

**From: 'gidon singer'**  
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**Sent: Mon Mar 17 18:33**  
**Subject: Fwd: re: the flawed and deceptive sunrise powerlink project**

To the commissioners of the CPUC I beg you to vote against the proposed sunrise powerlink regardless of the governor's support! Similarly to the 241 toll road extension, 3 out of 4 arnold appointed commissioners voted against that damaging project, successfully stopping it! Our state's precious state and national parks the only land legacy with have left, as a the citizen's of this great state, to pass on to our grandchildren. Once we cross the line and let budgets and deficits take precedent, we are doomed to a banal future. I have been going to both the Anza Borrego Desert State Park and the Cleveland National Forest with my parent's starting in the late 1960's and have continued going there with my children and friends, they are California's natural treasures, and they have no replacement, they are one of a kind!! We have many alternatives to meet our energy demands and the need for sustainable energy is upon us, however green energy sources don't allow any provider the right to damage and destroy our parklands, it totally contradicts the whole philosophy of sustainability and renewability! If you read the EIR draft report and some of sdg&e's literature it is clear that, in fact, this proposal has alterior motives. Please read the talking points and information below. **Please feel free to contact me to arrange a weekend camping tour for any of the cpuc commissioners, and even the governor if he would like. I would love to show you why these parks are dear to me and my family and friends. thank you gidon taylor singer**

I am asking your help in preventing SDG&E's proposed sunrise powerlink, a 150-mile transmission line composed of 130 foot high towers, from destroying the timeless nature of the Anza Borrego Desert State Park, the Cleveland National Forest. The project's likely environmental impacts on Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the surrounding wilderness areas are far-reaching and include significant damage to wildlife, natural habitats, cultural and historical resources. Transmission lines and towers would be visible from thousands of acres of campgrounds, hiking trails and wilderness.

Never before in California's history has a state park been opened to construction of a high-voltage transmission line, nor have State Wilderness Areas been de-designated. Both could happen if the project succeeds. This sets a terrible precedent for California and for parks nationwide.

The California Public Utilities Division of Ratepayer Advocates has deemed Sunrise Powerlink unnecessary. And, although SDG&E has claimed the line will carry renewable energy, they recently admitted there is no guarantee. California needs clean, renewable energy solutions. Sunrise Powerlink is not the answer.

Please keep California a great place to live and help us defeat the Sunrise Powerlink project. Because California deserves clean renewable energy solutions --not the outdated, greenhouse gas-causing emissions the Sunrise Powerlink would bring.

- We can meet our energy needs with clean, reliable, locally produced power. We don't need the Sunrise Powerlink. We need [San Diego Smart Energy 2020!](#)
- Once we start using state parks, wilderness, and open space areas for infrastructure, we will soon have no open space, wilderness or parks left.
- Until the 1980s, San Diego produced most of its own power. Why not now? To push the impacts of San Diego's growing power needs onto distant communities and public lands is the height of NIMBYism.

As the draft EIR points out on page ES-25, the Sunrise Powerlink would actually create more greenhouse gas emissions than it would save, even if it carried 100% renewable energy.

- The Draft Environmental Impact Report confirms we don't need Sunrise Powerlink! There are other ways to meet our region's energy needs without destroying Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, state wilderness areas, Imperial Valley deserts, the Cleveland National Forest, or San Diego's backcountry and local communities.
- The proposed Sunrise Powerlink means more fires, more air pollution and more global warming greenhouse gases. The Draft Environmental Impact Report says it all – we don't need this expensive, damaging boondoggle!
- The Sunrise Powerlink would make us more dependent on imported power, increase our energy costs and permanently scar our backcountry communities, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Imperial Valley deserts (including

vital flat-tailed horned lizard habitat), and/or the Cleveland National Forest. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is right – please reject this damaging proposal!

- Please respect the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report – vote no on this polluting, damaging unnecessary project that threatens our quality of life and our great open spaces.
- The team of planners that developed the Draft EIR/EIS is to be commended for recognizing impacts to ABDSP, rural communities, air quality, and greenhouse gas emissions, and for recommending environmentally superior alternatives.
- The best alternatives are those that focus on generation within San Diego. It is unfair for San Diego to push the impacts of its power use onto distant, rural and minority communities. Until the 1980s, San Diego generated most of its own power? Why not now?
- The best local generation is renewable and/or efficient energy of all sorts: energy efficiency in new construction and retrofits, combined heat and power technologies, PV solar for businesses as well as homes, and other forms of distributed generation. The DEIR rejected several of these options when analyzed by themselves. Please take a second look at the "Smart Energy 2020" report to see how all of these solutions would work when taken together. Please analyze this report as a separate alternative in the Final EIR.
- As the DEIR points out, a local mix of renewable and gas-fired generation has the lowest environmental impact of the alternatives studied. However, a better alternative would meet baseload demand with several small combined heat and power (CHP) plants instead of one large power plant. This approach would significantly drop the greenhouse gas emissions compared to the preferred alternative and increase overall reliability by dispersing power generation among many sources. An increase in the photovoltaic component would also eliminate the need for the additional peaking gas turbines described in alternative #1. These adjustments more closely follow the CPUC/CEC loading order than the #1 alternative. A detailed plan based on these elements has been developed for the San Diego region, San Diego Smart Energy 2020. Please include it in the Final EIR.
- After rejecting the Sunrise Powerlink, the CPUC should turn its attention to long-term solutions. For instance, SDG&E's financial incentives should be changed to shift it away from earning money on outdated boondoggles. Instead, regulators should find a way for SDG&E to earn money on local renewables and energy efficiency improvements, while paying residential and business solar net-metering customers for every kilowatt they produce.

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Dear CPUC commissioners

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We do not need this damaging, fossil-fueled transmission line, because there are smarter alternatives. One example is the peer-reviewed *San Diego Smart Energy 2020* proposal, which emphasizes efficiency and renewables, and promises to create thousands of green collar jobs. Please support this proposal instead of the destructive Sunrise Powerlink.

As the first Governor in the nation to sign comprehensive global warming legislation, you have demonstrated environmental leadership. Please keep California a great place to live by helping us defeat the Sunrise Powerlink project and secure a smart energy future for our region. Because California deserves clean, renewable energy solutions --not the global warming greenhouse gases the Sunrise Powerlink would create.

Sincerely,

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