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Comments on the El Casco System Project Environmental Impact Report

My name is Marvin Friedman and I live in Sun Lakes and the City of Banning. I am a former Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California and have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed El Casco System Project released on December 12, 2007.

Let me first thank the California Public Utility Commission for commissioning the research from an independent source. The CPUC Project Team is to be highly commended for their leadership.

In addition, my thanks go to the EIR Preparers and Reviewers of the Aspen Environment Group that provided us with professional analysis along with supporting documentation.

In my professional opinion the research is exceptionally well done reflecting the excellent background, qualifications and experience of the Aspen Group.

I want to thank the City of Banning and their leadership for encouraging this research and providing an opportunity to discuss this project at various public forums' in the past and giving the City of Banning Citizens an opportunity to express their concerns.

The recommendations that the Environmental Report concludes for the Sun Lakes community should be accepted without reservation in my opinion.

The Sun Lakes Community thanks all of those involved with this project for the concluding Environmental Recommendation for the Underground Option. The health and safety of our immune compromised senior citizen community is now assured by your forward looking decision.

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I am asking the CPUC, SCE the City of Banning and the Leadership at Sun Lakes to now come together and accept the conclusions of the report.
Thank you.

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- C4-1 ~~Please note that the Draft EIR conclusion that the Environmentally Superior Alternative is the Partial Underground Alternative is based on analyses of all Proposed Project and Alternatives impacts and a comparison of those impacts to each other as required by CEQA (please see Draft EIR Section E for details). Your support of the analyses and findings of the Draft EIR has been noted. — Your support for the Partial Underground Alternative has been noted. The Environmentally Superior Alternative has been re-evaluated and is identified in the Recirculated Draft EIR, Section E (July 2008) as the Proposed Project. Please see General Response GR-1 for a discussion regarding the change in determination of the Environmentally Superior Alternative. The term “environmentally superior alternative” is from the State CEQA Guidelines and is a conclusion that is required to be disclosed in EIRs by Lead Agencies. However, this conclusion is not a recommendation by the EIR authors or CPUC Project Staff, and is merely based on the analysis contained within the EIR. The final decision on the alternative that will be approved is up to the vote of the five-member California Public Utilities Commission.~~