

My name James K Jordan I am married and have two daughters we live and farm in the Route #2 and Route # 6 area. I want to thank you for taking the time to come and hear our comments.

As I read through the Draft EIR I found many explanations of how things are to be done, what type of equipment is to be used, what it is all suppose to look like when done, but I did not see any mention of how people are suppose to operate their farms during construction or how or if they would be able to farm after the lines are completed.

In others words the EIR fails to identify, address or define mitigation measures to offset impacts to farmland and farming practices. The EIR fails to identify or address any mitigation measures to offset the impacts to Hydrology and Water quality.

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As I stated before I make my living from the land, I am a farmer, and in order to farm you have to have land and water both of these items may not be available after these lines are placed. (EIR page 8-12, 13 Impact 4.2-4 and 4.2-5) Sure SCE will pay growers some amount of money for the land, but growers will not be able to recycle or invest that money back into the community. We here in the valley are dependent on one another, the fertilizer company, the trucking business, the propane guy these are all part of farming and this is what the valley's economy runs on, Agriculture. If you doubt that look at the small farming communities who are suffering because of no water or because farming operations went out of business.

*mitigation*

I tell you I have a hard time understanding how placing power lines over prime farmland helps the public, or helps the valley communities. Every acre lost to power lines is an acre that could be putting money back in to the local economy.

It seems unjust to ask a farmer to give up his farmland that drives our economy, and then later charge that same farmer for the power that he has already paid for by giving up the right to make income from that land. This is why I am asking the PUC to consider Route # 3 which has the least amount of farmland impacted. Page 5-4 Alternate #3

Sincerely



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