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Re: Proposed Northeast San Jose Transmission Reinforcement Project, DEIR

Dear Ms. Ikle,

After I wrote to you last month regarding this Transmission Project, it occurred to me that a little more information about the bird strike I witnessed might be helpful.

Standing on the shore of the Bay in the Palo Alto Baylands one day, I watched as a flock of white pelicans flew slowly overhead. I was stunned to watch one of the birds crash into one of the high wires that crossed the mouth of the inlet to the Palo Alto Harbor. It struggled briefly, and then just hung there helpless, its body and wing on one side of the line, while one wing dangled on the other.

I hope that we can plan any new project to avoid this kind of tragedy. Loss of habitat and contamination of the Bay's water have caused enough destruction of our native species.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M LaRiviere

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