

March 2, 2011

Iain Fisher, CPUC
Greg Thompson, BLM
C/O DUDEK
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RE: SCH#2009121079 Joint NEPA/CEQA Joint DEIR/DEIS Public Comments for the East County Substation/Tule Wind. Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Projects

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thompson,

My name is Toni Lee Elliott and I am a Tribal Member of the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. My people once roamed from the ocean to the desert of Southern California and into Northern Baja California, Mexico. My family and ancestors have a direct connection to the McCain Valley and the Jacumba area and once lived there so these are critically important sites for my family. The proposed projects would disturb and ultimately destroy sites that contain cremations as well as ceremonial and religious sites that are scared and date back thousands of years. We cannot lose these sites to development.

Development of the Tule Wind project will exponentially increase the decline and loss of the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagle is an essential religious and spiritual symbol of the Kumeyaay people. The protection of the Golden Eagle as a primary cultural and religious symbol of the Kumeyaay Nation outweighs any potential benefits a wind project would provide.

We need these sites protected from this kind of development. These sites include more than just what is on and under the earth, the site boundaries should include the view shed as these sites have a connection in time and space which includes the surrounding environment and their connection to the sky.

The proposed Tule Wind project will decimate the ancestral Kumeyaay sites in the last remaining Kumeyaay archaeological district and create an unacceptable risk for a significant decline in the local Golden Eagle population. As such the project must be rejected.

Sincerely,



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