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Barry M. Jantz

Don Parent  
Public Affairs Manager  
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Dear Mr. Parent:

I appreciate you providing information on SDG&E's plans for a new substation designed to accommodate wind generation projects that is proposed for San Diego's East County area.

In its mission to maintain and improve the physical and mental health of its constituents, the Grossmont Healthcare District is interested in the environmental benefits of producing electricity from clean and renewable sources.

We look forward to hearing more about this project. Please keep us on your contact list as the project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Barry Jantz, CEO  
Grossmont Healthcare District





June 30, 2009

Don Parent  
SDG&E  
104 N. Johnson Ave.  
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Dear Mr. Parent:

**Subject: SDG&E's East County Projects**

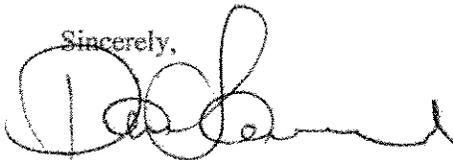
Thank you for sharing the information regarding SDG&E's plans for infrastructure improvements here in the Mountain Empire communities.

After many years of speculation regarding the potential for clean electric generation from the wind that we're so famous for, it appears the reality of large scale wind generation projects is upon us.

As you are aware, there are a significant number of residents in the Campo/Boulevard areas who recognize the necessity of some level of economic stimulation in order to keep our small, rural communities alive. The development of clean power generated from one of nature's natural resources represents the potential for needed economic enhancements.

Please keep me on your mailing list regarding the new East County Substation in Jacumba and the expansion of the existing Boulevard substation. The tie-line planned to run between the two substations represents a significant improvement which will greatly reduce outage times for those of us at the "end of the line". I am personally looking forward to that aspect of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Lawrence", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dan Lawrence

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## California Wind Energy Association

June 26, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

The California Wind Energy Association is a non-profit corporation supported by members of the wind energy industry. We represent our members in California's policy forums, seeking to encourage and support the production of electricity through the use of wind generators.

I would like to thank SDG&E for taking the time to provide information on the proposed East County Substation Project. We appreciate the opportunity to hear about SDG&E's plans to help bring more wind energy to San Diego County. This type of infrastructure is critical to delivering electricity generated by our members' projects.

We look forward to learning more about the East County Substation Project as additional information becomes available. Please keep us on your contact list so that you may continue to provide updates as your plans move forward.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-845-5077.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader  
Executive Director





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June 10, 2009

J. C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for providing the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce with information related to SDG&E's proposed East County Substation project to help bring more clean energy into our region.

San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce serves more than 850 business members representing more than 30,000 individuals in the workforce and actively evaluates infrastructure projects necessary to ensure a robust economic climate for our local businesses.

The Chamber welcomes additional information on this project and would appreciate a presentation to our Board of Directors at some time in the future. Please include us in your updates as the project moves forward.

Thank you again for including the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Cully  
President & CEO  
San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce





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June 5, 2009

Mr. J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for providing UC San Diego Sustainability Solutions Institute with information about San Diego Gas & Electric's plans to build a new substation that would connect to renewable energy projects in eastern San Diego County.

We are interested in learning more about SDG&E's plans to build a new renewable energy substation, especially if there are opportunities for UC San Diego students to develop research projects and/or internships as the plan progresses.

Thank you for including the Sustainability Solutions Institute in your outreach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa R. Shaffer".

Lisa R. Shaffer, Ph.D.  
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June 2, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out to businesses and constituents in the 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District to let them know about San Diego Gas & Electric's plans for a new substation that would place electricity from renewable energy projects in eastern San Diego County onto California's energy grid.

Developing a diverse portfolio of energy sources is a statewide priority, and a new substation that promotes the development of renewable energy projects will also help create jobs, allow businesses to grow and help preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy in Southern California today.

Thank you for providing me with preliminary information on the substation project, and please keep me on your contact list as additional information becomes available.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Anderson".

Joel Anderson  
Assemblymember, 77<sup>th</sup> District



May 27, 2009

Don Parent  
Public Affairs Manager  
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Dear Mr. Parent:

We wanted to extend a thank you to SDG&E for the substantial amount of information that you have provided to our group regarding your proposal to build a substation, designated to provide renewable energy transmission capacity in East County. We at Solar Monkey appreciate the opportunity to learn about SDG&E's plans to help bring more renewable energy to San Diego County, and would gladly support this project through to completion.

As you may know, Solar Monkey is focused on providing government, institutional and commercial-industrial portfolio property owners a solution to minimize their footprint on the environment while maximizing their operational efficiency. Our primary goal is to offer our customers a simplified solution to renewable energy that makes good business sense. Adapting to market dynamics, Solar Monkey has also become an expert in the financing of solar projects and has worked to develop a program which allows clients the option to own or host solar energy systems with no initial capital costs.

As responsibly active citizens in our community, Solar Monkey requests that the construction of this project will be done in a manner that is minimally disruptive to the community and has positive social and economic impacts to the community in which it serves. We look forward to continuing to be a part of the planning process for this new project, and gladly offer our assistance in coordinating future presentations with SDG&E on the status of how the project is progressing.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact me at 949.748.5996.

Sincerely,



Matthew McCullough  
President/CEO  
SOLAR MONKEY



May 26, 2009

Mr. J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for providing me with preliminary information about San Diego Gas & Electric's plans to build the new East County Substation project to connect clean energy to the rest of San Diego County. I have observed for quite some time that power transmission facilities have become a lightning rod (sic.) for unreasoned opposition to necessary change and progress. The importance of reducing carbon in our atmosphere cannot be debated. Nor can the fact that power generation and transmission facilities will be only an infinitesimally small visual impact to an east county view shed that is measured in thousands of square miles.

As a land use planner and environmental consultant I hope to be involved in the process of identifying and minimizing any real potential impacts associated with the development of clean energy projects, and am supportive of the concept to build new energy infrastructure that will help generate electricity from solar, wind, geothermal and even hydroelectric facilities in the region. Please keep me on the contact list to receive regular updates on the status of this project.

Thank you for your time, and please also feel free to call me with questions.

Sincerely,

  
Michael D. Steveris  
President





## **CARRIZO GORGE RAILWAY**

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May 14, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
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San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Carrizo Gorge Railway operates a 129 mile international freight rail corridor reaching from San Diego through East San Diego County to Imperial County, crossing twice into northern Baja California at San Ysidro and Tecate. We operate on the Desert Line of the San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway, constructed in 1919 by John D. Spreckles, a San Diego civic visionary.

Just as this rail line is important to the economic development of the San Diego and Northern Baja California region, so is the availability of clean, reliable and affordable electricity.

Carrizo Gorge Railway appreciates the opportunity to hear about SDG&E's plans to help deliver more renewable energy through a new substation planned in eastern San Diego County, and we look forward to learning more as additional information becomes available. Thank you for providing us with preliminary information on the project, and please keep us on your contact list to be updated regularly as your plans move forward.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Byron Wear  
Vice President, Strategic Planning and Government Relations  
Carrizo Gorge Railway, Inc.

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**Dr. Anil Kane** Ph.D.  
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May 7, 2009, 2009

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Dear Mr. Thomas,

WWEA is a non-profit organization that works for the promotion and worldwide deployment of wind energy technology. Our association is a driving force for the immediate application of a world energy system driven by renewable energies, and we appreciate your work in the San Diego region to advance the development of wind energy projects.

Thank you for sharing information about SDG & E's East County Substation Project early in the process. We believe this type of infrastructure is needed to support wind energy projects on a regional level, which provides a strong foundation on which to build national and international clean energy development efforts.

Therefore, we would like to receive updated information about the ECO Substation Project as it becomes available.

Thank you again for keeping WWEA informed about the project. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to future updates.

Sincerely,  
  
**Dr. Anil Kane**

CC : Stefan Gsanger, Secretary General, WWEA





May 6, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Thomas:

CONNECT is a regional nonprofit organization in San Diego that fosters entrepreneurship in the high-tech and biotech industries. We appreciate the efforts of San Diego Gas & Electric to keep us updated on plans for a renewable energy substation in San Diego County.

CONNECT's high-tech and biotech members depend on a reliable electricity system to remain competitive and to continue leading the nation in groundbreaking research and innovative solutions, and the advancement of renewable sources of energy is an important component in creating a diversified energy portfolio. As a result, CONNECT supports the concept of strengthening our electricity grid while promoting the development of renewable energy solutions.

Please keep CONNECT on your contact list to be updated regularly as your plans move forward with this new substation project.

Thank you for your consideration, and please call anytime with questions.

Sincerely,

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Duane Roth  
Chief Executive Officer









# San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

AFL-CIO

April 28, 2009

J.C. Thomas, Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

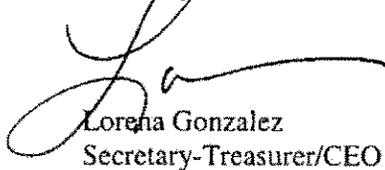
Thank you very much for providing the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, with information on SDG&E's proposed substation project in San Diego County. The Labor Council appreciates the opportunity to learn about the company's planned infrastructure, which will help deliver renewable energy and create needed jobs in the region.

As you know, the Labor Council includes 124 affiliated labor groups and represents the interests of more than 181,000 working families in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Due to the current economic downturn, job creation and job retention are more important than ever to our members, and we recognize that strengthening California's electricity grid is critical to helping businesses succeed and keeping workers employed.

The Labor Council looks forward to hearing more about the economic benefits of SDG&E's proposed substations, transmission line and communication equipment as this information becomes available. Please continue to provide us with updates about the project during the approval process.

Thank you again for keeping the Labor Council informed about SDG&E's project. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 228-8101 x1.

Sincerely,



Lorena Gonzalez  
Secretary-Treasurer/CEO

LORENA GONZALEZ, *Secretary-Treasurer*

MICKEY KASPARIAN, *President*

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San Diego  
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April 28, 2009

Mr. J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC) appreciated the briefing provided about SDG&E's plans for a new renewable energy substation, planned for eastern San Diego County. EDC recognizes the potential economic impacts of the development of regional solar and wind projects. We look forward to helping diversify our electricity grid when meaningful opportunities are presented.

In a time when so many jobs are being lost, it is encouraging to see the advancement of a new industry sector that can create new jobs. The concept of building a substation to connect to local solar and wind projects will not only help create the reliable electricity system that California has pursued for years, but will also strengthens our grid in the cleanest possible manner.

Please keep the San Diego Regional EDC on your contact list to be updated regularly as your plans move forward. We sincerely look forward to hearing more about this exciting project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 619-234-8484.

Sincerely,

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April 28, 2009

Mr. J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
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8330 Century Park Court  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for providing me with information on SDG&E's plans to build a new substation designed to connect with renewable energy sources in San Diego County. As a strong advocate for our region's businesses of all sizes, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce participates in public policy discussions on infrastructure projects that are important to strengthening our economy, creating jobs, and helping our members succeed.

Advancing the development of renewable sources of energy is an issue that is important to members of the Chamber of Commerce, and we conceptually support a project of this type as it will further the development of renewable resources and related jobs in our region.

The San Diego Regional Chamber is interested in staying informed on the progress of this project and SDG&E's efforts to strengthen and diversify California's energy grid, so please keep us on your contact list to be updated regularly as your plans move forward.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 619-544-1311.

Sincerely,

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Ruben Barrales  
President & CEO

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### South County Economic Development Council

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April 22, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

I would like to thank SDG&E for taking the time to provide information on the renewable energy substation project proposed for East County to the South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) Public Policy Committee. SCEDC appreciates the opportunity to hear about SDG&E's plans to help bring more renewable energy to San Diego County, and we look forward to learning more as additional information becomes available. Additional energy supplies are critical to creating economic development opportunities in South County as we try to garner enough energy to remove the power plant from the bayfront and open it up for development.

Please keep us on your contact list to be updated regularly as your plans move forward.

As you may know, the SCEDC is non-profit organization dedicated to the economic prosperity of our bi-national region. A reliable energy supply is crucial to our economic efforts. As such SCEDC will help coordinate a future presentation from SDG&E on the status of how the project is progressing.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact me at (619)424-5143.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gompper-Graves  
Chief Administrative Officer





April 16, 2009

J.C. Thomas  
Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas and Electric  
8330 Century Park Court  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Because of the crucial importance of a dependable, affordable energy supply to economic development efforts in East County, we are requesting that you keep the East County Economic Development Council updated about your efforts to help bring renewable energy to San Diego County.

The East County EDC Council serves four cities: La Mesa, El Cajon, Lemon Grove and Santee, as well as a large unincorporated area in San Diego's East County. Our focus is on primary industry with an emphasis on manufacturing, technology and the supply chain that underpins these important sectors of our economy.

Our board is comprised of prominent stakeholders in both the public and private sectors who take a keen interest in SDG&E's plans for the future of our area. Of course, the East County EDC requests that the construction of this project, which I believe is tentatively called the East County Substation Project, will be done in a manner that is as minimally disruptive to the community as possible.

We applaud your efforts to keep the community apprised of plans as they move forward, and we thank you for the opportunity to be on your contact list.

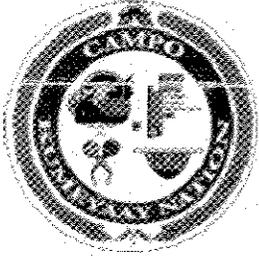
Sincerely,

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Deanna Weeks  
President and CEO

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## Campo Band of Mission Indians

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August 20, 2008

Don Parent  
Public Affairs Manager  
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RE: Jacumba Substation

Dear Mr. Parent:

On behalf of the Campo Kumeyaay Executive Committee I wish to express our conditional support for the 500 kV substation in Jacumba and the looping in of the 69 kV service line from Boulevard.

The Campo Indian Reservation has a long history of service interruptions due to our present "end of the line" service. The looping of the 69 kV line will allow a more reliable service to our community, including our commercial operations.

Additionally, the marketability of our renewable energy resources is contingent on our ability to access suitable transmission. Increased capacity and access to the 500 kV transmission lines will increase the potential for the Campo Reservation people to realize the full benefit of our natural resources.

This support for the Jacumba substation is conditional on the appropriate technical reviews and mitigations as a part of the environmental review process. In particular, we wish to work closely with the evaluation and development processes to ensure that cultural resources are treated appropriately.

Please include the Campo Kumeyaay Nation in all public communications, documents and consultations regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Monique LaChappa  
Chairperson  
Campo Kumeyaay Nation





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July 14, 2008

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Jim Avery, SBP – SDG&E  
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Re: SDG&E's Boulevard Substation Project

Gentlemen:

We are owners of approximately 2,000 acres of land in the Boulevard area north of Interstate 8. We are aware of the needed improvements to the Boulevard area electrical system and would encourage the PUC and SDG&E to support getting Boulevard's system updated to provide reliable service to the community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

  
John Gibson, Project Mgr

