

Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council

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A RESOLUTION BY THE JOSHUA TREE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OPPOSING PROPOSED HIGH TENSION POWER TRANSMISSION LINES IN THE MORONGO BASIN

WHEREAS, The residents of the Morongo Basin are aware of a proposed project by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to build high tension power transmission lines through the Morongo Basin, claiming this is for the purpose of attaining alternative energy goals in the Los Angeles region. This proposed project is called the "Green Path North" by the LADWP. Hereafter, in this resolution, the proposed project will be referred to as the "Power Project."

WHEREAS, the local residents of the Morongo Basin will not receive, and have no desire to receive any benefit or energy savings from this proposed project,

WHEREAS, the "Power Project" is inconsistent with, and will be very detrimental to, the primary goals and concerns identified by residents of the Morongo Basin in their Community Plans, which generally include:

- A. Conserving natural resources and scenic beauty
- B. Maintaining the natural desert landscape and appearance
- C. Maintaining quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS this project will conflict with and will have an adverse effect on every key concept of the recently adopted San Bernardino County General Plan (Infrastructure; Housing; Conservation; Open Space; Safety; Land Use and Economic Concerns); and

WHEREAS, similar projects have historically caused an immediate and dramatic drop in local residents' property values due to destroyed views along currently designated scenic corridor of Highway 62; and

WHEREAS, there is a personal risk for many home and property owners, that their property will be seized via eminent domain, that there will be possible health concerns for people living in proximity of high tension transmission towers and power lines, and that there is an increased public safety threat due to fire from high tension towers which could be severed by accident or by natural disaster such as an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, this proposed project is likely to have a negative impact on the Morongo Basin's commercial districts, and its tourism industry, greatly limiting the already restricted economic prospects of the region. It is implausible that investors will open businesses in the vicinity of the project and shoppers will be unlikely to shop close to high tension transmission towers; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Morongo Basin have voiced their strong objections against the "Power Project" and their strong desire to support The California Desert Coalition in their opposition to said "Power Project";

NOW THEREFORE, the JOSHUA TREE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL resolves that it strongly opposes, and that it urges the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to strongly oppose, the Green Path Power Project and any high-tension power lines passing through, or within sight of the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve or the Morongo Basin.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2007.



Mickey Luckman, Chair, for the
JOSHUA TREE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL