

–Action Alert –

Come Rally Against SDG&E's Invitation-Only Groundbreaking for Sunrise Powerlink

When: 9 am, Thursday, December 9th

Where: Rough Acres Ranch, 2750 McCain Valley Road, Boulevard, CA 91905

RSVP to: David Hogan, 760-809-9244, davidhogan@hughes.net (transportation from San Diego will be available on first come-first serve basis)

Directions to Rough Acres Ranch:

(Drive time from downtown San Diego: 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Take I-8 East to the Boulevard exit (the next one after Crestwood and the Golden Acorn Casino - past the large wind turbines).
2. Turn right (south) onto Ribbonwood Road.
3. Go to the stop sign at Old Hwy 80 and make a left (east) towards Jacumba.
4. McCain Valley Road is several miles down on the left. You will reach a big brown McCain Valley Recreation Area sign.
5. Take McCain Valley north back under the freeway until the pavement ends.
6. Rough Acres driveway is on the left and the dirt road on the right is the entry to McCain Valley Recreation Area with another sign. Sunrise towers will be installed to the right of the sign and run along the road.
7. Park along the shoulder of McCain Valley Road, the access road to the recreation area, to greet Governor Schwarzenegger and SDG&E's other invitees with signs and spirit.

Reason for rally – SDG&E's groundbreaking ceremony for the Sunrise Powerlink is wildly premature. There are several strong lawsuits against and any one of these could derail the project. Yet SDG&E, Governor Schwarzenegger, and California Public Utilities Commissioner (CPUC) President Michael Peevey will all join for a ground breaking ceremony in McCain Valley as if all is well. Please join us there the morning of December 9th to send a strong message that all is not well with the project. Bring your creative signs! The press will be there. Here is the truth supporting opposition to the Powerlink:

Lame-Duck Governor Mentality at Work. Governor Schwarzenegger wants to show concrete achievements prior to leaving office. The Powerlink should not be on that list. Its approval was so flawed that courts are likely to send SDG&E back to the drawing board.
The Powerlink is an Insider Deal. CPUC President Michael Peevey used raw political clout to override an administrative law judge's recommended denial of the project, and environmental review documents concluded that there are several better alternatives to the Powerlink.
The Groundbreaking Party Is Premature. SDG&E's army of attorneys have been unable to dismiss a major federal lawsuit against the project, the success of which could derail the project.

Powerlink Will Cost Us \$10 Billion. The rate-based Powerlink will cost \$259 million per year over a 40-year finance term. Much of the nearly \$1 billion in profits SDG&E will make on the line will be realized in the first 9 years of operation.

SDG&E Refuses to Commit to Renewables on Powerlink. Presiding CPUC Commissioner Dian Grueneich voted against approving Powerlink because SDG&E refused to commit to putting any renewable energy on the line.

Powerlink Will Move Sempra's Fossil-Fuel Energy, Not Solar Sempra's fossil-fuel gas energy infrastructure will interconnect to the Powerlink the moment it becomes operational. Tessera dish solar projects in Texas and Arizona have already been cancelled due to high cost.

Local rooftop and other solar is cheaper, quicker, and has little environmental impact. For the cost of the powerlink we could develop more commercial rooftop solar.

Read more about the Protect Our Communities Foundation at: www.protectourcommunities.org

#