuracy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted.

Response to Comment CI-2

This comment requests clarity as to where the Proposed Project power line alignment is located in relation to the commenter's property line. The EIR includes figures showing the Proposed Project alignment; in particular, Figure 2-7 (refer to Volume 1 of this FEIR) includes a detailed view of the Proposed Project including the 70 kV power line alignment and proposed pole locations. For information related to the distance(s) between individual properties and the Proposed Project and alternatives, an interactive web map can be viewed at the following website:

<https://horizonh2o.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=2797fd90d3db4a3f8c6a287da3d20e9c>.

The web map allows commenters to insert their property address and/or find their property and see how and whether the Proposed Project and alternatives may cross individual properties. The property address included in Comment CI-2 is located at the north-westerly corner of the proposed 70 kV power line alignment described for the Proposed Project, before the alignment turns south along North River Road.

Response to Comment CI-3

The commenter requests "a plan" of their property and asks whether two towers on her property would be impacted by the Proposed Project. The CPUC cannot provide specific design plans intended for individual properties. Nevertheless, the Proposed Project Applicants have not described construction work that involves the removal of an existing cell phone or radio tower located on the commenter's property.

Response to Comment CI-4

The commenter asks whether the CPUC has approved the route and to whom one could appeal the decision. At this time, the CPUC has not approved nor denied approval for construction of the Proposed Project or an alternative. A proposed decision, once prepared, will be published for comments on the CPUC's website at least 30 days prior to the commission meeting where it will be scheduled for a vote. The CPUC will consider and vote on a proposed decision in conjunction with the certification of this FEIR at an open commission meeting. To see a timeline of the environmental process, please refer to the project website at <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/horizonh2o/estrella/index.html>. After the FEIR is complete, the CPUC Commissioners will approve, deny, or conditionally approve the Proposed Project; to see detailed information regarding the CPUC decision and review process visit their website at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/infrastructure/permitting-and-environmental-review/cpuc-decision-and-review-process>. Lastly, this letter and these concerns will be shared with the CPUC decisionmakers; however, individuals can also become a party to the proceeding. Information on how to do this can be found here: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking/cpuc-public-participation-hearings/methods-for-becoming-a-party-to-a-proceeding>.

As discussed in Chapter 1, *Introduction*, in Volume 1 of this FEIR, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15022, CEQA's basic purposes are to:

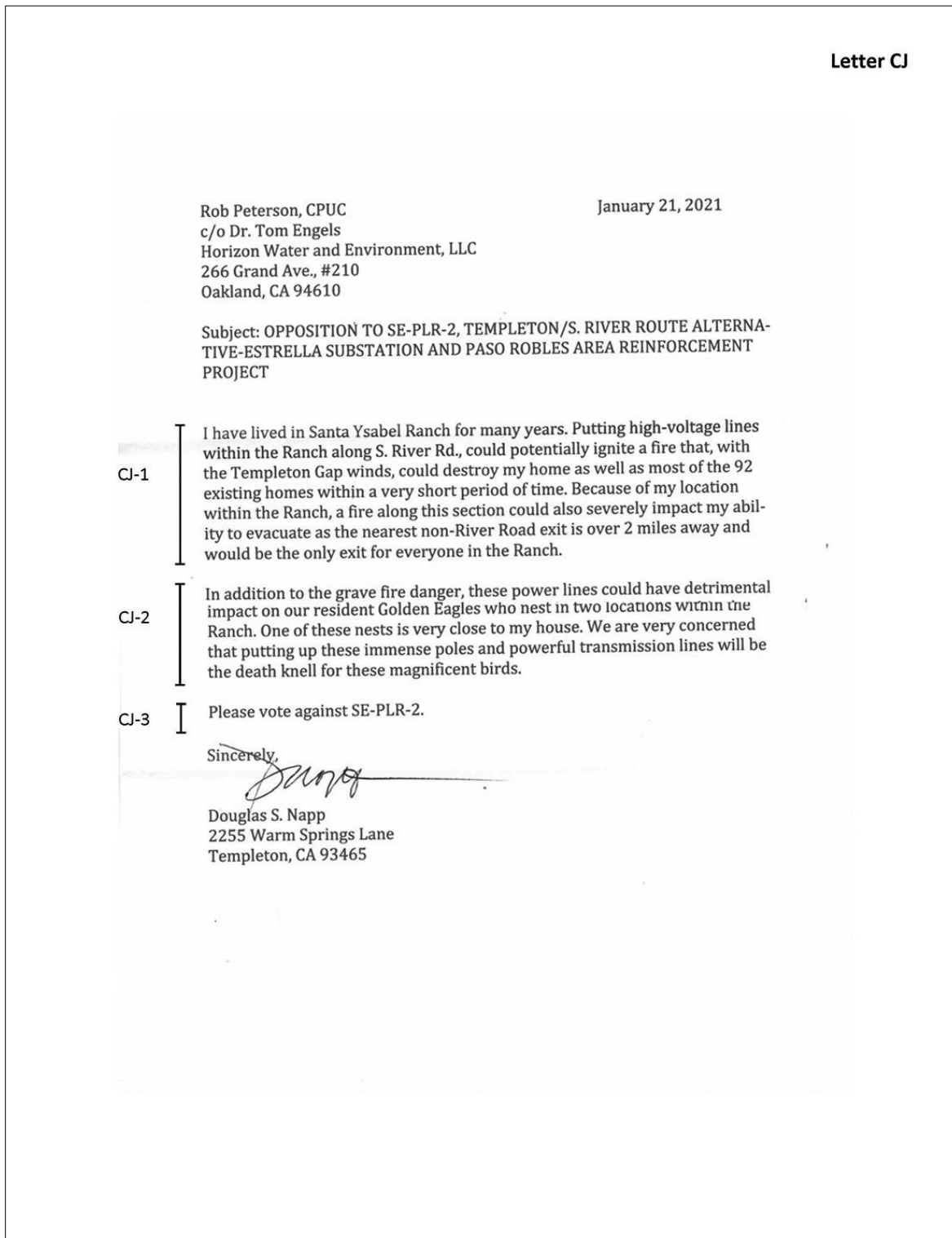
1. Inform governmental decision-makers and the public about the potential, significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
2. Identify the ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.
3. Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the government agency finds the changes to be feasible.
4. Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

With certain strictly limited exceptions, CEQA requires all state and local government agencies to consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority *before* approving or carrying out those projects.

This EIR was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (as amended) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.). CPUC will use the analyses presented in the EIR, the public response to it, and the whole of the administrative record to evaluate the Proposed Project's environmental impacts and to further modify, approve, or deny approval of the Proposed Project.

Response to Comment CI-5

This comment requests rejection of Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. Thank you for your comment.

Letter CJ: Douglas S Napp (January 21, 2021)

Response to Comment CJ-1

The comment alleges that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route could ignite a wildfire that could result in impacts on residents within Santa Ysabel Ranch. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also alleges that evacuation routes/ability in the area may be substantially and adversely affected in the event of wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CJ-2

The comment expresses concern over the transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 and the effects they will have on golden eagles. For the CPUC's responses to concerns about golden eagles, refer to Master Response 9.

Response to Comment CJ-3

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CK: Margaret Northrop (January 14, 2021)

Letter CK

January 14, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC
 % 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

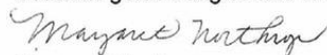
Dear Dr. Engels,

CK-1 I am appalled at the thought of having transmission lines along South River Road in Templeton. We are already in a high fire area with rolling oak covered hills and many high end homes. Please do not put the homeowners at an even higher risk of fire.

CK-2 Every day I watch the golden eagles fly above and around South River Road, as they nest in our trees year after year. Transmission lines would be deadly to these magnificent birds. Please do NOT put transmission lines in this area!

CK-3 South River Road is a narrow, windy 2 lane road and cars travel this at a high rate of speed. We have had at least 3 motor vehicle accidents where the cars have breached the perimeter of the fence line in the past 5 years. If there had been transmission lines there, who knows what the consequences would have been.

CK-4 In this day of technology, why are above ground transmission lines even used anymore? Please do not put transmission lines along South River Road for the sake of fire safety, for the sake of our beautiful golden eagles and for the safety of the people living here.



Margaret Northrop

2370 Battering Rock Rd.
 Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CK-1

The comment alleges that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would increase wildfire risk. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CK-2

The comment expresses concern about the transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 and their potential effect on golden eagles. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding golden eagles, refer to Master Response 9.

Response to Comment CK-3

This comment expresses concerns regarding the potential for vehicle accidents along South River Road and associated potential impacts to the transmission line along this roadway. As described in the EIR, implementation of Mitigation Measure TR-1 (Construction Traffic Control Plan) would minimize potential transportation safety hazards during construction of Alternative SE-PLR-2 by requiring that HWT and PG&E implement a Construction Traffic Control Plan.

With respect to the potential for motor vehicles to potentially impact the transmission line poles once installed, the TSPs and LDSPs that would comprise the 70 kV power line under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would provide reasonable resistance to vehicle impact, consistent with industry standards, including compliance with the National Electricity Safety Code (Shi 2019).

Response to Comment CK-4

The commenter questions why above ground transmission lines are used and reiterates concerns regarding wildfire and golden eagles. Refer to Response to Comment CK-1 through CK-3 for a response to these concerns. The comment also generally states concern for the safety of the people living in Templeton. Master Responses 1, 2, 4, and 6 each address a different safety concern; please refer to each of these master responses for a detailed discussion on safety concerns regarding the Proposed Project. Please also refer to Master Response 8 for discussion of the need for the Proposed Project and alternatives considered for a discussion of the considerations related to above ground and underground transmission lines for the Proposed Project and alternatives.

Letter CL: Ronald Northrop (January 14, 2021)

Letter CL

January 14, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC
 % 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,

CL-1

I am appalled at the thought of having transmission lines along South River Road in Templeton. We are already in a high fire area with rolling oak covered hills and many high end homes. Please do not put the homeowners at an even higher risk of fire.

CL-2

Every day I watch the golden eagles fly above and around South River Road, as they nest in our trees year after year. Transmission lines would be deadly to these magnificent birds. Please do NOT put transmission lines in this area!

CL-3

South River Road is a narrow, windy 2 lane road and cars travel this at a high rate of speed. We have had at least 3 motor vehicle accidents where the cars have breached the perimeter of the fence line in the past 5 years. If there had been transmission lines there, who knows what the consequences would have been.

CL-4

In this day of technology, why are above ground transmission lines even used anymore? Please do not put transmission lines along South River Road for the sake of fire safety, for the sake of our beautiful golden eagles and for the safety of the people living here.

Ronald Northrop
 Ronald Northrop

2370 Battering Rock Rd.
 Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CL-1

Comment Letter CL is an exact duplicate of Comment Letter CK. Thus, please refer to Response to Comment CK-1.

Response to Comment CL-2

Please refer to Response to Comment CK-2.

Response to Comment CL-3

Please refer to Response to Comment CK-3

Response to Comment CL-4

Please refer to Response to Comment CK-4.

Letter CM: Joseph Ozmina (January 14, 2021)**Letter CM**

Rob Peterson, CPUC
 c/o Dr. Tom Engels
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
 266 Grand Ave., #210
 Oakland, CA 94610

January 14, 2021

Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/S. RIVER ROUTE
 ALTERNATIVE-ESTRELLA SUBSTATION AND PASO ROBLES AREA
 REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Peterson and Dr. Engels,

CM-1 | I am extremely opposed to this Alternative because of the potential for a catastrophic fire along S. River Road caused by these transmission lines. As a member of in Santa Ysabel Ranch community, our personal safety would be put at risk if that fire blocked the two exits from the Ranch onto S. River Road, leaving only one exit, over 2 miles away. The erratic and powerful Templeton Gap winds which blow through our Santa Ysabel Ranch community would potentially exacerbate the fire threat.

CM-2 | Having read the EIR and listened to the December 15, 2020 Zoom meeting to discuss it, it is apparent that the above referenced Alternative is the most expensive (Cost Comparison Table 5-3) when the cost to upgrade the Templeton Substation is factored in. As mentioned above, it is also the most at risk for fire. In addition, it is also the most impactful to the natural beauty of the area as it would require the removal of many Heritage Oaks and would impact our resident Golden Eagles and other wildlife.

CM-3 |

CM-4 | Please vote against this option.

Respectfully,



Joseph Ozmina
 2655 Warm Springs Lane (Lot 46)
 Templeton, CA 93465
 805-910-8784

Response to Comment CM-1

The comment expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route and alleges that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 could result in a wildfire. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CM-2

The comment states that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is the most expensive alternative when the cost to upgrade the Templeton Substation is factored in. Note that costs are generally not considered as part of the alternatives screening and development process for an EIR, except in so far as whether an alternative may be so costly as to be infeasible. None of the alternatives carried forward for analysis in the EIR have been found to be economically infeasible. This comment did not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CM-3

The comment expresses concern about the Alternative SE-PLR-2 and the impacts it will have on golden eagles and heritage oaks. For CPUC's responses to comments and concerns regarding golden eagles and heritage oaks, refer to Master Responses 9 and 10, respectively.

Response to Comment CM-4

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CN: Tracey Ozima (January 14, 2021)

Letter CN

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Dr. Tom Engels
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
266 Grand Ave., #210
Oakland, CA 94610

January 14, 2021

Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/S. RIVER ROUTE
ALTERNATIVE-ESTRELLA SUBSTATION AND PASO ROBLES AREA
REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Peterson and Dr. Engels,

CN-1 [Please oppose this Alternative. The potential for a catastrophic fire along S. River Road caused by these transmission lines is very high due to the erratic and powerful Templeton Gap winds which blow through our Santa Ysabel Ranch community. The entire Alternative route along S. River Road is in a designated High Fire Hazard Zone.

CN-2 [The S. River Road route runs along a known earthquake fault requiring that twenty oversized pylons (80-90' tall) would be erected within the Ranch, one in front of our house. This is unacceptable both for visual and financial reasons.

CN-3 [Please vote against this option.

Sincerely,



Tracey Ozmina
2655 Warm Springs Lane (Lot 46)
Templeton, CA 93465
805-439-4571

Response to Comment CN-1

This comment expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route, alleging the transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk because the existing conditions of the Santa Ysabel Ranch area making it susceptible to fire and due to the area's designation as a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CN-2

This comment notes that the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment would run along a known earthquake fault. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Rinconada Fault Line's proximity to Alternative SE-PLR-2, please refer to Master Response 1.

The comment expresses general concern related to visual and "financial reasons" as a result of transmission pole sizing and placement. The comment does not elaborate on specific concerns related to these topics. In response to general concerns related to aesthetics, the commenter is directed to Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of this FEIR, which includes a detailed analysis of potential adverse impacts of Alternative SE-PLR-2 on visual resources on pages 4.1-53 and 4.1-54. Additionally, note that CEQA is primarily concerned with a Project's effects on public views and not private residential views. (Refer to *Mira Mar Mobile Community v. City of Oceanside* [2004] 119 Cal.App.4th 477.) In response to comments related to financial impacts, please refer to Master Response 7. CEQA requires an analysis of physical impacts to the environment; it does not require analysis of social and economic impacts. Under CEQA, "an economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15131, 15382.) "Financial reasons", including changes to property values, in and of themselves are not physical impacts required to be included in a CEQA analysis and is not encompassed in a resource topic that is included in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. There is no evidence, and commenters do not provide any evidence, to support the assertion that potentially significant changes to the physical environment would result from economic effects of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For this reason, this comment raises an issue that is considered outside the scope of analysis required by CEQA.

Response to Comment CN-3

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CO: Peter and Erika Palm (January 6, 2021)

Letter CO

Erika

From: Pete Palm <pete@teamwpd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Erika Palm
Subject: FW:

From: Pete Palm
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Pete Palm <pete@teamwpd.com>
Subject: RE:

From: Pete Palm
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Erika Palm <erikay112@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:

To Robert Peterson CPUC,
 c/o Tom Engels,

CO-1 | We are writing to you to have on record our concern about the Estrella Substation project in San Luis Obispo county. We are home owners on Warm Springs Ln, Templeton which runs parallel to the South River Road route that is in consideration. We have many many concerns about this route and its life changing impact on our family.

CO-2 | 1. The increased amount of fire risk. There is lots of open space and being a high wind area having more power lines nearby increases the danger immensely.

CO-3 | 2. Our exit route for 120 homes in a fire is out South River Road, with the winds blowing every night in a western direction it guarantees our exit is out this gate. We will now have high power lines that have the potential of blocking 120 families from exiting. Mass casualties....

CO-4 | 3. The power lines will be within 100 feet of our home, causing health effects. My wife is a 2 time survivor of cancer and this would endanger her even further. We have many studies by outside entities that show the correlation between high voltage lines and cancer rates.

CO-5 | 4. Our wild life, the golden eagles, the beaver colony, the owls, bats, quail and many other protected species will be adversely effected.

CO-6 | 5. This is a small aircraft fly over area, there will be a need to have lights on the top of the poles which will affect our home environment even further.

CO-7 | 6. Our home owners insurance says they will cancel our policy if we are located this close to high voltage lines.

CO-8 | 7. The immediate financial impact it will have on our home, decreasing the value to a point that we could be forced into bankruptcy.

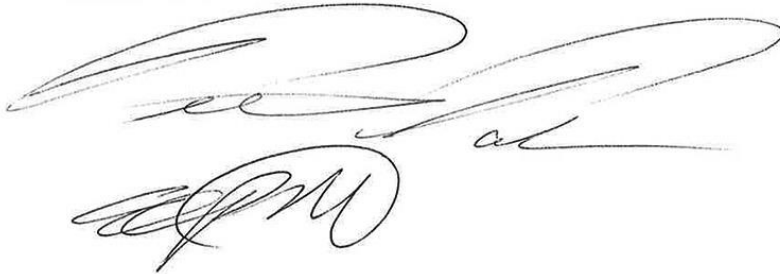
CO-9 | These are my families concerns, but as a citizen of my town I have other concerns also. The clarity to the purpose of this project is very cloudy, there is no correlation to the need for this much more power. We would like a clear understanding of what is actually being powered today and 5 years in the future. The amount of power and whether it is public or private?

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CO-10 | It is confusing to our community as to why the large increase in capacity when we have a net loss in population and no large industry in our area. We all have also been sold solar under the premises that our efforts would eliminate the need for high powered high voltage lines, were we sold a bill of goods by our politicians?

CO-11 | Please take these items under consideration as you move forward with this project.

MR and MRS. Peter Palm
2125 Warm Springs Lane
Templeton, CA 93465

Handwritten signatures of MR and MRS. Peter Palm, consisting of two large, overlapping cursive signatures and a smaller signature below them.

Response to Comment CO-1

The commenters provide an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment does not raise issues of EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CO-2

The comment alleges that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CO-3

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6.

Response to Comment CO-4

This comment expresses concerns related to construction of high voltage towers and power line infrastructure near the commenter's community along Alternative SE-PLR-2. Specifically, the commenter mentions concerns related to EMF and effects on human health (e.g., cancer). For the CPUC's response to concerns related to EMF, please refer to Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CO-5

The commenter expresses concern about the Alternative SE-PLR-2 and its potential impacts to wildlife. The EIR discusses APMs and mitigation measures in Section 4.4, "Biological Resources" (refer to Volume 1 of this FEIR) that would be implemented for Alternative SE-PLR-2 to ensure that impacts to wildlife are avoided and/or minimized. Some applicable measures that will be implemented include special status species pre-construction surveys; compensation for any impacts to special status plant species; monitoring of ground disturbance by a biologist adjacent to any sensitive habitat; the preparation and implementation of a worker environmental awareness program; as well as many measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation, fugitive dust, release of hazardous materials that could adversely affect habitat or species. For a detailed discussion of all measures placed on Alternative SE-PLR-2, refer to pages 4.4-74 to 4.4-76 in Volume 1 of the FEIR. Refer to the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding golden eagle in Master Response 9.

Response to Comment CO-6

The comment expresses concern about the lights that allegedly would be placed on top of the proposed poles for aircraft safety and their effects on the commenter's home environment.

In response to this comment, please note that lighting is not required or proposed on top of poles. As described in the Applicants' PEA (NEET West and PG&E 2017; page 3.8-21), in accordance with the criteria in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and 14 CFR 77.9, the Applicants filed a Notice of Proposed Construction and Alteration Application for the Proposed Project and the FAA determined that the new power line segment does not exceed

FAA obstruction standards and no marking and/or lighting is required (FAA 2016). Power poles under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would vary in height depending on their location and purpose, but typically would range between 80 and 90 feet, which is similar in height to the Proposed Project 70 kV power line. Thus, these poles are not anticipated to require lighting. FAA requires that “any temporary or permanent structure, including all appurtenances, that exceeds any obstruction standard contained in 14 CFR Part 77 or an overall height of 200 feet (60.96m) above ground level (AGL) should be marked and/or lighted.” (FAA 2020)

Response to Comment CO-7

This comment states that the commenter’s homeowner’s insurance policy would be cancelled in response to construction of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC’s response to this comment, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CO-8

This comment expresses concerns regarding potential for the commenter’s property value to decrease. For the CPUC’s response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CO-9

This comment requests clarity as to the Project purpose, “a clear understanding of what is actually being powered today and 5 years in the future”, the “amount of power”, and “whether it is public or private.” For the CPUC’s response to comments regarding the need for the Proposed Project, please refer to Master Response 8. For information on the current electrical system, please refer to Section 2.1, “Proposed Project Purpose, Need, and Objectives” within Chapter 2, *Project Description*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR. Lastly, PG&E and HWT are private companies that provide a public utility that is regulated by the CPUC.

Response to Comment CO-10

This comment further questions the need for the Proposed Project, including the apparent increase in capacity when there is a net loss in population and no large industry in the Templeton area. In response to comments related to the Proposed Project need, please refer to Master Response 8.

Response to Comment CO-11

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC’s decisionmakers.

Letter CP: Parkin Family (February 22, 2021)**Letter CP**

The Parkin Family
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February 22, 2021

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Re: Estrella Substation Project Public Comment

Dear CPUC,

CP-1 | I'm submitting this letter in opposition to the proposed route of the 70kV transmission line component of the Estrella Substation Project.

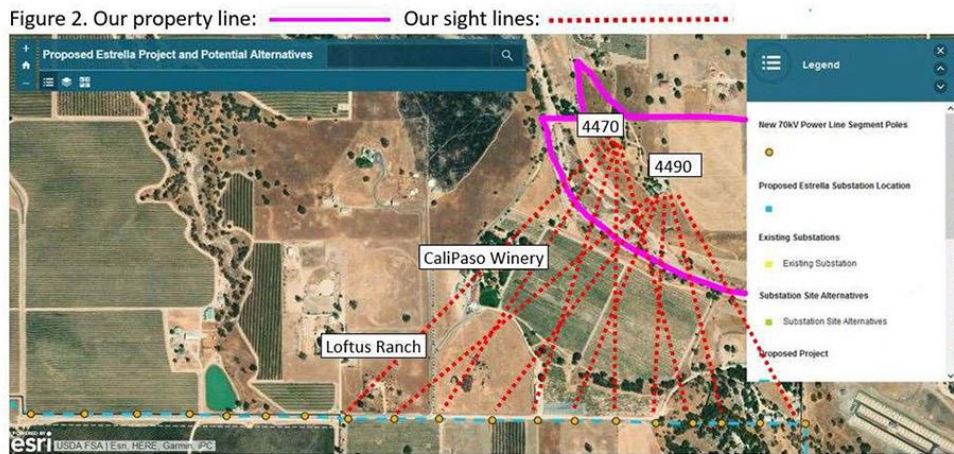
CP-2 | My name is Rebecca Parkin. (Please redact my name and address if this will be published publicly.) I'm writing on behalf of my family. We own nearly 70 acres on Buena Vista Drive in Paso Robles, California. There are two homes on our property. The addresses are 4470 and 4490 Buena Vista Drive. My mother and I reside at 4490. A tenant resides at 4470.

CP-3 | My family has owned this property for 66 years. My grandparents moved here in 1955. My four siblings and I were raised on the property. My mother and I still live here. My grandparents and father are deceased. Some of my siblings plan to return in retirement with their spouses. They visit frequently with my nieces and nephews, who are the fourth generation to enjoy the property.

CP-4 | Over the years, we have seen a lot of development around Buena Vista Drive. Most of it has been small-to-medium scale, and it hasn't devastated the natural beauty of our neighborhood. This would not be the case with the extremely tall, completely incongruent, 70kV line.

CP-5 | Our home is located at the top of Figure 1, on the next page. Our sight lines are illustrated in Figure 2.

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Because our sight lines would run perpendicular to the 70kV line, the proposed route would ruin the southwestward, panoramic view from our home. However, for my family, this isn't just a view, it's the backdrop of our lives.

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CP-6 | The 70kV line would loom in the background of every gathering, every barbeque, every ordinary day. There isn't an area on our property from which the line would not be visible. We have 66 years of hard work invested in this property, not to mention hundreds of thousands of dollars. We do not want it laid to waste by this oversized, 70kV line.

CP-7 | Although our neighborhood is rural, it's enjoyed by many.
CaliPaso Winery has a popular inn and wedding venue. The 70kV line would dominate the view of their vineyard. In wine country, guests expect beauty. If you can't give them beauty, they will go elsewhere. CaliPaso stands to lose significant annual revenue with the loss of their vineyard view.
Loftus Ranch hosts frequent horse arena and athletic events. Their guests would be disheartened by the 70kV line towering overhead.
Buena Vista Drive bustles with walkers, joggers, and cyclists from the nearby River Oaks housing development, Allegretto resort, and beyond. The 70kV line would ruin this popular route.

CP-8 | I often take photos of our landscape. I created a series of before-and-after renderings of the 70kV line. For ease, I drew three high-voltage wires spanning the poles. Additional wires would be visible on the actual line. Although these photos were taken from our property, they represent the devastating impact to the entire Buena Vista Drive neighborhood. The series begins on the next page.

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cont.

↑ Backyard at 4490 Buena Vista Drive looking south.



Five 70' to 110' steel poles are planned for this expanse.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ Winter sunrise. Same view as above.



Six 70' to 110' steel poles are planned for this expanse. The poles along Golden Hill Road would also be visible, but I did not illustrate them.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ Another winter sunrise. Looking slightly westward.



Seven 70' to 110' steel poles would be visible in this expanse.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ CaliPaso vineyard in the summertime. View from our backyard looking southwest.



The 70kV line would dominate the landscape.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ Hay harvest on our upper field.



Beautiful rural landscape ruined.



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cont.

Morning rain. Backyard looking west.



The 70kV line would be inescapable.



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↑ View from the door to our backyard. Looking west.

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↑ The 70kV line would loom forever.

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cont.



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CP-8
cont.

Looking south from 4470 Buena Vista Drive.



Heartbreaking.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ Fall colors in the Huer Huero creek bed.



The 70kV line would tower over everything.



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CP-8
cont.

↑ Haystack in our lower field along Huer Huero Creek.



The 70kV line would always detract.



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cont.

↑ Our road along Huer Huero Creek heading south.



The 70kV line would be forever present.



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CP-9 | There would be no way to mitigate the impact of the 70kV line on our Buena Vista Drive neighborhood. A line of this magnitude does not belong in our landscape. Once built, the damage would be permanent.

CP-10 | The Parkin Family asks you to deny the proposed route of the 70kV line. We ask you to deny Alternatives PLR-3A and PLR-3B because our Buena Vista Drive neighborhood would not be included in the undergrounding. If undergrounding were to extend through our Buena Vista Drive neighborhood, these alternatives would be acceptable.

CP-11 | We ask you to approve Alternative PLR-1A. It has been ranked as the environmentally superior route.

Sincerely,

The Parkin Family

Response to Comment CP-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the Proposed Project. This comment does not raise issues of EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-2

The commenter provides background information regarding their property. This comment does not raise issues of EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-3

The commenter provides background information regarding their family and property. This comment does not raise issues of EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-4

The comment expresses general concern regarding the aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project. For response to the commenter's general concerns regarding aesthetic impacts, please refer to Master Response 3. Please also refer to the analysis in Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR.

Response to Comment CP-5

The comment provides figures showing the location of the commenter's home, the commenter's properties' sight lines, and claims the project will have aesthetic impacts on the commenter's property. This figure provided by the commenter shows that the commenter's property is approximately 0.4 miles north of the Proposed Project 70 kV power line route. It also shows that there is a vineyard, trees, some topography changes, and a creek between the commenter's house and the proposed powerline. These factors reduce the level of impact on this property. Furthermore, as discussed in Master Response 3, CEQA is primarily concerned with a project's effects on public views and not private residential views.

Response to Comment CP-6

The comment expresses general concern regarding the aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project on the commenter's view from their home. Please refer to Response to Comment CP-5.

Response to Comment CP-7

The comment describes other locations and businesses within the general area of the Proposed Project and expresses general concern regarding the concern regarding the aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project. The FEIR describes and analyzes aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project on pages 4.1-38 to 4.1-45 of Volume 1. For response to the commenter's concerns with respect to aesthetic impacts, please refer to Master Response 3. For the CPUC's response to comments related to economic effects, please refer to Master Response 7.

Response to Comment CP-8

The comment describes and includes a series of photographs with before and after renderings of power poles. The CPUC cannot consider or adopt these renderings because it cannot assess whether the placement or depiction of the rendered drawings would be an accurate depiction of Proposed Project elements. The FEIR provides 23 Key Observation Points (KOPs) that were identified during preparation of the PEA and design process and provide typical views and/or views of high interest or concern of the Proposed Project and alternatives areas. These KOPs and associated visual simulations, shown at pages 4.1-9 to 4.1-26 in Volume 1 of the FEIR, and analyzed at pages 4.1-27 to 4.1-34, were used in developing the aesthetic impacts assessment of the EIR. In addition, the comment expresses general concern regarding the aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project. For response to the commenter's general concerns regarding aesthetic impacts, please refer to Master Response 3. The commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-9

The comment expresses general concern regarding the aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project and that there is no way to mitigate this impact. The commenter is accurate that the FEIR found that, while Mitigation Measure AES-1 (Use Landscaping, Design and Architectural Elements to Complement the Surrounding Visual Landscape) would reduce the adverse effects on the visual character and quality of views of the Estrella Substation site and along the 70 kV power line alignment, it would not reduce these impacts to a level that is less than significant. The language of Mitigation Measure AES-1 can be found on pages 4.1-43 to 4.1-44 of Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," of Volume 1 of the FEIR. The commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-10

The commenter requests denial of the Proposed Project and Alternatives PLR-3A and PLR-3B (strategic undergrounding alternatives). This comment does not raise an issue regarding EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CP-11

The commenter's support for Alternative PLR-1A: Estrella Route to Estrella Substation is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CQ: Sharon Penn (December 28, 2020)**Letter CQ**

December 28,2020

Regarding: Estrella and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project
PG&E Routing of the 70KV Transmission lines

Dear Sir;

- CQ-1 | Once again this letter is to protest the proposed routing of the 701KV transmission lines. All lives matter here in the Circle B Springs Community. We built our home here 29 years ago and seen many changes good and bad. It is sad that the people no longer have a voice.
- CQ-2 | As Mr. Futchey stated in his letter to the CPUC that we do not matter because we don't live in the city limits. We pay our taxes like everyone else. We have gone to meetings, sent letters of protests with valid concerns why these overhead 70KV transmission lines should not be next to us. The high voltage power lines that are being proposed by the PG&E Co. can cause different health issues and may cause certain kinds of cancer {documented by the World Health Organization}. I am a cancer survivor and this is a great concern to me.
- CQ-3 | My question to you is why would you want to put unhealthful transmission lines next to our homes? There are seven other alternate routes that could have been selected ; why this route?
- CQ-4 | Something that has not been mentioned yet is that PG&E Co. found Indian artifacts on the Golden Hill property. We were told by PG&E that we would not have to worry about the power lines going next to us because of the findings. Are you willing to desecrate an Indian burial ground?
- CQ-5 | I pray that you would reconsider your decision and choose an alternate route. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Penn
3915 Golden Hill Rd.
Paso Robles, Calif. 93446

Response to Comment CQ-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the Proposed Project. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CQ-2

This comment expresses concerns related to construction of high voltage towers and power line infrastructure near the commenter's residence. Specifically, the commenter mentions concerns related to EMF and effects on human health (e.g., cancer).

For the CPUC's response to concerns related to EMF, please refer to Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CQ-3

This comment asks why the Proposed Project route was selected (instead of any of the other alternative routes), pointing out the effects related to EMF on residential homes adjacent to the alignment. The Applicants chose the proposed power line route, rather than the CPUC. According to the PEA, the proposed route and its alternatives were selected based on the results of routing evaluations, stakeholder involvement, preliminary engineering, and environmental resource studies. A description of the proposed route selection process can be found at pages 4-9 to 4-10 of the PEA (NEET West and PG&E 2017), and pages 2-2 to 2-3 of the ASR (see Appendix B in Volume 2 of this FEIR). The CPUC is considering the Applicants' proposed power line route amongst other alternatives. At this time, the CPUC has neither selected nor approved the Proposed Project or alternative routes for construction.

For the CPUC's response to concerns related to EMF, please refer to Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CQ-4

This comment raises concerns regarding uncovering cultural resources and burial grounds. APM CUL-2 (Avoidance) and Mitigation Measure CR-1 (CPUC Enhancements to APMs CUL 1, CUL 2, CUL 3, CUL 5, and CUL 6) require that the Proposed Project be specifically designed to avoid significant cultural resources by establishing a 50-foot buffer around the boundary of each respective cultural resource during construction and requiring a cultural monitor be present if any work within the 50-foot buffer is necessary. Furthermore, APM CUL-4 (Discovery of Human Remains) would require that protocols be followed consistent with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 in the event that human remains are discovered. If human remains are discovered, all work within 50 feet of the discovery would cease and the environmental inspector or construction supervisor would notify the County Coroner immediately. If the human remains are determined to be Native American, the County Coroner would notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which would determine and notify a most likely descendant. The most likely descendant would then inspect the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend measures that they feel are appropriate, potentially including scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of the human remains and any items associated with Native American burials.

As described in Section 4.5, "Cultural Resources," page 4.5-20, in Volume 1 of the FEIR, Mitigation Measure CR-2 (Comply with the Legal Requirements of PRC 5097.98) would supplement APM CUL-4 by requiring that the legal requirements of Public Resources Code

Section 5097.98 are followed with respect to discovery of human remains and notification of the most likely descendant.

Response to Comment CQ-5

This comment requests decisionmakers select an alternate route. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CR: Darcel Phillips (February 19, 2021)**Letter CR**

From: [darcel_phillips](#)
To: [Tom Engels](#)
Cc: [Thomas Erskine](#); [Steve Sanchez](#); [John & Freddy Howell](#)
Subject: Santa Ysabel Ranch - SE-PLR-2 Opposition, Letters
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:35:20 PM
Attachments: [SE-PLR-2 letters 2-19-21.zip](#)

Hi Tom,

Attached find the following letters to accompany our comment package:

- CR-1 |
- 1) SYR HOA letter
 - 2) SYR Warm Springs Lane residents letter
 - 3) Cover letter for support letters
 - 4) State Assemblyman Cunningham letter
 - 5) County Supervisor Peschong letter
 - 6) Audubon Society letter

CR-2 | On February 12 you confirmed receipt of 90 SYR resident letters that should also accompany our comment package.

CR-3 | Please confirm receipt of the attached file of 6 letters. If you have any issues opening it, please let me know.

Thanks very much,

Darcel Phillips
Santa Ysabel Ranch Power Expansion Committee Chair
805-227-4331

Response to Comment CR-1

This comment provides an introduction to six attached letters that comprise the commenter's comment letter package. Individual responses to each of the attached comment letters are provided in the following comment letters:

1. **Santa Ysabel Ranch (SYR) Home Owners Association (HOA) letter.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter L.
2. **SYR Warm Springs Lane Residents Letter.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter DV.
3. **Cover letter for support letters.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter M.
4. **State Assemblyman Cunningham letter.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter A.
5. **County Supervisor Peschong letter.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter C.
6. **Audubon Society letter.** Refer to Response to Comment Letter E.

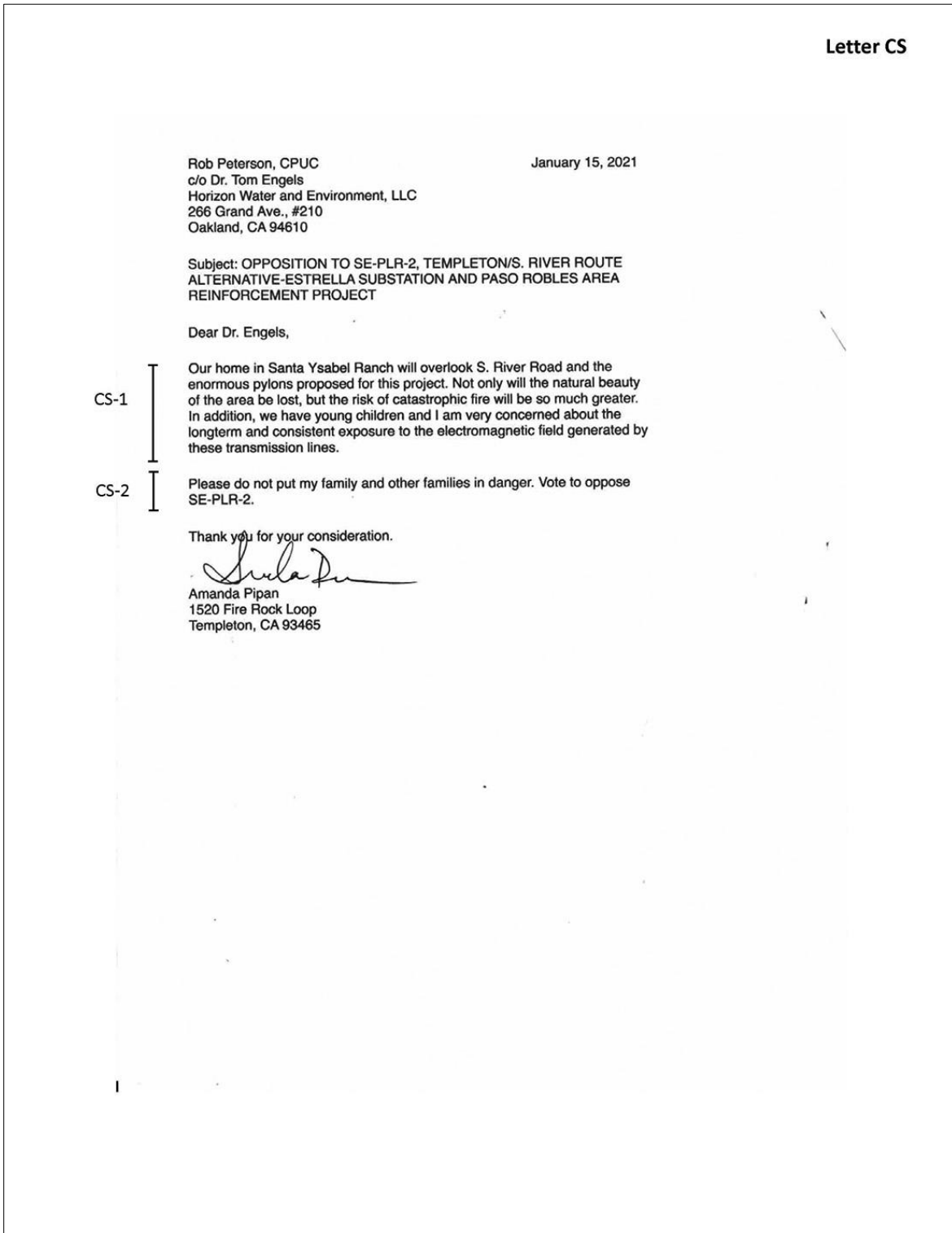
Response to Comment CR-2

The FEIR contains responses to comments received by all 90 SYR resident letters that accompanied the comment package. Refer to Table 3-1 in Chapter 3, *Individual Responses to Comments* for a summary of the comment letters received and the assigned tracking letters assigned to each commenter.

Response to Comment CR-3

The CPUC confirmed receiving six letters, as referenced in Response to Comment CR-1.

Letter CS: Amanda Pipan (January 15, 2021)



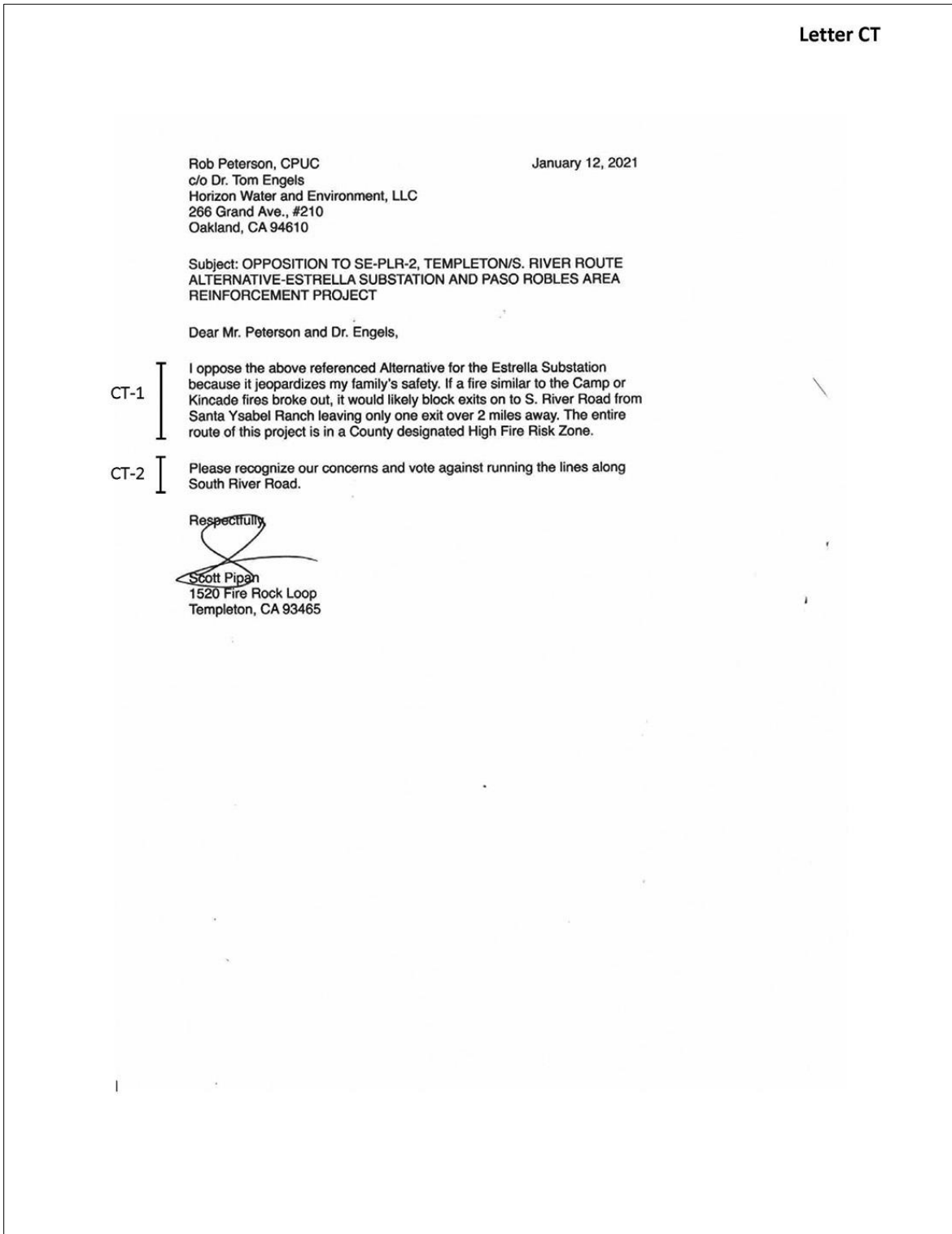
Response to Comment CS-1

The comment expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. Specifically, the commenter mentions general concern for impacts on the existing “natural beauty of the area,” risk of upset related to fire, and long-term and consistent exposure to EMF generated by the transmission lines. For concerns related to adverse impacts on aesthetics, please refer to the impact analysis of Alternative SE-PLR-2, provided in Section 4.1, “Aesthetics,” In Volume 1 of this FEIR. For concerns related to risk of upset related to hazards and hazardous materials and wildfire, please refer to Section 4.9, “Hazards and Hazardous Materials,” and Section 4.20, “Wildfire,” respectively, for the impact analyses of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC’s response to concerns related to EMF, please refer to Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CS-2

This comment did not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC’s decisionmakers.

Letter CT: Scott Pipan (January 12, 2021)



Response to Comment CT-1

The comment expresses concern regarding wildfire hazard associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route and notes that the route is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CT-2

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is acknowledged and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CU: Karyn L Planett (January 1, 2021)

Letter CU

January 1, 2021

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

RE: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON / SO. RIVER ROUTE ALTERNATIVE

Dear Dr. Engels,

CU-1 Thank you for your kind attention to my letter and my concerns. Simply put ...

I OPPOSE THE SOUTH RIVER ROUTE ALTERNATIVE for the following reasons:

#1 FIRE

CU-2 I have lived through a raging California wildfire. Our 2100-acre ranch burned virtually in its entirety in 3.5 hours despite the heroic efforts of 600 firefighters in 50 fire trucks, with 6 planes, many dozer operators, and others. That was with no wind when the fire started. It was catastrophic and I'm still scared.

Santa Ysabel Ranch is approximately 850 acres, less than half the size of our ranch.

Grassland fire travels on average, per CalFire's data, 14 miles per hour.

Santa Ysabel Ranch is approximately 3.5 miles across along South River Road.

Doing the math .. that means our entire community could be wiped out in approximately 15 minutes. And, that's with no wind.

#2 WIND

CU-3 Before moving to Santa Ysabel Ranch, I had heard of the winds in the Templeton Gap. Until you live here day in and day out, especially through the summertime, you have NO CONCEPT of the strong, incessant, as "routine as clockwork" wind we have. Many, if not most, nights we can't sit outside unless tucked up into an alcove at our home. That wind terrifies me if a fire starts.

#3 THE HOMELESS SITUATION

CU-4 Throughout this last summer (2020), there were dozens of fires set, it's said, by the homeless people living in encampments in the Salinas Riverbed, which flanks Santa Ysabel Ranch and is maybe ½ mile from our western border. Due to environmental concerns, the riverbed was not

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cleared of these encampments because heavy equipment, etc. was restricted. After several homes were burnt, the mayor gave the environmentalists one week to rectify the problem or he would take matters into his own hands. He did. Within 2 weeks, the encampments were moved to a more secure environment for the people and the clean-up began. But, as you can imagine, that is not forever and the exact same danger faces us again. So, what does that mean for your project? Any fire started there could burn your power lines and, I imagine, potentially put hundreds of people at risk.

#4 ESCAPE ROUTES

Santa Ysabel Ranch has 3 exits.

CU-5

(1) The Main Gate, South River Road. This exit has four lanes total two outbound lanes (for fleeing residents) and two inbound lanes (for emergency vehicles). It would be directly beneath your high-power lines and, if those lines were down, this gate could potentially be closed.

(2) The West Gate, Santa Ysabel Road out to South River Road. This exit has two lanes total ... one outbound lane (for fleeing residents) and one inbound lane (for emergency vehicles). Escaping residents could access ONLY South River Road from this gate and be directly beneath your high-power lines, and if those lines were down, this gate could potentially be unusable as an emergency exit.

(3) Hanging Tree Gate, Hanging Tree Lane. This exit has only one lane that's approximately 20 feet wide. That means, in a panic situation, the residents of Santa Ysabel Ranch (90 homes X 2 vehicles / home = 180 vehicles) would be forced to use this exit if the other two (under your high-power lines) were blocked. 180 cars trying to get out the exact same lane, and ONLY 20 feet wide, that firefighters and emergency personnel were trying to get in. Note, eventually, the ultimate build-out of Santa Ysabel Ranch is 140 homes .. therefore 280 cars attempting to flee while emergency vehicles are potentially attempting to come in through THE ONLY ACCESS POINT AVAILABLE if your lines block the other two exits. Additionally, on an average day there are another 100 vehicles in The Ranch (constructions, landscaping, visitors).


This exit then takes us to Neal Springs Road, directly under your other power lines. We have no other alternate routing.

If those lines were down, our entire community would be encircled by your downed power lines. Totally surrounded.

#5 OUR ONLY WATER SOURCE FOR FIGHTING FIRES

CU-6 ↓

Santa Ysabel Ranch has two very good wells that supply all our water... to our homes AND to our fire hydrants. At this time, I believe we have a full-time generator at one of the wells and a back-up generator at the second well, but each well is powered by electricity. Should the power be cut, as in a time of emergency or power lines are burned, again I believe someone would have to manually start the generators. I will verify this. But, in an emergency, I believe

CU-6 cont.	<p>people will be exiting The Ranch not running to start generators. Once our water source is totally depleted, which could happen by running ONE hydrant for 2 hours, <u>it will take hours to replenish our sole water tank</u>. And that's only if (1) there's power to the wells, or (2) someone activates the generator(s), or the internet link is not compromised that controls the system. All the while, Santa Ysabel Ranch must rely on the waterbomber planes, water tankers trying to get in as we are trying to get out, and possibly helicopters and firefighters drawing water from 40 pools, here in the ranch, as they have been identified to CalFire on their maps. Tankers for rural fires are, on average, 8' wide and 35' long.</p>
CU-7	<p>Santa Ysabel Ranch Board of Directors, the Management Company and all the homeowners have worked tirelessly to make our community as fire safe as possible and have been commended by the firefighting officials for our actions. We've done a very good job. Our fire roads are cleared, trees are trimmed up 6' from the ground, brush has been eliminated and field grasses mowed but a fire will always find fuel.</p>
CU-8	<p>My story of surviving a wildfire in the state of California is not unique. Many have escaped. Far too many have not because the terrain was a huge impediment. You cannot overlook or dismiss my points. They are defensible. They are valid. And, Dr. Engels, they are terrifying to anyone living here who fears transmission lines in our highly- dangerous wildfire area.</p>
CU-9	<p>And, since moving to Santa Ysabel Ranch, I started the "Community Preparedness Committee" and have worked closely with local fire officials to keep our neighbors as fire-safe and informed as possible. And, they are. We've done all we can to be fire-safe, but a lot now rests on your shoulders.</p>
CU-10	<p>Planes, movie theaters, offices, ships all have alternative evacuation routes in case of an emergency. These transmission lines could eliminate two of the three emergency evacuation routes we have at Santa Ysabel Ranch and that third one is, please remember, <u>only 20 feet wide</u> ... TWENTY FEET WIDE to accommodate terrified people fleeing the fire while heroic firefighters are attempting to come in to fight the fire. And that exit leads us to the shadows of the other high-power lines along Neal Springs Road.</p>
CU-11	<p>This is only a recipe for disaster. If this was an airplane, you'd get off. We can't. This is our home.</p>
CU-12	<p>We ask for your kind attention to our concerns.</p>
	<p>Thank you,  KARYN L. PLANETT 2424 Battering Rock Rd. Templeton, CA. 93465 (805) 369-2229 / (805) 286-2587 littleshot@planettranch.com</p>

Response to Comment CU-1

The commenter expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment did not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CU-2

The comment expresses wildfire concerns associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 transmission lines. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CU-3

The commenter expresses concern with wind and wildfires. Please refer to Response to Comment CU-2. Also, please refer to the discussion of Impact WF-2 on pages 4.20-9 to 4.20-11 in Section 4.20, "Wildfire," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, which considers prevailing winds and concludes a less-than-significant impact.

Response to Comment CU-4

This comment describes fires associated with homeless encampments in the Salinas Riverbed that could affect Alternative SE-PLR-2. Wildfires caused by homeless encampments would not be a direct or indirect impact that would result from the Proposed Project. Consequently, such issues would be out of the scope of the Proposed Project and therefore out of the scope of the FEIR. Nonetheless, for the CPUC's response to concerns related to wildfire, please refer to Master Response 4; also please note that Section 4.20, "Wildfire," states that, "Routine operation and maintenance activities, per CPUC G.O. 95, would include vegetation clearing as needed to provide defensible space while minimizing potential impacts from fires. In addition, a CAL FIRE Air Attack Base is located adjacent to the Paso Robles Municipal Airport (Figure 4.9-2), which would help ensure quick response time should a wildfire occur." (FEIR, Volume 1, pages 4.20-10 to 4.20-11). This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CU-5

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to emergency vehicle access and evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire or another emergency (downed power lines) associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. The comment lists and describes three exits for Santa Ysabel Ranch and argues that two of the three could be blocked or impacted by downed power lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's general opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted.

Response to Comment CU-6

This comment expresses concerns regarding generator use and water supply for firefighting if electricity was cut at the existing wells at Santa Ysabel Ranch. First, note that the commenter's concerns are regarding an existing condition that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would not exacerbate. As described in Section 4.15, "Public Services," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), operating as the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, provides fire protection service to the unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo

County surrounding Paso Robles, which would include the areas along Alternative SE-PLR-2. Their resources include airtankers and airtactical aircraft that could deliver fire retardant and/or water to a wildfire in the area. CAL FIRE has indicated that there are several potential water sources in the region that it could utilize depending on the incident (Tully, pers. comm., 2020). Please refer to Master Response 4 for the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines.

Response to Comment CU-7

The comment describes measures taken by the community to reduce wildfires. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CU-8

The commenter reiterates concerns regarding wildfire. Please refer to Response to Comment CU-2.

Response to Comment CU-9

The commenter reiterates the community's relationship with local fire officials. Please refer to Response to Comment CU-7.

Response to Comment CU-10

The commenter reiterates evacuation concerns in the event of a wildfire. Please refer to Response to Comment CU-5.

Response to Comment CU-11

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CU-12

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CV: Evelyn Pohmajevich (December 21, 2020)

Letter CV

December 21, 2020

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC
 C/O Tom Engles, Ph.D.
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
 266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
 Oakland, CA 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

CV-1 I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

CV-2 1. **Wildfire Danger:** *The SRR alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are in the middle of a HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.* High power transmission lines placed along SRR and inside the Santa Ysabel Ranch development present a significant risk to our community, should they fail. Equipment failures of similar equipment, found at fault for the loss and damage in the Camp Fire (Paradise) and the Kincaid Fire (Sonoma/Geyserville) caused significant personal loss/death and property damage.

CV-3 2. **Emergency Exit:** I live on Warm Springs Lane, and am elderly and wheelchair bound. I require assistance to navigate exiting my home and getting in and out of vehicles. I do not drive. The presence of high power transmission lines quite literally in front of my home, that could cause or exacerbate a wildfire further reducing time for help to arrive or an escape, is a terrifying thought. How would I get out?

CV-4 3. **High Risk Equipment:** Our utilities are buried, we do not have distribution poles in our development. Additionally the terrain is hilly and we have hundreds of protected blue and live oaks and grassy areas between homes and sections of the development. The destruction of homes by a wildfire is frightening enough, but deciding to place high power towers that increases wildfire risk known for failure and the cause of catastrophic wildfires, is very troubling.

CV-5 Please consider eliminating the Templeton - South River Road option as an alternative for this project.

Cordially,



Evelyn Pohmajevich
 Santa Ysabel Ranch
 2785 Warm Springs Lane
 Templeton, CA. 93465

Response to Comment CV-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CV-2

The comment alleges that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk and that the alternative is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CV-3

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to emergency response and evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire or another emergency associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6.

Response to Comment CV-4

The comment alleges that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk. Please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CV-5

The commenter requests rejection of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For a discussion of alternatives and alternative selection, please refer to Master Response 8. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CW: Lisa Pohmajevich (December 21, 2020)**Letter CW**

December 21, 2020

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC
 C/O Tom Engels, Ph.D.
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
 266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
 Oakland, CA 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

CW-1 | I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

CW-2 | 1. **Wildfire Danger:** The South River Road alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are both situated entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE, as noted in the EIR. A wildfire could blow into Santa Ysabel Ranch from any and every direction. High power transmission lines placed along SRR and inside the development present a tremendous hazard to our community and lives, very much in the manner that the same equipment was cited in the Camp Fire that destroyed the community of Paradise, CA. The potential for loss of life never mind loss of property make this alternative completely unimaginable.

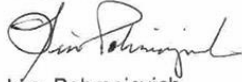
CW-3 | Additionally, SRR is our only escape route out of the development and Warm Springs Lane , runs parallel and adjacent to the proposed line of the high power transmission lines. Should the pole or the lines fail and fall, Warm Springs Lane residents would be trapped without any exit alternative.

CW-4 | 2. **High Risk Equipment:** High power towering transmission equipment similar to the equipment proposed for this alternative, were cited as causal in both the Camp 2018 and Kincaid 2019, fires. Our development is nested amongst 200 year old and older blue and live oaks and some volunteer (avian) planted eucalyptus. The development topography behind Warm Springs Road is hilly. This combination of hilly and highly wooded areas would facilitate potentially explosive expansion of a wildfire should the equipment fail, accelerating fire spread. This could result in Warm Spring Lane residents being engulfed in wildfire from the front and the rear. There would not be any exit option.

CW-5 | 3. **Low energy requirements area:** Santa Ysabel Ranch - along South River Road is located in Templeton, CA. Templeton has minor growth capacity and per the report requires a very limited increase of power resources for future needs. The need and future demand for power is far more significant for developments planned east of Paso Robles. Given the open space and non-high fire hazard zone conditions east of Paso, choosing an alternative that supports the growth, co-located with the development seemingly makes more sense. Providing the minor increase of power resources for Templeton, through newer non-high power transmission lines technologies, is in keeping with the California proposal of advanced energy technologies.

CW-6 I implore you to consider other locations and alternatives for power infrastructure development other than Templeton - South River Road option.

Respectfully,



Lisa Pohmajevich
Santa Ysabel Ranch
2785 Warm Springs Lane
Templeton, CA. 93465

Response to Comment CW-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CW-2

The comment alleges that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk and notes that the alternative is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CW-3

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire or another emergency associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6.

Response to Comment CW-4

The comment alleges that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk. Please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CW-5

The comment asserts that Templeton has minor capacity for growth and limited energy demands and argues that power resources should be located where future development is planned to occur (east of Paso Robles), rather than in Templeton. For the CPUC's response to comments regarding the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8.

Response to Comment CW-6

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CX: Kelly Pope (January 14, 2021)**Letter CX**

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Dr. Tom Engels
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
266 Grand Ave., #210
Oakland, CA 94610

January 14, 2021

Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/S. RIVER ROUTE
ALTERNATIVE-ESTRELLA SUBSTATION AND PASO ROBLES AREA RE-
INFORCEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Peterson and Dr. Engels,

CX-1 | We just moved to Santa Ysabel Ranch for its natural beauty of oaks, rolling
CX-2 | hills and wildlife. I was impressed by the community's concern and proac-
| tive fire mitigation efforts. Putting high-voltage lines within the Ranch could
| potentially ignite a fire that, with the Templeton Gap winds, could damage
| and destroy most of the 92 existing homes and potentially the 142 when
| fully built out within a very short period of time.

CX-3 | In addition, our home at 2055 Warm Springs Lane, is one of the closest
| homes to the proposed high voltage lines. Our home would be in severe
| jeopardy of complete destruction if there was any fire caused by the proxi-
| mate power lines.

CX-4 | Please vote against SE-PLR-2.

Sincerely,



Kelly Pope
2055 Warm Springs Lane
Templeton, CA 87506

Response to Comment CX-1

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CX-2

The comment alleges that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would increase wildfire risk. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

Response to Comment CX-3

Please refer to Response to Comment CX-2.

Response to Comment CX-4

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, the commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CY: Kent Randall (December 18, 2020)

Letter CY

December 18, 2020

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

RE: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Road Route Alternative

Dear Mr. Peterson and Mr. Engels,

CY-1 | I oppose the S. River Road Route Alternative for the following reasons:

CY-2 | **Native American Heritage:** The Spanish Camp and Santa Ysabel Ranch area has a rich and varied history. This area was inhabited for thousands of years by Salinan and Chumash Native Americans who considered the warm springs by the present day S. River Road to have magical curative powers. The Santa Ysabel Ranch has been deemed sensitive for cultural resources, and several sites near the proposed power line are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. There is a danger that construction would disturb such Native American sites.

CY-3 | **Visual Pollution:** The bucolic beauty of S. River Road and the adjacent Spanish Camp and Santa Ysabel Ranch with its large heritage oak trees would be devastated by the proposed 20 massive steel poles and power lines. This is one of the last pastoral routes between Paso Robles and Templeton. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Lake Ysabel on the Ranch was a park-like retreat for visitors to enjoy the outdoors. It would be a tragedy to so negatively impact what remains of this beautiful area.

CY-4 | **Property Values:** Constructing a 70 KVA power transmission line would dramatically impact Santa Ysabel Ranch and Spanish Camp property owners due to the visual deterioration and unknown human health effects of electromagnetic radiation. It is not necessary in order to achieve PG&E's project objectives to destroy property values when perfectly acceptable alternatives exist such as the northern routes which go through agricultural property.

CY-5 | **Wildlife:** Santa Ysabel Ranch has resident Golden Eagles (and visiting Bald Eagles) which will be endangered by these power lines. They could be killed due to electrocution or collision with the power lines, or confused by the emitted electromagnetic radiation. Kit foxes also roam the area and could choose to avoid the electromagnetic radiation from the lines.

CY-6 | **Fire Danger/Resident Safety:** A 70 KVA transmission line will greatly increase the danger of a fire in the Spanish Camp/Santa Ysabel Ranch neighborhoods. This area is designated a High Fire Hazard Zone with fuel provided by the oak trees and dry grass in summer. The DEIR states that construction of the line itself could ignite a fire very close

CY-6
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to surrounding homes. Also, South River Road is near a branch of the Riconada Fault. If a major earthquake were to occur during high fire season, the transmission lines could ignite the combustible fuel and move rapidly into the adjacent homes endangering the lives of residents. If the lines are down, thus blocking the S. River Road exits, there is only one remaining exit for the 140 residents of Santa Ysabel Ranch on Hanging Tree Lane. This too would be the only entry for emergency vehicles into the Ranch. This road is narrow and will not accommodate both residents fleeing and emergency vehicles entering the property. Such a situation would create a major safety issue for residents and liability exposure for PG&E.

CY-7 ↓
In consideration of the concerns above, please do not construct a power transmission line along South River Road. A route north of the Paso Robles airport is a much more feasible solution.

Sincerely,



Kent W. Randall
2250 Iron Stone Loop, Lot #142
Templeton, CA 93465

Response to Comment CY-1

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CY-2

This comment asserts that the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment is sensitive for Native American cultural resources and that construction could disturb important Native American sites along the route. As discussed on page 4.18-13 of Section 4.18, "Tribal Cultural Resources," of the FEIR, no such sites are known to exist along the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment based on a pedestrian archaeological survey, a records search, and consultation with Native American tribes. Mitigation Measure TCR-1 (Tribal Monitoring and Treatment of Tribal Cultural Resources) provides for archaeological and Native American monitoring along this route and addresses treatment of archaeological sites identified during construction. Additionally, APMs and mitigation measures would be implemented as part of Alternative SE-PLR-2, if selected for implementation, which would protect cultural resources, such as APMs CUL-1, CUL-3, CUL-4 and APM GEN-1, and Mitigation Measures CR-1 and CR-2. These measures would include having a cultural resources principal investigator on staff to oversee crews (APM CUL-1); establishing protocols for avoidance and assessment of inadvertent discoveries of cultural materials encountered during construction (APM CUL-3, Mitigation Measure CR-1), and proper treatment of any discovered human remains and notification of a most likely descendant, if appropriate (APM CUL-4, Mitigation Measure CR-2). APM GEN-1 would be implemented to ensure that construction workers are aware of the types of archaeological materials that could be encountered and the proper protocols to follow for discoveries (refer to FEIR, Volume 1, p. 4.18-13).

Response to Comment CY-3

The comment expresses general concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would have adverse aesthetic impacts. For response to the commenter's general concerns regarding aesthetic impacts, please refer to Master Response 3. Please also refer to the analysis in Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR. In addition, as discussed in Master Response 3, CEQA is primarily concerned with a project's effects on public views and not private residential views. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Response to Comment CY-4

This comment claims that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would adversely affect property values. The comment also alleges there would be adverse human health effects from exposure to EMF. For the CPUC's response to comments related to effects on property values, please refer to Master Response 7. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to EMF, please refer to Master Response 2.

Response to Comment CY-5

The comment asserts that golden eagles and bald eagles would be adversely affected by the power lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 and that they could be killed due to

electrocution or collision with the power lines. The comment also states that golden eagles could be confused by the emitted electromagnetic radiation, and kit fox that roam the area could choose to avoid the electromagnetic radiation from the lines. For the CPUC's response to the concerns and comments regarding golden eagle, refer to Master Response 9. An analysis of the potential impacts of Alternative SE-PLR-2 on eagles is included on pages 4.4-74 to 4.4-76. For the CPUC's response to the concerns and comments regarding electromagnetic radiation, refer to Master Response 2. Also, please note that the FEIR includes a map of known locations of kit foxes, which can be found in Figure 4.4-3 in Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR. Additionally, as described in Section 4.4 (see pages 4.4-49 to 4.4-52), Mitigation Measure BIO-1 would be implemented, which includes specific measures to protect kit foxes.

Response to Comment CY-6

This comment expresses concerns related to wildfire hazards and resident safety resulting from construction of Alternative SE-PLR-2. Specifically, the commenter states their concerns related to the area's designation as a High Fire Hazard Zone, coupled with proximity to the Rinconada Fault Line, and the potential for effects on evacuation routes/ability and emergency vehicle access along South River Road.

For the CPUC's response to comments related to increased wildfire risk and the area's designation as a High Fire Hazard Zone, please refer to Master Response 4.

For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Rinconada Fault Line's proximity to Alternative SE-PLR-2, please refer to Master Response 1.

For the CPUC's response to comments related to potential effects on evacuation routes and emergency vehicle access, please refer to Master Response 6.

Response to Comment CY-7

The commenter expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 and preference for a route located north of the Paso Robles Airport. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

Letter CZ: Scott Raven (December 17, 2020)**Letter CZ**

From: [CloudPhone](#)
To: tom@horizonh2o.com
Subject: New Voicemail Message from (559) 891-1990
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 9:47:07 AM

From: (559) 891-1990

To: CPUC Estrella Project - 102

CZ-1

Transcription of Message: Yes, this is Scott Raven. I have 234 Acres that I think might be impacted by this. power line structure. My address is 1885 Santa Isabel Avenue. I've got roughly a mile of river river Frontage on the Salinas River. So I'm not sure if you're crossing my land or not. I cannot tell. I'm against that if you are, but if you could give me a call at 5:59. 2069 7286 I would appreciate it. I thought you were going to go a different route, but I'm not sure if you're going to be Crossing me or not. But if you could call I'd really appreciate it. Thank you.

To download the file, just click this link:

<https://vx.vox.im/serve/6fdf7aaa924e4171cbefbb61e6eb0b47>

Response to Comment CZ-1

This comment requests clarity as to the location of the Proposed Project power line alignment in relation to the commenter's property. The EIR includes figures of the Proposed Project location; in particular, Figure 2-7, on page 2-25, in Chapter 2, *Project Description*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR, includes a detailed view of the Proposed Project including the alignment and proposed pole locations. For information on the distance(s) between individual properties and the Proposed Project and alternatives, an interactive web map can be viewed at the following website: <https://horizonh2o.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=2797fd90d3db4a3f8c6a287da3d20e9c>. The web map allows for commenters to insert their property address and/or find their property and see how and whether the Proposed Project and alternatives may cross individual properties. It appears from the map that the only alternative that would be near the commenter's property would be Alternative SE-PLR-1: Templeton-Paso 70kV Route, which follows the alignment of the existing 70 kV transmission line and which was screened out from consideration in the EIR (refer to FEIR, Volume 2, Appendix B *Alternatives Screening Report*). From the information provided by the commenter, it is not discernable whether the existing transmission lines cross the commenter's property because the CPUC does not have a full description of the commenter's property boundaries.

The commenter's support for an alternative that does not cross the commenter's property is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.