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Changing the Process the Community has Relied Upon

The CEC Staff Report docketed as TN 222788 and submitted on 2-28-2018, proposes to change the process that was negotiated subsequent to the Thomas Fire to allow more time for community response. The Santa Paula Alliance has relied upon the understanding that the PSA will be reissued with a full 45-day review period 1) after the Community workshop, 2) after the missing information (like the findings of the CALISO study) has been incorporated, and 3) after staff has addressed the preliminary comments that the Alliance and others have submitted. We acted in good faith, at the request of staff, to submit comments that would make the next PSA better. We were unable to do a complete review of the document, but were planning to complete such a review over the course of the new official PSA review period. Tonight we are under a flash flood watch; rain is expected that will meet or exceed the threshold where mudslides can be expected and evacuations may be required in Ventura and Santa Paula. We believe that the Commission should stand by the previously agreed upon schedule, and let us attend to the business of protecting life and property.