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District Irrigation Resolution

From Joanne Tenney

Date Tue 10/13/2026 10:16 AM

To BoardSecretary <BoardSecretary@vidwater.org>

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I'm writing to say I support the District Irrigation Resolution to oppose the Powerlink.



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Item 5: Please adopt resolution to oppose destructive Powerlink

From Laura Hunter

Date Tue 10/13/2026 7:49 AM

To BoardSecretary <BoardSecretary@vidwater.org>

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Dear Board President and Members,

I strongly support the draft resolution before you to oppose the destructive Golden Pacific Powerlink. The devastation this project will bring to water resources, impacts to cultural and natural resources, and our Anza-Borrego State Park is unwarranted. It will likely facilitate more data centers which have their own impacts to water and energy supply. There are other, less destructive and more sustainable means for powering the future. SDGE should focus on actions that create a sustainable future. Please protect our region and send a strong message that this project is unacceptable. Thank you for considering my comment,
Laura Hunter, Escondido



To: Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors

From: San Diego Sierra Club Chapter

Subject: Support of Resolution Opposing Golden Pacific Powerlink project as proposed

Date: October 13, 2026

Dear VID Directors,

The San Diego Sierra Club strongly supports adoption of a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District to oppose the Golden Pacific Powerlink project as proposed. We are deeply concerned that all of SDG&E's preliminary preferred and alternative routes will adversely impact water supply, water quality, wildfire risk and sensitive environmental areas.

The proposed routes cross District land at Warner Springs, which overlies the Warner Valley Groundwater Basin and drains to Lake Henshaw. Heavy construction or easement restrictions could result in impacts to local water supply, contaminants entering the lake, and restrictions on managing the system. Towers of nearly 200 feet, 200 - 250 foot easements, construction activity, and a permanent high-voltage line in a fire-prone backcountry area all raise wildfire ignition and access concerns. SDG&E's proposed routes would adversely affect sensitive environmental areas, biological resources, and recreation. Large-scale clearing, access roads, and tower foundations would fragment habitat and degrade open space.

Every preliminary route for SDG&E's Golden Pacific Powerlink crosses Vista Irrigation District land at Warner Springs, threatening a critical local water supply, a fire-prone backcountry landscape, and sensitive habitat. The San Diego Sierra Club urges the Vista Irrigation District Board to adopt the resolution, and we call on SDG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission to work with the District and affected communities to identify alternative alignments that avoid these impacts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Askeland

Conservation Chair

San Diego Sierra Club

From: Julie Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 11:44 AM
To: Elizabeth Xaverius
Subject: Re: Public Comment

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Thank you, Elizabeth, for sending me the enclosed information.
In my review of the Vista Irrigation District's Staff Report of the Golden Pacific Powerlink as well of the proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District Opposing the Golden Pacific Powerlink Project...I AM IN TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE BOARD TO PASS AND ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION.

I will be attending the Board Meeting tomorrow to support our community and the VID Board of Directors.

Julie

Julie Johnson
Founder
Conversations/Innovations
Next Steps





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Support for Item # 5 Golden Pacific Powerlink Opposition

From Diane Nygaard

Date Tue 10/13/2026 12:33 PM

To BoardSecretary <BoardSecretary@vidwater.org>

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Dear Chari and Commissioners

We fully support your position to oppose the powerlink as currently proposed. Thank you for putting your customers first!

Diane Nygaard

On Behalf of Preserve Calavera



Email General Manager

Your Name: David Michael Fulton

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Service Address:

Comments:

Hi Brett Hodgkiss, I have read your letter to District 5 Councilmember Jim Desmond on behalf of your organization and I'm hopeful that the VID Board decides to formally oppose the Golden Pacific Powerlink project at tomorrow's meeting. This project would likely negatively impact our existing natural resources, ecosystem services, and landscapes while failing to demonstrate a true public need for the increased transmission infrastructure financed by rate payers. As an active member of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club I'm not opposed to responsible development and fervently support renewable energy but this plan seems half-baked, would be harmful to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and threaten the resources relied upon by your constituents/customers. Please urge the Board to oppose this project. Sincerely, David M. Fulton
Resident of San Diego and recreational enthusiast in the County.

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opposition to the Golden Pacific Powerlink

From Cher Whelan

Date Tue 10/13/2026 9:29 PM

To BoardSecretary <BoardSecretary@vidwater.org>

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Dear Board/Secretary,

My family and I are writing to express our deep concern regarding the significant adverse impacts that SDG&E's proposed routes would have on the District and its customers. Our primary concerns center on the potential risks to water quality and the heightened danger of wildland fires.

We respectfully request that you reject Item #5 regarding the powering proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Whelan

Agenda item #5 Golden Pacific Powerlink 10-14-2026

From JAN HAUGLEY

Date Tue 10/13/2026 9:42 PM

To - BoardSecretary <BoardSecretary@vidwater.org>

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I'm writing in opposition, to the SDG&E's Golden Pacific Powerlink or any of their Powerlink projects. In 2008, myself and sister spent much time traveling all over San Diego County, and into Imperial County attending many meetings and gatherings to stop this project, and we won that fight.

And now we need to do it again. VID is a important partner in this fight. I'm not only a resident of Vista, a property owner in Ocotillo wells, but born and raised in the areas that they want to put these towers. This project will not reducing our electric bills, its for people in areas north of us, and to make money for the stockholders. I heard in every meeting the detriment these towers that carry huge amounts of electricity cause to our environment, animals and humans alike.

I also learned just how deceiving SDGE can be when they want something. Thank you for your time in listening to those that oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Jan Haugley

Bob Garcia

Second, add a provision titled “Protection of District Property and Ratepayers.” It should ensure that no District property rights or operational accommodations are granted unless the Board determines that the District's property, operations, and water resources are protected. The project applicant should pay all necessary costs for studies, monitoring, emergency response, remediation, facility protection, and long-term oversight, without transferring costs or risks to the District or its ratepayers.

I also recommend revising Section 2, “Feasible Alternatives,” to require SDG&E, CAISO, the CPUC, and other responsible agencies to evaluate feasible alternatives that avoid District property and minimize impacts to wildfire response, watershed management, reservoir operations, water quality, habitat, groundwater, and sensitive portions of Warner Ranch. Alternatives should include different corridors, existing utility rights-of-way, undergrounding where feasible, and other technically and environmentally feasible solutions.

VID 10-14-26 Golden Pacific Powerlink

My name is Joe Houde, representing the North County Climate Change Alliance (NCCCA), the Sierra Club, and serving on the Citizen Advisory Committee to Clean Energy Alliance (CEA).

I strongly support VIDs and ABFs letters opposing the Golden Pacific Power Link. Thank you for taking a principled stand to protect our environment, communities, and natural resources.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's extraordinary landscape is one of California's greatest natural treasures, and its wildlife, ecosystems, and fragile desert resources must not be sacrificed for an unnecessary transmission project. Water protection is equally critical.

One of the strongest arguments against the Golden Pacific Power Link is that it is simply not needed. I encourage you to explore partnerships with CEA, San Diego Community Power (SDCP), and Public Power San Diego to demonstrate that our region can meet its energy needs through local, renewable resources without imposing additional environmental damage.

Together, these organizations can advance a reliable and resilient clean-energy future by:

- Maximizing local solar generation through rooftop solar, balcony solar, virtual power plants, feed-in tariff programs, SOMAH, and other distributed energy strategies.**

- **Supplementing solar generation with sufficient offshore wind resources to meet regional electricity demand.**

- **Expanding battery storage to provide dependable power during periods of low solar and wind production.**

By demonstrating that the Golden Pacific Power Link is unnecessary, we can stop this costly and environmentally damaging boondoggle before it harms our desert ecosystems, threatens water resources, and undermines our natural heritage.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting the people, wildlife, and landscapes that make our region unique. Let us invest in local clean-energy solutions that strengthen our communities while preserving the irreplaceable resources entrusted to us.