

## DPV2 Colorado River Substation Expansion Project Supplemental EIR Team

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Brendan Hughes and I would like to comment on the proposed Colorado River Substation along the Devers-Palo Verde transmission line. The CPUC and BLM should deny SCE's application because it will have several negative impacts on the desert. First, it will have unmitigable impacts on sensitive species, such as the Mojave fringe-toed lizard, and may even have impacts on the federally threatened desert tortoise. The site is outside of critical habitat for the tortoise, but only a few miles from it. Also, the destruction of irreplaceable cultural resources will occur to build this project. These impacts are unacceptable. Finally, building this substation will facilitate the large-scale destruction of the Chuckwalla Valley by industrial solar plants. This is unnecessary when plenty of rooftops at load centers are available for solar panels, and when thousands of acres of significantly degraded lands are available for solar use. This substation is unnecessary and destructive, and therefore should not be built.

Thank you for your consideration.

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