

January 8, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94610

Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton – S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels,

I am extremely opposed to the proposed S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

- 1) Fires have been ravaging California for decades and have only become more and more destructive as of late. The proposed route, and its accompanying substation, lie entirely inside a High Fire Hazard Zone. High voltage power lines hardly seem like a safe thing to install in an area filled with homes and large amounts of dry vegetation.
- 2) Power lines are very temperamental pieces of equipment and, as such, could trigger a wildfire during their construction and cause unspeakable amounts of damage to homes both in Santa Ysabel Ranch and along River Road.
- 3) S. River Road is a known wildlife corridor that is home to majestic Golden Eagles. Power lines such as these would not only be destructive for their homes, but the lines themselves could injure or kill eagles.
- 4) S. River Road is home to quite a number of Heritage Oak Trees, many of which would be destroyed in the construction. These trees have been there for generations and are an important part of the landscape.

Please, for the sake of our safety and natural beauty: do not install any power lines along S. River Road.

Sincerely,

