



Johnson Valley Improvement Association

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**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE JOHNSON VALLEY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION
OF HIGH TENSION POWER LINES IN AND AROUND THE MORONGO BASIN**

WHEREAS, the residents of Johnson Valley recognize the importance of utilizing new technologies that facilitate the implementation of alternative or renewable energy generation and transmission systems that do not negatively impact the environments in which they are constructed; and

WHEREAS, the term “**green**” is often used in a misleading manner to inaccurately define many alternative or renewable energy sources and their transmission systems as non-detrimental to the environment in which they are constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is proposing an 85 mile 500kv electrical transmission system project called “**Green Path North,**” under the premise that it will provide “**green**” energy to its customer base; and

WHEREAS, the preferred route for this project will traverse through the communities of Desert Hot Springs, Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Pioneertown, Flamingo Heights, Landers, Johnson Valley, Lucerne Valley, and Apple Valley/Hesperia; and

WHEREAS, this project will likely have immediate as well as long term detrimental impacts on the environment, including the local natural vegetation, wildlife, and sensitive habitat areas; and

WHEREAS, this project will likely have immediate and long term detrimental impacts on culturally and historically sensitive areas rich in evidence of Native American and early settler habitation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of these communities have overwhelmingly expressed strong opposition to Green Path North and other environmentally unfriendly projects associated with or depending on its construction; and

WHEREAS, these Southern California communities are susceptible to wild fires; earthquakes and high winds are known to cause power line tower failure, further elevating the risk of devastating wildfires; and

WHEREAS, there is personal risk for many home and property owners to have these hard earned assets condemned and seized via eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, similar projects have historically caused an immediate and dramatic drop in local residents’ property values and local business revenues, due to destroyed views and reduction of the area’s appeal; and

WHEREAS, this project will conflict with, and will have adverse effect on, every concept of the recently adopted San Bernardino County General Plan, such as infrastructure, housing, conservation, open space, safety, land use, and economic concerns; and

WHEREAS, this project will traverse the critical San Bernardino Mountains watershed, and the water districts and the communities they serve cannot afford even the slightest risk of man-made disruption of these precious water tables; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has provided little or no evidence that it has placed a priority on utilizing existing corridors, or upgrading existing corridors, to avoid unnecessary designation of new intrusive energy corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has a history of total disregard and disrespect for the sovereignty of communities outside their service area, and the rights of these communities to manage and preserve their local resources and environments as they see fit—i.e. the Owens Valley travesty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Johnson Valley Improvement Association adamantly opposes the designation of the new energy corridor Green Path North as proposed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and its construction in or near the communities identified in this resolution.

Unanimously approved and adopted on this 18th day of December 2007.

AYES: 11

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Munson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Munson, President