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Thank you for the presentation at Mission Trails Park yesterday and this opportunity to comment on this proposed project.

I was somewhat pleasantly surprised yesterday when you informed the public that the preferred POI is now the Carlton Hills substation as I would be opposed to any infrastructure being placed in Spring Canyon or on the surrounding slopes. Spring Canyon is a very popular recreational corridor and very important wildlife corridor. Any infrastructure proposed here would have significant construction and operational impacts on these attributes with respect to public access, lighting, noise, aesthetics, and fire hazards. Spring Canyon is for all practical purposes an extension of Mission Trails and any development here would conflict with long term plans to incorporate this area and land to the north into Mission Trails. An updated project layout figure should be made available online.

However, the Carlton Hills substation is also located on an important recreational route leading north into Sycamore Canyon. Both aboveground and underground new transmission facilities needed for this new preferred POI and any expansion of the Carlton Hills substation should also be fully evaluated with respect to recreational access, noise, lighting, aesthetics and fire hazards. Both preferred and alternative locations for all components of the proposed project must be disclosed and fully evaluated.

Alternatives to the project or location which are capable of avoiding or substantially lessening any significant impacts of the project, even if they would impede the attainment of project objectives or would be more costly, must be fully evaluated, considered and disclosed to the public.

A Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory and report should be developed to determine whether the project would result in a significant impact and if so, what, if any, mitigation measures are feasible.

As the proposed project is located in a hazardous wildfire area, a Fire Protection Plan should be developed as a technical report at this stage of planning in order to fully inform the public in regards to this issue.

Thank you,

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