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The community of Chino Hills has an open wound running through its very core. This wound is in the form of eighteen two-hundred foot tall monster towers designed to carry a half-million volts of wind-generated electricity through the heart of several densely-populated neighborhoods.

On November 10, 2011, due to the overwhelming impact that these hastily-placed towers imposed on the community, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) put a stop-order on any further construction to the Chino Hills section of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). At this time the CPUC requested that Southern California Edison (SCE) investigate and report back with a more community-friendly solution to this section of the TRTP.

The families of Chino Hills are currently awaiting the results of this inquiry. The fate of the community lies in the hands of the CPUC, SCE, and to some extent the City of Chino Hills. Mediation between the City of Chino Hills and SCE, which was requested by the CPUC, started on February 14 and is continuing this week.

Hope for the Hills, the non-profit grass-roots organization made up of concerned residents of Chino Hills, is not included as part of any official decision-making in regard to the power lines running through the community. Hope for the Hills was organized out of the fear, anger and frustration that thousands of citizens of Chino Hills felt in regard to the decisions of the regulators (CPUC), utility companies (SCE) and State level politicians (Governor Brown, Schwarzenegger) that created the current situation now afflicting this community.

Hope for the Hills leadership and members would like to make it clear that from the very start they have advocated for the removal of these high-voltage power lines from our community. They have pleaded for the power lines to be re-routed through the nearby state park (SCE already has a right-of-way) or routed underground. Either option has been shown to be viable and preferred over the current placement.

Hope for the Hills will not accept any solution that only helps to enlarge the current mutilation by widening the existing right-of-way. This is not a community-friendly solution and this type of mitigation will not benefit the city, churches, schools or families of Chino Hills.

We, the residence of Chino Hills, the very ones who will bear the greatest burden of any decision regarding the towers, hope and pray that all official parties involved in the current mediation negotiations are truly visualizing the life-changing impact that their decisions will have on our community and families.

Together we have made a difference.

Sincerely

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President