

## Statement against the Sunrise Powerlink proposal.

I am not in favor of the Sunrise Powerlink project for many reasons and I would like to take this opportunity to state only a couple of those reasons.

The mission statement for the California State Parks system is as follows:

*To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to PRESERVE the state's extraordinary biological diversity, PROTECTING its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

In the strategic vision statement of 2001 for California State Parks the Director states, "This system of parks is being held in TRUST for those generations that come after us."

I do not believe increasing our dependence on foreign energy is to the benefit of the generations that follow. It is important that we address this issue now. We can no longer leave these problems and decisions for our grandchildren and their children. It's time to work towards energy independence. The environmental studies have shown that we can meet our energy needs in the near term with the current energy supply stream.

What we need to do now is move forward to renewable energy. The technology is available. It's already starting. Rather than put time and effort into the polluting technologies of the past we should embrace the future. I believe this so strongly I have installed a photo voltaic system on the roof of my house.

Causing permanent damage to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the Cleveland National Forest and local communities to bring in additional power from Mexico makes no sense. This power can be generated locally on the roofs of industrial buildings, government buildings and our private residences.

Thank you,  
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