

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
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Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels:

We oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

We believe that transmission lines in a Wildfire area will greatly increase the risk of fire, since Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. The Camp and Kincadee fires were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission lines. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed.

There are several Golden Eagle nests within SYR. Our resident Golden Eagles (and visiting Bald Eagles) would be endangered by high power lines on S. River Rd., a known wildlife migration path.

Growth for Paso Robles is expected to occur north and east, near the Paso Robles airport. Put the substation near the growth rather than at the opposite end of the area. Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth. Our residents should not have to shoulder the burden for the growth in developing areas.

Between the oak trees and dry grasses, SYR is covered in dense fuel for a fire. The hill containing the Blue Oak forest is very steep. These two conditions would make for fast-moving and devastating fire.

We implore you to consider the above. For the sake of public safety and wildlife preservation, please do not put a transmission line along S. River Road.

Respectfully,

