

March 2, 2011

Iain Fisher, CPUC  
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RE: SCH#2009121079 Joint NEPA/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 Veronica Santos and I am a tribal member of the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. I have lived on the reservation all of my life and have always been involved with my culture and traditions. I am writing this letter to encourage you to deny the Tule Wind project that will destroy the last sacred sites of my people and endanger the sacred Golden Eagle even more than it already is.*

*The sacred sites in Jacumba and McCain Valley area are the last sacred and ancestral sites of my Kumeyaay people that have made San Diego County, Imperial County and Northern Baja California our home for thousands of years. These sites are irreplaceable once they are destroyed by wind turbines. Some of the sites in McCain Valley and Jacumba are cremation, some are ceremonial, some are religious, but all of them are a big part of our culture, past, present, and future. This project would desecrate the remaining sacred lands that my people lived off of and took care of for thousands of years.*

*The Golden Eagle is a very important part of my Kumeyaay Culture and our Elders told us to protect them and always respect them. Golden Eagles have been a part of many of our ceremonies since before time was recorded. Putting a turbine so close to a Golden Eagles nest would endanger the species even more and could possibly make them become extinct because their population is already so low. This area is some of the last space left for them to go and putting turbines in this area would only limit their survival and reproduction more.*

*There really is no way to explain how important the Golden Eagles and these sacred sites are to my Kumeyaay people and tradition. There will never be a way to restore these sites or bring back a Golden Eagle once there has been disturbance therefore these sites and Golden Eagles must be protected. I have also researched health affects from wind turbines and they are not good. These turbines are not natural to the earth and can only have bad affects on the people, animals, and land surrounding this entire wind project. I understand green energy but not when its going to have more negative impacts than positive. Such negative impacts on so many different levels should not be allowed.*

Sincerely,



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