

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 18, 2010

Donald Johnson
Project Manager
Southern California Edison
2131 Walnut Grove Ave.
Rosemead, C 911770

RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 – Variance Request #66

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On January 11, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested a variance to Mitigation Measure B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) to fulfill a request from the property owner (Mr. Reitano) on Segment 1, Section 3, Los Angeles County, California. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE is requesting a variance to Mitigation Measure B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) for the Antelope-Pardee Transmission Project to fulfill a request from the property owner (Mr. Reitano). SCE is seeking a variance from Mitigation Measure B-1a to revegetate temporary project disturbance areas on Mr. Reitano's property using native seed mix composed of only two perennial shrub species (California buckwheat and black sage). In addition, due to the modified seed mixture, SCE requests that long-term monitoring requirements on the property be clarified only to ensure adequate perennial vegetative cover to prevent erosion and the spread of exotic non-native vegetation as described in the February 2008 Habitat Restoration and Revegetation Plan (HRRP). The current HRRP performance standard to achieve success includes development of vegetative cover, diversity, and species dominance that is similar to the naturally occurring habitat in adjacent areas of the project and achieved vegetation density high enough to discourage invasion by exotic species. Due to a modified seed mix, restoration of species diversity similar to adjacent naturally occurring habitat will be difficult to accomplish. SCE requests to revise the HRRP performance standard on this property to include only development of vegetative cover and achieved vegetation density high enough to discourage invasion by exotic species. Therefore, the seeded areas shall attain a minimum cover of 70 percent native vegetation after five years.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:

- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities and revegetation activities.
- Prior to the commencement of construction activities, all crew personnel including crane, haul truck and concrete truck drivers shall be appropriately WEAP trained on environmental issues including protocols for air quality, hazardous materials, biological resources, known and unanticipated cultural materials, as well as SWPPP BMPs. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained.
- All work boundaries shall be flagged prior to construction. No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Boccio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized capital 'J'.

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen