

PREFACE

Introduction/Overview

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) distributed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the South Bay Substation Relocation Project for public review on June 18, 2012. In response to public comments received on the Draft EIR, the close of the public review and comment period was extended past the original August 2, 2012, deadline to August 31, 2012; in total, the duration of public review period was 70 days. During this time, more than 22 comment letters were received.

The Final EIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.); and in accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (14 CCR 15000 et seq.).

The Final EIR will be used by the CPUC (as the lead state agency), in conjunction with other information developed in the CPUC's formal record, to act on San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E's) application for a Permit to Construct (PTC) and operate the Proposed Project. Under CEQA requirements, the CPUC will determine the adequacy of this Final EIR and, if adequate, will certify the document as complying with CEQA. After the Final EIR is completed and certified, the CPUC will make a final decision on the South Bay Substation Relocation Project.

Contents of the Final EIR/EIS

Volume 1 of the Final EIR presents changes that were made to the Draft EIR as a result of comments received. Revisions were made to clarify information presented in the Draft EIR, and only minor technical changes or additions have been made. These changes and additions to the Final EIR do not raise important new issues related to significant effects on the environment. Such changes are insignificant as the term is used in Section 15088.5(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. Volume 1 is completely reprinted from the Draft EIR, and changes made since public review are signified as a replacement, addition, or revision to existing text. Revisions to existing text are signified by ~~strikeout~~ (i.e., ~~strikeout~~) where text is removed, and by underline (i.e., underline) where text is added for clarification.

Volume 2 of the Final EIR contains all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses thereto.

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