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Berry Topic Outline

1. Introduction – Burnet County Resident since 2019, property owner and tax payor since 2007. Participant with the Hill Country Land and Legacy Alliance that is opposed to the proposed ONCOR/LRCA 765kV G6 powerline.
2. CAPCOG - Recently attended the 11/17/25 CAPCOG presentation in Marble Falls with the hope that we could gain a better understanding of the resources that may be available to Burnet County in managing the challenges that a 765kV powerline bisecting the entire county from East to West.
 - a. In a post presentation conversation, and based upon my understanding, Charles Simon, CAPCOG Regional Planning and Services Director indicated that the proposed powerline was not on their radar yet but that they were prepared to assist the County within the CAPCOG service scope.
 - b. My understanding from the presentation is that CAPCOG can provide both planning services and funding in assisting the County with the challenges of the 765kV powerline.
3. Post CAPCOG presentation questions, concerns and comments.
 - a. Has the County begun to assess the additional cost and “manpower” strain on County services due to the 765kV powerline as it relates to the following:
 - i. Potential Wildfires? – According to US Forest Service data, since 1992 power generation, transmission and distribution is related to more

than 3,600 wildfires in California. (Governors' Wind and Solar Energy Coalition).

ii. Road Repair and Maintenance?

iii. Emergency Services?

iv. Flooding? – The 765kV powerline easement and management area has the potential to create a significant reduction in the underlying land's ability to absorb rainwater creating significant increase in runoff and erosion and water quality of our streams and rivers.

v. Property Value? – Does the County anticipate a reduction in property tax revenue due to 765kV powerline impacting the fair market value of directly affected and surrounding properties? We anticipate that the combination of aesthetics, health concerns, wildfires, overused roads, stressed emergency services, erosion, flooding and water quality will all have a negative impact on the fair market value of our properties. One source set the value reduction at approximately 45%.

4. Artificial Property Value Inflation.

Having to do the due diligence required to receive a reasonable compromise in a property tax protest, I have a concern that the County Assessor's office may calculate right of way settlements paid to affected landowners in the overall calculation of property values. Based upon current comparability models that the County Assessor's office appears to use, inclusion of right of way settlements would artificially inflate property values throughout Burnet County.

Should this come to fruition the G4 or G5 or G6 765kV powerline would now become a County wide issue.

