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Not Just about Wente

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What alternatives exist on power transmission other than through the South Livermore Valley corridor?

Wikipedia does offer some useful ideas at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_power_transmission. It would seem useful and in the interests of all parties (state and locals) to find an alternative route around the South Livermore Valley perhaps pushing through other corridors over existing right-of ways that are less sensitive. The amazing thing about the power grid appears to be that no one wants to continue with overhead power transmission in sensitive urbanized areas and for reasons explained in Wikipedia (ref. link above), it may not be practical to consider placing high energy power transmission underground through out sensitive South Livermore Valley corridor.

The South Livermore Valley agricultural area's biggest public relations disconnect will likely always be associated with "perceptions" of real or imagined elements of elitism associated with exclusivity of high-end residential costs in a rare and unique premium grape growing region of California, an area blessed with just the right mix of natural features (except water). For this area plan and community endeavor to succeed in the competitive (some would say even cut-throat) wine industry in its current mission of bringing back and expanding our grape growing regions to its original glory, it will be absolutely vital that two elements survive: (a) affordable long term agricultural water (unless we are forced retreat to a dry-farming again) and (b) the high quality construction standards of its groomed fields, roads, and improvements, whatever those improvements may in the future become.

Those to whom much power has been vested, demonstrate again and again to be some of the unrecognized greatest donors back into the community itself addressing privately, in their own charitable fashion, efforts to lift all boats in our harbor. They are as scared of the unknowns of tomorrow as each of us, but they have a plan, which has been many years in the making, and broadly accepted. While that plan has from time to time made mistakes it has also paid us some significant dividends and stimulated an entire new direction which hopefully can last another 100 years. It is in the entire community interest that we find a workable alternative to the current high-energy transmission proposal proposed. This is not just about Wente.