

AN OPEN LETTER TO FALLBROOK

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FALLBROOK IS STARTING TO SPEAK UP. NOW WE NEED TO BE HEARD.

To the residents, property owners, businesses, and neighbors of Fallbrook and the surrounding communities:

More than 250 residents came to the SDG&E's **Golden Pacific Powerlink Open House** ready to learn, ask questions, and understand what is being proposed for our community. We're proud of this first step, but it's just the beginning.

And while that was an important first step, it was only the beginning. We need many more of our community to become informed, engaged and involved.

Many residents left disappointed and frustrated.

Not because we don't understand the importance of a reliable electric grid. **We do.**

But a project of this magnitude deserves more than a room divided into stations, with 40+ SDG&E & GPP representatives positioned throughout the room.

There was no traditional public forum. No community-wide Q&A. No opportunity for residents to hear one another's concerns or challenge answers collectively.

Instead, residents moved from table to table seeking answers about a project that could affect their homes, property, businesses, pocketbooks, health and safety, environment and future.

Fallbrook deserves a formal community town hall.

We are asking **SDG&E** to provide a true public forum where residents can come together, ask questions openly, hear the **same answers at the same time**, and have the opportunity to ask meaningful follow-up questions.

This is not an unreasonable request. It is meaningful public engagement and we believe the community should demand it.

And that raises important questions about **transparency**.

Who is behind the public-engagement effort, and the routing process itself? What role have **KP Environmental and Linhart PR** played in developing, evaluating, communicating or presenting the proposed routes? Who designed the public-engagement strategy and prepared the information being presented to residents?

When residents are told why one route advanced over another, are we hearing an independent assessment, or the analysis of SDG&E's project team?

The public deserves to know who developed the choices, who is presenting them, and who they work for.

And there are much bigger questions.

When a **145-mile, 500-kV transmission corridor with towers reaching roughly 15–20 stories high** is proposed through our region, communities deserve answers about wildfire and evacuation risk, property impacts, insurability, environmental resources, wildlife, agriculture, health and the Santa Margarita River.

We have questions about **necessity**: Why build an entirely new transmission corridor when technologies exist today to increase the capacity and efficiency of existing infrastructure?

We have questions about **routing**: SDG&E says its preliminary route emerged from CAISO's earlier transmission planning process. What other routes or alignments were considered then? And where are those maps today?

Before communities are asked to accept the consequences, they deserve to see the choices that were made the alternatives that were considered, and the information behind them.

The Golden Pacific Powerlink is not a done deal. **Environmental review has not been completed, and a regulatory process still lies ahead.**

This conversation is not over.

WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

Fallbrook knows what happens when a community comes together.

We fought for our independence from the San Diego County Water Authority. **We did not back down and we won.**

That fight taught us something important: organized, informed communities can make a difference.

Other communities have challenged major transmission proposals as well. Chino Hills fought transmission infrastructure through its community and ultimately saw towers removed and portions of the project placed underground. Opposition during the Sunrise Powerlink process also resulted in significant route changes intended to reduce environmental impacts.

The lesson is simple: proposed does not mean inevitable.

THIS IS NOT FALLBROOK VS. ANOTHER COMMUNITY.

Save Fallbrook is not asking for the Powerlink to simply be moved somewhere else.

We are asking a much bigger question:

Is a new 145-mile, 500-kV transmission corridor really the best solution?

California's grid and the technologies available to strengthen it have evolved since this transmission solution was approved.

SB 1006 now requires utilities to study grid-enhancing technologies, advanced conductors and reconductoring. Tools that are designed to increase capacity, reduce congestion and improve reliability using existing infrastructure.

So before California commits billions of dollars and permanently alters communities and irreplaceable landscapes, show us the comparison.

What can be accomplished with the infrastructure we already have?
What can advanced technologies and targeted upgrades accomplish?
What alternatives were evaluated and why were they rejected?

If GPP is truly the best solution, the analysis should prove it. And the public deserves to see it.

FALLBROOK, THIS IS WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

Don't be discouraged by the Open House.

This is not the end of public engagement— it's the beginning.

First, demand a real town hall.

Contact **SDG&E** and ask for a formal, community-wide public forum— not another station-based open house. Ask that residents be allowed to submit questions, hear the answers publicly, and ask follow-up questions so the entire community receives the same information.

One meeting is not enough. One voice at one table is not enough. And a comment card is not a conversation.

Contact the Board of Supervisors, your state legislators, **SDG&E and the CPUC**. Submit your concerns in writing. Talk to your neighbors. Share what you learned and encourage others to get informed.

Stay connected. More opportunities to engage are coming and Fallbrook needs to be ready to show up.

And lastly— **don't assume someone else will fight for Fallbrook.**

Save Fallbrook is already working alongside **Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Anza-Borrego Foundation, The Wildlands Conservancy, and experts joining this effort.** We are actively seeking additional environmental, technical and legal expertise.

If you have knowledge, connections, resources or simply the determination to help, step forward. **This will take all of us.**

Fallbrook has never been afraid to stand up when something important is at stake.

Never underestimate what a determined community can do.

Write the letter. Make the call. Ask the question. Tell a neighbor.

The time to engage is now.

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Protecting our community. Protecting our land. Protecting our future.

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