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Dear Mr. Colton:

SDG&E's October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 request to continue work until 1:00 PM (1300hours) on level Ev Project Activity Level (P.A.L.) days has been reviewed by Forest Service staff assigned to the project.

You may work at the sites listed below until 1 PM (13:00 hours) on Project Activity Level (P.A.L.) Ev days under the following conditions: 1) Compliance with the Special Use Permit Fire Plan (Exhibit 9). 2) Compliance with all previous project variance permissions. 3) Adherence to fire mitigation measures previously proposed by SDG&E as approved by the Forest Service. A copy of the Variance letter and Fire Plan will be at each worksite.

The following operations may proceed until 1PM (1300 hours) on (P.A.L.) Ev days under the cumulative restrictions of (P.A.L.) from A through Ev, and using the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site. One 2000 to 4000 gallon water truck, a full time fire watch with a type 6 brush patrol carrying a minimum of 300 gallons of water or water trailer with a minimum of 300 gallons of water as described in (Section 3 of Exhibit 9) the Fire Plan, to remain on site during operations and at least 2 hours past the end of the work day, a fire marshal to patrol the area and monitor weather conditions, and appropriate fire tools kept within 25 feet of operations at all times. For mowing/ mastication operations and welding a staffed charge minimum of 1" fire hose able to reach 100 ft. past the work area will be utilized wetting the work area down before during and after the operation.

- 1) *Brush clearing at vehicle accessible work sites:* CP99-2; CP100-1; EP25-1, EP36-1, EP131; EP138-2; EP129; EP141; La Posta Road (LPR) improvement work (entire length includes turnouts); and Thing Valley Construction Yard (TVCY).
- 2) *Grading at vehicle accessible work sites:* CP69-3; CP99-2; CP100-1; EP35-1, EP36-1, EP125; EP126-1; EP127; EP130-1; EP131; EP130&131PS; existing road to EP-141; LPR to EP141 includes placement of aggregate and Thing Valley construction yard.
- 3) Gate and barrier installation at work sites: EP125, EP126-1, EP127, EP129, EP 130-1; and EP131 (Note: USFS permit required for welding, cutting, or grinding. Permit valid only on (P.A.L.) days A-D. Must be compliant with Sections 3, 4 and Attachment 1 of Exhibit 9 the Fire Plan for welding. No variance for P.A.L. level E.v...



- 4) *Soil borings*: CP99-1; CP100-1; and EP141.
- 5) *Conventional foundation construction*: CP69-3; CP99-2; CP100-1; EP-113; EP130-1; and EP141 (Note: foundation work may commence at LPR sites when improvement work with aggregate is complete from end of pavement to the work site).
- 6) *Fence Installation*: Thing Valley construction yard.

The following operations may proceed until 1PM (1300 hours) on (P.A.L.) Ev days under the cumulative restrictions of (P.A.L.) from A through Ev, and using the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site. A flybox with hand tools or the fire box will include all tools as described for the number of personnel in (Section 3 of Exhibit 9) the Fire Plan. A designated fire patrol person will be patrolling all sites during work activities and 2 hours after end of work.

- 7) *Hand clearing of vegetation(Non- Mechanized/ No Chainsaw) at TSAP's & Remote Tower Sites*: EP25-2; EP28-3; EP29-2; EP33-1 EP34-1; EP37-2; EP57-2 EP108-2; EP109-1; EP110-2; EP111-4 and EP116-1; CP73-2; CP104-1; CP105-1; EP2-3; EP3--3, EP4-3, EP5-2; EP6-1; EP14-1; EP15; EP18; EP19-1; EP20-2; EP21-1; EP22-1; EP22-1; EP23-2; EP134; EP140 tower site only, EP142-1; and EP143-1.
- 8) *Hand clearing of vegetation (Non- Mechanized/ No Chain Saw) for egress routes at micro-pile sites*. Approved.
- 9) *Installation, maintenance and inspection of BMP's*: Approved project wide.
- 10) *Mobilization/Removal of Equipment from Micro pile Sites*: Approved project wide.
- 11) *Hydromulching*: All vehicle accessible project areas where slope stabilization is required.
- 12) *Installation of portable temporary remote automated weather station at Thing Valley Yard*: Approved.
- 13) *Rehabilitation and Transplanting work at all sites*: Approved project wide.

The following operations may proceed until 1PM (1300 hours) on (P.A.L.) Ev days under the cumulative restrictions of (P.A.L.) from A through Ev in compliance with (Exhibit 9) the Fire Plan and Variance notice and using the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site.

For all sites the following applies: A flybox with hand tools or the fire box will include all tools as described for the number of personnel in (Section 3 of Exhibit 9) the Fire Plan with a water tank or truck or trailer minimum of 300 gallons of water for fire only in reserve on site at all times. The pump will be minimum rating of 23 gallons per minute at 175 psi pump pressure at sea level with a minimum 1" hose filled/ primed with water capable of reaching 100 ft. past the work area. All activities will comply with proper brush clearances as specified in (Exhibit 9) the Fire Plan. For Boulder Breaking activities the work area will be cleared of flammable vegetation for a 10foot radius and wet down for a 25 foot radius before, during and after the completion of the operation. A designated fire patrol person will be on site during work activities and 2 hours after end of work. Notification will be made to the Forest Service 24 hours prior to start of work to allow opportunity for pre-inspection of equipment going to remote sites.

14) *Boulder Breaking & Benching: using Boulder Buster and/ or Dexpan are allowed at all sites.*

15) *Micro-pile foundation construction: Approved on a site by site basis on a limited scale determined by the Forest Service as follows: HIGH FIRE DANGER AREAS; La Posta Road Area limited to two (2) simultaneous sites per operational period or work day, this includes all sites between EP 107 and EP 141. The area between Lyon Valley Road and Japatul Road are limited to two (2) simultaneous sites per operational period or work day, this includes all sites between EP 11-3 and EP 24-1. LOW TO MODERATE FIRE HAZARD AREAS; Are all areas along the powerlink corridor located outside of the High Fire Danger Areas. These areas are limited to (2) to six (6) sites per operational period or work day. Egress routes will be established on the ground and clearly identified at all times. A map of proposed egress routes will be provided to the Forest Service for approval prior to start of work. Tentatively approved for work upon review of egress routes and SDG&E limited scale work area proposal for High Fire Danger Areas: EP132; EP134-1; EP135; EP136; EP137; EP138-2(vehicle accessible); EP139-1; EP140 (700 feet from existing road); EP142; EP143-1; CP101-1; CP103-1; CP104-1; and CP105-1. Upon completion of review sites will be released by email from the Forest Service.*

16) *Grading at TSAP's: No Ev variance.*

Also renewed are those work activities included in the Forest Service August 17<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 responses to SDG&E requests to continue work until 1:00 PM 13:00 on (P.A.L.) Ev days.

All SDG&E activities are subject to the (P.A.L.) for Forest Service Area 685, the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit, project plans, and exhibits. Variances may be issued to SDG&E before the close of business every Thursday and are good for the next seven day period (October 14<sup>th</sup> thru October 20<sup>th</sup>). If you have questions contact Brian Paul, Sunrise Project Manager at (619) 445-6235.

Sincerely,



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