

March 4, 2011

Iain Fisher, CPUC  
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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 Sirs,


I am a long time resident of the Manzanita Reservation. My wife and four children are enrolled members of the Manzanita Tribe and are direct descendants of the clans oswai, hilmirp and neeix that inhabited the areas of Jacumba, McCain Valley and Carrizo Gorge as documented by our elders and in many writings. I am asking that you deny the above referenced projects especially the Tule Wind Project.

These projects will destroy the Kumeyaay Cultural and Sacred sites in McCain Valley and Jacumba. The Kumeyaay Tribes have not been left with many intact sites due the development of their homelands. I hope that the laws that have been made to protect the Sacred and Burial or Cremation sites of Native Americans will be enough to protect these last Kumeyaay Archeological Districts, but I guess that is left in the hands of the CPUC and BLM and their interpretation of the laws.

The Tule wind project also threatens the Golden Eagles in this area. The Golden Eagles were used in all Kumeyaay ceremonies. It would be a tragedy to have them get killed or for them to leave the area. It is unbelievable that an endangered species can be disregarded instead of protected.

I am asking you to seriously consider whether the benefits of these projects outweigh the devastation they will cause. Please don't devastate Sacred sites, intrude on Golden Eagle territories and industrialize our residential areas all in one project. There are many other renewable energy projects that won't be so detrimental .

Sincerely,



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