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**SCE's Proposed West of Devers Upgrade Project**

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Workshop Meeting Open to the General Public, Reported by Tina Marie Litchfield, Certified Shorthand Reporter No. 12409. Meeting held at City Council Chambers, 99 East Ramsey, Banning, California, September 1, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Banning, California, September 1, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

**MR. BRITT:** Good evening. My name is Chester Britt. I'm with Arellano and Associates, part of the consultant team for today's Southern California Edison Proposed West of Devers Upgrade Project.

This is a workshop of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Environmental Impact Statement.

[Presentation text has been omitted from this transcript; we retain only the comments from the public]

**MR. SWERDLOW:** My name is Lanny Swerdlow, 15815 Painted Hills Road, Whitewater, 92282.

The question is: What are the impacts of the changes going to have on my property, how does that affect my easement?

And what once the project is completed, what will I be able to do on that land with the project there? What kind of structure can I build? What can I store there? That type of thing.

**MR. BRITT:** That is perfect. It will be in the formal record, and as part of the final document, it will be responded to.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** Who will respond?

**MR. BRITT:** Aspen Environmental helps the agencies complete the final document.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** When will I get an answer?

**MR. BRITT:** Officially you'll get it when the final document comes out. It will be in the final document, the answer.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** Then at that point, will it be too late to make a complaint? When I get the answer, if I'm not happy with the answer, because the document is final; I cannot do anything. So it would seem to me I should get an answer before the comment period is over. I came here expecting to get answers, and what I'm getting is that nobody knows.

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**MS. LEE:** Well, I think the problem is nobody at this meeting knows. There is nobody here to answer the question. But we will help you get answers.

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**MR. SWERDLOW:** If I have to wait until the final report is out there to get an answer; it does not do any good.

**MS. LEE:** We will see if we can get you an answer. We have your contact information and your address.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** Use my PO Box. Do not use the address, it will not get there. So now what happens?

**MR. BRITT:** Well, as Susan mentioned, she is the project manager from Aspen. So she will take your question today and circle back with Edison and the agencies and hopefully be able to get you an answer.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** Before the end of the comment period?

**MR. BRITT:** Right. That is correct.

**MS. LEE:** Get my card before you leave and feel free to follow up.

**MR. SWERDLOW:** I should not have to follow up.

**MS. LEE:** If you do not hear from us soon enough, you can call me.

**MR. KIER:** I have a question. I understand the gentleman, because I'm in the same situation. I bought on Amethyst Road three properties. Nobody told me the easement is there. One day I said, "What is this red marker behind my fence?" which is half of my property. They said, "That is the line for the easement." I, exactly like this gentleman, I don't know what I can do with three properties, half of them does not belong to me. I'm going to put it in writing. But it's the same, I'm in the same situation that I don't know, I'm not allowed to put a plant there, I have to keep it clean, I pay tax for it and it's on my property in a way. That is what I and Mr. Swerdlow is in the same situation. We all are in the same situation there. I do not want to have wires 20 feet from my bedroom. I just do not want that. I will put it in writing.

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And I just bought the property two months ago and nobody told me about the easement.

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**MR. KALISH:** A comment I would like to make is when you do submit a comment, be very specific as far as what your concerns are, how you view or what you anticipate the impacts or effects on you are going to be were the project to be approved. The more specificity the better.

**MR. BRITT:** Anyone else?

All right. I thank you for taking time out of your schedule to be here tonight. This is third of three meetings.

This concludes the meeting.

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I further certify I am neither financially interested in the action nor a relative or employee of any party to this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date subscribed my name.

Dated: 09/14/2015

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### **Comments from Mr. Swerdlow**

D1-1 Mr. Swerdlow asked about the impacts on his property of changes resulting from the Proposed Project and what he would be able to do on the land within the easement with the project in place.

The existing SCE easement to be used by the Proposed Project occupies about 40 percent of Mr. Swerdlow's parcel, and currently there are two sets of transmission lines passing through it, along with two access roads paralleling the lines. With the Proposed Project, the easement boundary would not change but the two sets of existing structures would be removed, replaced with one new set of transmission structures at the south edge of the easement. Mr. Swerdlow's concern about allowable uses of his land within SCE's easement was forwarded to SCE in emails dated September 3, 2015 and September 8, 2015. Also, on September 8, the EIR team provided Mr. Swerdlow with a detailed map of his parcels, the locations of SCE's easement boundaries, and the locations of towers to be removed and installed as part of the Proposed Project. Allowable uses would need to be consistent with the terms of the easement and with safety and access requirements as determined by the utility.

### **Comments from Mr. Kierspe**

D1-2 Mr. Kierspe provided oral comments which he subsequently provided in written form (Comment Letter E30). Please see Responses to Comments E30-1 through E30-3.