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May 8, 2025

Ms. Lori Iles-Rangel Senior Advisor, Major Projects Division – OU Projects Southern California Edison 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770

### RE : Minor Project Modification #1 for the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project

Dear Ms. Iles-Rangel:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) prepared a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for Southern California Edison's (SCE's) Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP; A. 15-04-013). The City of Riverside previously prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on February 5, 2013, approving components of the RTRP that would be owned and operated by the Riverside Public Utilities. On March 18, 2020, the CPUC issued a decision to certify the Final SEIR and grant SCE a Decision Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the CPUC-preferred project alternative, Alternative 1 (Decision D.20-03-001). The CPUC adopted the mitigation measures (MMs) and applicant proposed measures, referred to as "environmental protection elements" (EPEs) identified in the EIR and SEIR as conditions of project approval, as well as a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to ensure compliance with the MMs and EPEs pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081.6 and § 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines (Section 9 of the certified SEIR).

A detailed Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Plan (MMCRP) was developed for the project with direct participation with SCE staff. The MMCRP defines specific procedures that are part of the adopted program including the Minor Project Refinement (MPR) process, which requires SCE to obtain CPUC authorization for any deviations from the approved project.

On May 1, 2025, SCE submitted MPR #1 requesting CPUC authorization to use the Mira Loma Staging Yard which was not identified in the EIR or SEIR. A copy of the MPR request materials are enclosed as Attachment 1. The CPUC conducted a CEQA consistency review for MPR #1 following the procedures set forth in the MMCRP. A completed review form and summary of findings is provided in Attachment 2. This letter serves to inform you that the CPUC has reviewed and approved SCE's request for MPR #1 on the basis that no new or substantially greater impacts would occur.

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Please direct any questions related to this MPR response letter to me at (408) 915-7434 or <u>boris.sanchez@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Boris Sanchez California Public Utilities Commission

cc: Rita Wilke, Panorama Environmental

Attachment 1: SCE Request for MPR #1 Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #1 Attachment 1: SCE Requests for MPR #1



### Part A: Request Description

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Request Number:	001
Date Requested:	May 1, 2025
Proposed Duration/	June 23, 2025 to December 31, 2027
Timing of Use:	Work activities Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location:	Mira Loma Substation Yard
	Chino Avenue and Hamner Avenue, Ontario, CA
	Substation Yard: Approximately 110 x 315 yards; 6.7 acres
	North Yard: Approximately 85 x 197 yards; 2.85 acres
Attached Map?	ØYes □ No

### Proposed Action(s)

SCE proposes to utilize areas of the existing Mira Loma Substation Facility for laydown and staging during construction of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP. Activities at the staging yard are anticipated to include staging and storage of construction materials, equipment, and vehicles, and placement of office trailers to facilitate work activities associated with installation of the underground portions of RTRP in the City of Jurupa Valley, California. This request also includes storage, use, and minor maintenance as needed of portable generators, as well as staging and maintenance of portable restrooms at the staging yard. The construction contractor also proposes to stage a 1,500-gallon fuel tank at the storage yard.

Access to the yard will be from Hamner Avenue, through the substation, or via Chino Avenue (see figures).

### Purpose(s)

Construction of RTRP requires identification of areas to support staging activities, including materials storage, tailboards, and other activities. Since finalization of the FEIR and FSEIR, SCE has identified the Mira Loma Substation as being the most suitable area for these activities. The facility already supports similar activities, has no known sensitive resources present, and is currently accessible to SCE for project use.

Existing Land Uses:	Developed, Industrial. The Mira Loma Substation Yard consists of existing paved surfaces used to support power transmission and associated activities completed by SCE. The Mira Loma North staging yard is similarly developed, with paved surfaces and existing property fencing, and is used for materials staging and storage. No mitigation is anticipated due to the current developed land use at the proposed staging yard.
Surrounding Land Uses:	Developed, Industrial/Commercial/Residential. The properties surrounding the Mira Loma Substation Yard include industrial development associated with power transmission and other industrial and commercial uses. Areas east of Hamner Avenue are predominately commercial/industrial complexes that include a Walmart distribution center and Keystone Automotive Operations facility. South along Hamner Avenue is a shopping center, and other commercial parks are present on Hamner north of Samantha Drive and immediately north of the Mira Loma North yard. Residential development is present north of Chino Avenue near the Mira Loma Substation Yard (see Sensitive Receptors). Some open lands are present west of the substation; these may be used for agricultural purposes or are fallow. No mitigation is anticipated due to the current developed land uses adjacent.

### Part B: Existing Conditions

Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet:	One residential development is present about 275 feet north of the Mira Loma Substation Yard, north of Chino Avenue. No other sensitives receptors are present. Mitigation measures in the FEIR and FSEIR associated with limited work hours, night-time lighting, noise, and air quality will be implemented at the staging yard to minimize impacts on the residential development.
Environmental Recourses within 500 feet:	No environmental resources are present within 500 feet of the proposed project change. No mitigation is anticipated.
Has landowner approval been granted?	☑ Yes□ No □ N/A
Landowner:	The laydown area will be located within the fence line of the existing substation operated by SCE.    Point of Contact   Lori lles-Rangel   Senior Advisor, Major Projects Division   Southern California Edison   2244 Walnut Grove Avenue   Rosemead, CA 91770

### Surveys

*List any new survey reports under Part D and attach a copy.* 

# Biological Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for biological resources with the potential to occur in the area? If so, were survey results positive or negative? Were surveys completed during the appropriate timing and season to detect resources?

No new surveys have been conducted for biological resources. However, proposed project change is located within existing developed areas currently associated with power utility activities. All ground surfaces are paved, and no vegetation is present in these areas.

## Cultural Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for cultural resources (records search and pedestrian survey)? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

No additional surveys have been completed. This Minor Project Change includes only use of existing, paved areas for storage and laydown activities to support the RTRP construction. No ground disturbance (vegetation clearing, grading, etc.) is required for this request.

## Jurisdictional Waters. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for hydrologic resources? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

No jurisdictional waters are present within the footprint of the Mira Loma staging yard. The site is entirely paved surfaces within existing developed lots. No waters are present adjacent.

### Part C: Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

*List any new permits or agency approvals under Part D and attach a copy.* 

## Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

No permits, amendments, authorizations, or approvals from state or federal resource agencies are necessary for the proposed change. The proposed use of the site for staging and laydown is consistent with current uses of the sites.

## Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

## Would the proposed action(s) conflict with environmental protection elements (EPEs) or mitigation measures (MMs) listed in the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

### Part D: Attached Materials

List any attached materials (e.g. surveys, maps, photos, memos, agency authorizations, etc.) below. Materials should be attached to the end of this form.

Figures 1-1 and 1-2 are included to show the proposed yard and access routes.



Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR), Southern California Edison



Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR), Southern California Edison

Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #1



### Part A: Summary of Minor Project Refinement Request

### **MPR** Request

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### Surveys

### **Biological Resources.**

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### Cultural Resources.

No additional surveys have been completed. This Minor Project Change includes only use of existing, paved areas for storage and laydown activities to support the RTRP construction. No ground disturbance (vegetation clearing, grading, etc.) is required for this request.

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No jurisdictional waters are present within the footprint of the Mira Loma staging yard. The site is entirely paved surfaces within existing developed lots. No waters are present adjacent.

### Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

No permits, amendments, authorizations, or approvals from state or federal resource agencies are necessary for the proposed change. The proposed use of the site for staging and laydown is consistent with current uses of the sites.

## Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

## Would the proposed action(s) conflict with project applicant proposed measures or mitigation measures listed in Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

### Part B: EIR/SEIR Consistency Summary

CPUC has prepared the EIR/SEIR Consistency Summary below to review the consistency questions for each resource category. The consistency questions were developed using the CEQA Checklist provided in the EIR and SEIR. Refer to the certified EIR and SEIR for the details on the project impact evaluation.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A	
Aesthetics (e.g., damage scenic resources or vistas, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, or create sources of light or glare)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable	$\boxtimes$			
Staging activities at the Mira Loma Staging Yard would occur temporarily during project construction. Staging activities would be similar to ongoing activities that already occur at the Mira Loma Substation, including activities that require lighting. Public views of the substation would be partially blocked by warehouse buildings around the proposed yards and by existing sound walls along Chino Avenue. The proposed activities would have no effect on visual resources.				
Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable	$\boxtimes$			
The proposed activities would occur within Mira Loma Substation, agriculture or forestry resources. The proposed activities would ha resources.				
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (e.g. produce additional emissions, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants, generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment)?	$\boxtimes$			
EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation Staging activities have been analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. The staging activities are anticipated to be the same activities that were previously analyzed and would occur at distances similar to or farther away from sensitive receptors. The proposed activities would result in generation of the same air quality emissions and odors analyzed for staging activities in the EIR and SEIR. The proposed activities would implement MM AQ-01 (Fugitive Dust Control Plan) which requires implementation of the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. Additionally, MM AQ-02 (Exhaust Emissions Control) provides control measures for exhaust emissions generated by the Project and would be implemented during actions associated with the proposed activity. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on air quality.				
Biological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse effect to sensitive or special-status species, or impact riparian, wetland, or any other sensitive habitat, or conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation				
As described under Part B (Surveys), surveys have not been completed for the staging yards proposed at the Mira Loma Substation. The substation footprint is fully developed, and there is low potential for special-status species to occur at the site. The developed land surrounding the substation provide low quality habitat for nesting birds, given the lack of trees and shrubbery. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on biological resources.				

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A	
Cultural, Tribal Cultural, and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a historical, archeological, or tribal cultural resource, cause adverse change to a paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation	$\boxtimes$			
The proposed activities would take place within the existing Mira Loma Substation and do not require ground disturbance. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources.				
Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant	$\boxtimes$			
The proposed activities would occur within the existing Mira Lond would include the usage of a developed substation for staging a be required that could contribute to geologic or soil hazards. The a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed im	ctivities. No g proposed a	round disturbar ctivities would n	nce would	
Hazards and Hazardous Materials (e.g., create or increase the exposure of people or structures to hazardous materials or wildland fires, involve the use of additional hazardous materials or equipment, or interfere with an adopted emergency plan)? EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation	$\boxtimes$			
The proposed activities would not involve the use of hazardous drilling materials or fluids. Additionally, the proposed activities would not include ground disturbance, therefore no potential to unearth hazardous materials or resources would occur.				
Vehicles and equipment involved with the proposed actions would use hazardous materials (such as fuels and oils) that would be consistent with the types of materials analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. Potential hazards associated with the proposed activities would be addressed through implementation of EPE HAZ-01 (Health and Safety and Emergency Response Procedures), EPE HAZ-03 (Environmental Management Program), EPE HAZ-04 (Worker Environmental Awareness Training) to ensure that hazardous materials stored or transported from the staging area are properly handled to avoid a significant impact. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.				
Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., degrade water quality, discharge waste or sediment, deplete groundwater, alter the existing drainage pattern, create additional runoff water or polluted runoff, place structures in a 100-year flood hazard area, or expose people or structures to a significant risk involving flooding)?	$\boxtimes$			
<u>Final EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with</u> <u>Mitigation</u>				
The proposed activities would involve the use of the Mira Loma Su would be no ground disturbance or associated construction that impact groundwater quality. No new impervious surfaces would be activity. Implementation of EPE HAZ-03 (Environmental Managem of a Starmurdar Pollution Plan (SW/PPP) to protoct work	could alter s be created a ient Program	urface hydrolog s a result of the ) requires impler	yy or proposed mentation	

of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to protect water quality from runoff from the staging areas. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A		
Land Use (e.g., conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, or conflict with a habitat conservation plan)? Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: No Impact			$\boxtimes$		
The proposed activities would occur within an existing substation and would be consistent with the land use and ongoing activities of the site. The proposed activities would have no effect on land use or zoning designations, and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on land use and planning.					
Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)? Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable	$\boxtimes$				
The proposed activities would not require any ground disturbance produce long term noise impacts. The nearest residence is locate areas. Noise from the proposed activities would be temporary an and transporting of materials in and out of the Mira Loma Substat be disruptive to nearby receptors, especially in morning or evenin Reporting), EPE NOI-02 (Noise Complaint Investigation), EPE NOI-02 04 (Noise Reduction Practices), and EPE NOI-05 (After-Hours Cons reduce noise at the staging areas. In accordance with Mitigation Reduction), staging activities related to the proposed Project wor construction noise limits set by the City of Ontario if construction of activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity noise.	ed 275 feet of d short-term, ion. Beeping ng hours. EPE 03 (Constructi truction) wou Measure NC uld be require activities occu on Saturday o	the proposed si consisting of the from backup al- NOI-01 (Noise Co on Practices) an old be implement ol-02 (Additional ed to meet non- ur outside of app and Sunday). The	taging e storing arms may omplaint nd EPE NOI- nted to Noise proved e proposed		
Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)?			$\boxtimes$		
Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: Less than Significant					
The proposed activities would consist of using the Mira Loma Substation for staging purposes and would not result in population growth or the displacement of people or housing. The proposed refinement would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on population and housing.					
Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)? <u>Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: Less than Significant with</u> <u>Mitigation</u>			$\boxtimes$		
The proposed activity is not located adjacent to or within a park or proposed activity would have no impact on recreation.	or other recre	eational facility.	The		
Transportation and Traffic (e.g., increase traffic congestion or degrade performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, or increase hazards due to a design feature)?	$\boxtimes$				
Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable					
The proposed staging activities would occur on private land and would not occur within public roads. No lane closures would be required as part of the proposed activities. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on transportation and traffic.					

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Utilities and Public Services (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs)?	$\boxtimes$		
Final EIS and SEIS evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation			
The proposed activities would not require ground disturbance, th	0		

construction waste would not need to be transported offsite. The proposed activities would not include the disruption or expansion of utility services. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on utilities and public services.