

Header area containing several empty rectangular boxes and a dropdown menu.

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Subject: sunrise powerlink route D

To whom it may concern;

I am formally lodging my complaint regarding the Modified Route D alternative to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project. I believe that running these transmission lines through the area proposed by the Modified Route D Alternative poses several very real dangers.

The first is the fact that these lines pose a huge fire hazard. We in the Carveacre Ranch Estates are quite unique in regards to fire safety and are a high risk community according to the CDF and Fire Departments who have been out here. Because of our high risk situation we have formed the Carveacre Fire Safe Council. A nonprofit organization in which we receive grants to educate ourselves as well as purchase tools and equipment to use in clearing brush from our mountain to create a safer area for all. On top of that we spend thousands of dollars of our own every year and put in countless "clearing/chipping days" not only on our own property but in our community as well, trying to keep the fire hazard down so we don't lose our homes and so we have a safe route to exit when we are evacuated. These towers will raise the fire danger significantly. When the day comes they do start a fire, the towers will not only slow down the ground firefighters but will prohibit the planes and helos that drop water and fire retardant from flying at a height low enough to be 100% effective and will add to the danger the pilots already face while flying into wildfires. This area has very high winds, extreme heat and low humidity. Also know as Santa Anna conditions. The winds are often strong enough to close Interstate 8. All reasons that this area was dismissed by the CPUC after the second round of scoping.

Another concern is for the many native plant species in this area and all the animals that have already been displaced by the countless wildfires this community has had to cope with in recent years, that will be permanently destroyed or displaced once again by Man. I understand some archaeologists did a brief survey of the area a couple of weeks ago in order to produce an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to see if there were Native American artifacts or fossil remains in the area that would preclude using the area for the transmission line and they found nothing of interest to report. How on earth can they determine that so quickly? Besides harming our plant life and animals, any Native American artifacts would not be discovered until the earth was being altered by machinery. It is not as if you will find an ancient Native American basket sitting on top of a rock in the forest. What is the point of having State Parks and National Forests if big business and politicians are just going to re-allocate the land whenever it suits them? One of the big selling point for our property is that it does border the National Forest and no one can build next to us, blocking our view. Now, after living here for thirteen years, that is exactly what you are proposing.

My final concern is health; When my family and I were looking for a home to buy we looked all over the county. We were fond of the Rancho San Diego area but chose not to buy there because of the power lines. I have read many studies on whether or not these power lines cause Leukemia in children and adults. These studies may not confirm the power lines are responsible but none of the studies I have read will go

so far as saying they don't cause Lukemia. A risk I am not willing to take. The studies I read were conducted here in the USA and the UK.

We should not be expected to risk the health of our families by living near one of these towers and there is no way SDG&E can guarantee our family's safety or well being. Nor, will SDG&E make up the financial difference we will all lose on the resale of our homes if these towers are erected. People do not want to live near these things for all of these reasons. Please eliminate the Modified Route D Alternative from your Scope.

Sincerely,

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