

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE
PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING THE
PROPOSED SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Ysabel Valley is a scenic viewshed with visual resources that should be protected, and a long-history of established pioneer ranches some of which have been family-owned for over a century over several generations, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Ysabel Valley is a treasured landmark with regionwide public significance, and

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Powerlink transmission towers (up to 150 feet high) would cause visual blight to this scenic landscape and along a scenic drive of Highway 78/79, and

WHEREAS, the proposed transmission towers would cause a potential fire danger in an area susceptible to wildland fires, and

WHEREAS, SDG&E has already proposed undergrounding lines in Ramona and Penasquitos as part of the Powerlink project, and

WHEREAS, the 55-mile long Coast to Crest Trail is planned through this area, which will attract many recreational users who want a unique recreational and aesthetic experience, and the Coast to Crest Trail is both a State (California Recreational Trails Plan) and County (County General Plan) recognized regional public trail corridor, and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution shall not be inferred as support for the Sunrise Powerlink Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (“Board”) does not believe adequate information to justify the Project has been provided to date,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Board opposes placement of transmission lines for the Powerlink Project within the River Park’s Focused Planning Area; and
- 2) The Board urges that SDG&E underground the proposed transmission lines in the Highway 79 utility corridor through Santa Ysabel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF January, 2007
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

Ed Gallo, Chair

ATTEST:

Dick Bobertz, Executive Director