



Sycamore - Penasquitos

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Ms. Blanchard and Sycamore Penasquitos Project Planners,

You have done a great job in finding the most economical and least invasive path to put up the Sycamore power line. I am not a proponent of any visible power lines, but understand the need for an updated and larger infrastructure to accommodate generated power from solar panels, new homes and businesses being built in the coastal area. As a customer, I appreciate that you considered the financial aspects of keeping rates as low as possible and put through a plan that is economically sound. I approve of the plan as put forth and support it.

As a resident of the Park Village area in Rancho Penasquitos, I am relieved that you chose not to bury the power lines under Mercy Road, Black Mountain Road, and Park Village Road. Park Village is the only access road to our community. Construction on the road and at the end of the road (canyon) would limit traffic. Any emergency, or disaster during construction with lanes closed, could turn our community into one like residents in the Paradise Fire in Valley Center faced. They were limited to small roads to get out and some perished. We are a large community with a road that is already too congested at certain times of the day, and busy all of the time. I've seen one accident can close the outgoing lane. We are already anxious about being blocked in. Adding construction and limiting our ONE road would cause more disruption than our community can handle. Thank you for seeing that this alternative would not be viable and putting the current proposal forward.

There is quite a bit of chatter within the Poway / Penasquitos community concerning the power line. Since most people don't read the 600+ page proposal and appendices, the "facts" tend to be like the game we all played as kids. One person whispers to the person next to them and by the time it gets to the last person, the "fact" no longer resembles the original statement. In this case, there is an introduction of cancer causing lines (new poles and lines are actually less EMF), and unsightly (new poles are leaner and will replace many of the uglier wooden existing structures). We would all love a clean view, and no lines. Unfortunately we cannot afford that if our rates go up! We cannot afford to have our canyons and protected areas dug up. We cannot afford to have our communities blocked in due to construction. Hopefully this proposal will go through and the hubbub will die down.

I look forward to having safer metal poles replace the wooden supports in the existing ROW in Penasquitos Canyon. I appreciate the pledge you have made to limit damage and preserve our animals and wildlife through education, observation and strict management of resources.

Please notify me if I can be of any assistance, if this proposal has any changes, and of any upcoming meetings.

Thank you for your efforts.

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