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Good afternoon,

I appreciate the significant amount of time and effort the CD staff has dedicated to the recent overhead power line permitting issue. I am happy to see that a recent report featured a more dichotomous presentation of the issues - from what I have observed past reports tended to have the CDP arguing for why the GP should/could be ignored instead of advocating for why it should be followed. I am all for a level playing field where everyone plays by the same rules and exceptions are granted only for exceptional reasons, but when something is agreed to in a permit it seems like extraordinary reasons should be required to go back on that agreement.

At a recent PC meeting former BOS/FC Stump stated opposition to overhead power lines due to wildfire concerns. I would bet that if the you spoke to any local fire chief that they would give a similar response. I believe the opinion of the AV Fire Chief should be obtained as an important consideration in any decision to allow additional local overhead lines.

The concept of 'economic hardship' is currently so ill-defined as to be unusable. I don't believe that there is enough of a handle on the true costs of undergrounding to allow for sound permitting decisions to be made when considering what is an economic hardship. I have heard of local a local Eastside land owner opting to underground power lines because the cost was cheaper than bringing in the lines overhead.

While it won't help with the current batch of overhead line controversies the county needs to be doing more to insure that Liberty knows and follows applicable GP policies. SCE doesn't seem to have a problem following the rules that Liberty appears to willfully ignore. Until Liberty is brought onboard this is likely to be a continuing problem.

Thank you,

Mark Langner