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## Comments on Sycamore-Penasquitos 230kV Transmission Line Project Draft EIR

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I'm a homeowner in Carmel Valley, and very much appreciate the effort that CPUC as well as SDG&E are putting into making me aware of the proposed changes. I especially appreciate that the material is available online, and is well formatted for review.

After reviewing the DraftEIR of September 15th, I am concerned about the aesthetic impact to the areas around my home that I frequently visit. Referring to Figure 4.2-4 "Key Observation Points", the impact at most observation points seems minimal (replace existing poles with others, or add additional cabling), however KOP 14 and KOP 15 include marker balls which are very visually obtrusive. (This is also the case in some of the other observation points in other segments, but I'm not as familiar with when/how those would be seen, so I'm not going to comment on them.)

The need for marker balls in the currently proposed configuration is understandable, as is the fact that they are highly visible (duh...this was very clearly articulated in the DraftEIR as well). Are there alternatives that would not require the use of marker balls? Perhaps more poles, resulting in shorter spans, that would not require any balls? Or slightly lowering the poles so as to not require marker balls?

I really want SDG&E to be able to do what it takes to provide robust electric service to San Diego, but as-proposed, many of the Segment D changes necessitate marker balls, which are very disruptive to otherwise scenic views - views that make the area desirable to residents, and keep home values high. I would appreciate consideration of alternatives which would remove marker balls in lieu of potentially more poles or other ground-level disruption.

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