



Judge says ‘yes’ to 115-kV lines; ‘no’ to substation

Hallie Yacknin, an administrative law judge with the **California Public Utilities Commission**, has reviewed the final environmental impact report for two **Southern California Edison** projects and issued a proposed decision to approve the **115-kV Valley-IvyGlen subtransmission lines** and to deny the **Alberhill substation**.

Yacknin, in the 104-page decision dated April 4, ruled the need for the Valley-IvyGlen lines as a backup power source outweighs the environmental impacts on noise and air quality the project will have during construction, as well as “its significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts on air quality and biological resources.”

Yacknin’s decision regarding the Alberhill project was based on her belief that Edison had overstated the need for the substation based on the utility’s forecast of increased electric demand in the area. Yacknin reasoned that because it was unlikely the \$464 million project will be needed, “at all or in any case by 2021, we do not find overriding considerations that merit approval.”

The decision also noted the project would have “significant and unavoidable” impacts on aesthetics during and after construction because the structure and its transmission lines would be visible from the I-15, a scenic highway corridor, “substantially degrading the natural and rural visual character, vividness, intactness, and visual unity in the area.”

Edison is expected to appeal the decision’s Alberhill ruling.

With the proposed decision announced, it’s expected the CPUC will render a final decision at a 9:30 a.m., **Thursday, May 10** meeting to be held at **Fontana City Hall**, 8353 Sierra Ave. General comments from the public will not be allowed. While the process allows for new evidence to be introduced, in order to speak, that individual, organization or agency must be vetted and named an official party to the proceeding.

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CONDO HEARING APRIL 24

A **Board of Supervisors public hearing** will be held 9 a.m., **Tuesday, April 24** at the county Administrative Center for the 80 condominiums proposed at Temescal Canyon and Campbell Ranch roads.

The **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee** asks that comments opposing the project immediately be sent to county planner **Russell Brady**: rbrady@rivco.org. Note “Temescal Valley condo project” in the subject line. Public comments also can be made at the hearing.

Project background:

<http://www.wearetv.org/2017/11/07/condos/>



SOME DAYS ARE WORSE THAN OTHERS: This file photo from 2016 illustrates how location, mining activities, vehicle emissions and dry weather conditions combine to bring “visibility” to our air quality.

Us to AQMD: ‘We’re an air-quality disadvantaged community’

A group of six Temescal Valley residents recently attended a **South Coast Air Quality Management District** meeting to learn more about an assembly bill geared to reducing air pollution in the region.

AB 617 and companion bill, **AB 134**, provide new opportunities for communities impacted by air pollution. AB 617 encourages collaboration with and the identification of disadvantaged communities needing assistance in cleaning up the air. AB 134 provides funds through a voluntary grant program to replace older vehicles and equipment with cleaner technologies.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring people together to identify communities and how they can best be assisted. The “Temescal Valley Six” – **Jerry Sincich** (Sycamore Creek), **Ruth Brissenden** and **Shannon Milliken** (Butterfield Estates), and **Tracy Davis**, and **John and Jannlee Watson** (Wildrose Ranch) – attended the meeting with a “mission.”

Group members told the moderator Temescal Valley is an air-quality disadvantage community and needs its own an air-quality monitoring station. Among the reasons given was our location in a long, narrow valley between two mountain ranges bisected by a usually-gridlocked freeway. Located here also are nine aggregate mines and one of the largest landfills in the nation which burns methane and uses incinerator ash as ground cover.

AB 617 gives residents the online ability to nominate their community. The process is quick and easy, but the deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 7**.

Do you want to know what’s in the air our families breathe? Take a minute to fill out the nomination form. And remember, when filling out the form, We Are **Temescal Valley** (not Corona)!

<http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/environmental-justice/ab617-134/ab617form>

QUICK HITS . . .

A FREEWAY FIX: That hard-working group of citizens – the **Greater Corona Traffic Alliance (GCTA)**, continues to work with the **Riverside County Transportation Commission** on improvements they suggested to help the traffic flow on the 91 and 15 freeways. While, according to RCTC staff, suggestions for the 91 could take millions of dollars and years to accomplish, there's an easy, quick fix for the 1-15 backup. It utilizes less than a mile of concrete that isn't being used and involves restriping to create another lane for motorists to access the toll lanes at Magnolia Avenue. It's thought that this \$500,000 fix would create a longer transition lane for the toll entrance and allow more storage for cars queuing up to get into the express lanes thereby improving the flow of traffic in the general lanes. This topic is on the agenda for the 1:30 p.m., **Monday, April 23 RCTC Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee** meeting in the board room of the county **Administrative Center**, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside. **Amie Kinne**, Temescal Valley resident and GCTA member, would like to see many of us at that meeting to urge RCTC to make this fix as soon as possible.

PAINT PARTY: To celebrate **Temescal Valley's 200th Birthday**, we're painting murals on community buildings. The 8-foot by 8-foot artwork will feature depictions of orange crate labels from bygone days. The first mural to be painted will be on the front of the **Temescal Valley Elementary School** building and the painting begins next week. The broad-stroke work will be accomplished by volunteers while the details will be added by artist **Kathryn Duncan**. Only adults can help with the painting because a tall scaffolding is necessary to reach the wall. Six volunteers are needed each day for **Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17**. Shifts are 9 to 11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and noon to 2 p.m. This **Bicentennial** project is being directed by the **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification and Identity** committees. If you would like to help with the painting (and you don't need to be an accomplished artist), please email **Tracy Davis**: tracycyto@yahoo.com.

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Edison has spent almost 11 years working on the two projects.

Valley-IvyGlen calls for 27 miles of single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission lines to run from the Valley substation in Menifee, through Perris and Lake Elsinore, and continue into Temescal Valley, running north along De Palma Road adjacent to **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** and **Glen Eden Sun Club**.

The lines would cross to the east side of the 1-15 north of Glen Eden and continue along Temescal Canyon Road. They would be placed underground at about Indian Truck Trail, where they will continue to the IvyGlen substation on Temescal Canyon Road near Maitri Road. Temescal Valley residents opposing the project want all the lines underground.

The proposed 34-acre Alberhill substation would be constructed on 124 acres of land owned by Edison at the corner of Temescal Canyon and Concordia Ranch roads east of the 1-15 and close to the 1,900-home Horsethief Canyon Ranch neighborhood.

The project calls for two 500-kV transmission lines to join the existing 500-kV Serrano-Valley line near the **Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Reserve** in Temescal Valley.

Read the decision:

<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/decision.pdf>



PLANT IT – THEY WILL COME: Tracy Davis spreads native milkweed seed in Temescal Valley wildland areas.

Milkweed to Monarch project draws outside interest

Just a little over two years old, the **We Are Temescal Valley Milkweed to Monarch project** has been recommended for inclusion in a **Monarch Conservation Outreach Questionnaire** being developed by the **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**.

Because the monarch population continues to decline, the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** is working on a Species Status Assessment to determine if listing the butterfly as threatened under the Endangered Species Act is warranted.

A donation from long-time Temescal Valley resident **Gena Osborne** funded the purchase of bulk native milkweed seed that **Tracy Davis** and **Rob Mucha** have been spreading throughout the valley. Tracy, our local “Monarch Queen,” continues to educate residents on why they should plant only native milkweed. Plants soon will be available at **7 Oaks Nursery**.

All conservation efforts made in the past two years for the Milkweed to Monarch project will be included in the questionnaire.



WELCOME MONARCHS: The California Meadows Homeowners' Association has remodeled a neighborhood park, turning it into a butterfly sanctuary for monarchs by planting native milkweed and nectar plants.

CALENDAR

EVENTS

- **High School Preview Parent Information Night:** For the Class of 2022 at Santiago High School, 5 to 7 p.m., **Thursday, April 12.**
- **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center Homeschool Program:** 1st-3rd grades, 10 to 11:30 a.m., "Animals & Habitats;" 4th-6th grades, 1 to 2:30 p.m. "Nonliving & Living Elements," **Friday, April 13**, 11875 Indian Truck Trail. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**, 11875 Indian Truck Trail. **FREE!**
- **Communitywide Garage Sales:** In the neighborhoods of Wildrose Ranch, Montecito Ranch and Sycamore Creek, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, April 14.**
- **Ham Radio Open House and Demonstration:** 9 to 11 a.m., **Saturday, April 14**, Temescal Room, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Kids' Club Parent Meeting:** For Temescal Valley Elementary after-school program, 6 to 7 p.m., **Monday, April 16.**
- **Parent Power Networking:** Sponsored by LEUSD for parents of special needs children, 4:30 p.m., **Wednesday, April 18.** Free childcare. RSVP for location to Mirna Escamilla, 951-253-7159.
- **100 Mile Club:** Kids from all Temescal Valley schools can add to their miles, 8 to 9 a.m. **every Sunday** at Deleo Regional Sports Park. Parents must be present.
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. Many fun activities for the kids! 951-270-5012 or check out the April activities on Facebook.
- **County Bookmobile:** 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms:** **FREE!** Every weekend — **Craft Faire**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Magic Show**, noon and 2 p.m.; **live music**, 12:30 to 5 p.m.

TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, April 19**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **Bicentennial Committee:** Sponsored by the Temescal Heritage Foundation, 9 a.m., **Saturday, April 21**, Temescal Room, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Disaster Response Team:** Team Leader meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Monday, April 23**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch Clubhouse, 13289 Mountain Road.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, April 24**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity and Beautification Committees:** 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, **Thursday, May 3**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, May 5**, Trilogy Lake Center, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting:** 6 p.m., **Wednesday, May 9**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, April 12 and 26**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, April 12**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Business meeting, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, April 17**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9 a.m., **Wednesday, April 18 and May 2**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, April 24, May 1 and 8**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.



MARCH PHOTO WINNER

The theme was "Temescal Valley Kids." Congratulations to **KRISSY BRANTSMA** of Montecito Ranch for the creative interpretation of her "TV Kids!"

It's Faire Photo Contest time!

The monthly just-for-fun photo contests have been a warmup for the big event -- the **4th Annual Temescal Valley Faire Photo Contest**. It's now time for some serious shooting!

Gift cards (**\$150, \$100, \$50**) will be awarded to first through third places in each of the competition's categories of **Landscape, Things to Do, Animals** and **Artistic Expression**. A **Best of Show** also will be chosen by popular vote of spectators attending the **Saturday, May 19** Faire where all entries will be displayed.

Entries must be photographed by Temescal Valley residents, in Temescal Valley and be submitted as 8x10 prints.

Deadline for entries is **4 p.m., Friday, May 4** and they can be dropped off or mailed to **Allison Harnden** at **Temescal Valley Water District**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road. Please note "Temescal Valley Photo Contest" on the envelope.

For more information about the contest and entry forms:
<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/faire/2018photo.pdf>



**Register Your
Pet & Get
a Free Hot**



PET SHOW ENTRY FORM

Saturday May 19, 2018 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**** Deleo Regional Sports Park **
25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Temescal Valley**

Pet Categories

Awards for each category!

- Best Costume
- Best Trick
- You Ain't Nothing but a Pound Dog!
(For dogs from rescues)
- Judges' Choice



Rules for Entry

- All pets must be on a leash or securely contained
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.
- Owners accept all liability for their pet(s).
- Adults must accompany children.
- Early Registration -- No entry free
- Registration at door -- \$2 (given to local shelter)
- Optional \$2 shelter donation – Get **FREE** gift bag
- Keep your pet cool! Provide water.

**Early Registration by Email Only: jfwatson5@aol.com
Early Registration Deadline is May 12, 2017**

Include the following in Email Registration:

- ✓ First and Last Name
- ✓ Full Address (must be Temescal Valley resident)
- ✓ Email and Phone Number
- ✓ Animal Type and Breed
 - ✓ Pet's Name
- ✓ Categories entered

Contestants must check in by 12:40 -- Plan to arrive early!

Pet Show Contest: Starts at 1 p.m.

Aggressive pets will not be allowed entry.
Only registered pets will be allowed to participate in the contest.
Owners must sign a liability waiver.



TEMESCAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FAIRE

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deleo Regional Sports Park

25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Temescal Valley
(Within the Sycamore Creek Community)

Help us kickoff Temescal Valley's Bicentennial Celebration with an exciting day filled with **FREE** games, **FREE** prizes, **FREE** jumpers for the kids, **FREE** arts and crafts, **FREE** live local entertainment, **FREE** all-you-can-eat watermelon and **50-cent** hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and sodas! Plus meet and greet your local businesses, elected officials and Riverside County service providers.

The popular **PET SHOW** and **PHOTO CONTEST** again are planned along with new attractions to celebrate Temescal Valley's 200th Birthday.

Don't Forget to Exhibit your Business!

Email jody.hall@trans-pac.net to reserve your booth today.

Volunteers are Always Needed!

Email jannlee.watson@ca.rr.com to sign up for a shift.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please email jody.hall@trans-pac.net

Faire Facebook Page: <http://goo.gl/M6Ema>

Download all entry forms at: www.WeAreTV.org/Faire