

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



A Sempra Energy utility MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	08-	-25 - 20 (Revised 10)-15-20)	Request #:		048		
Date Approval Required:	10-	-21-20		Landowner:		XXX		
APN:	XX	XX-XXX-XX						
Refinement from (check all	tha	t apply):						
☐ Mitigation Measure		□ АРМ	⊠ Pro	ject Description		Drawing		Other
Identify source (mitigation	mea	sure, project desc	cription,	etc.):				
Notice to Proceed request #2 National Forest Power Line I Commission (CPUC) on Feb Due to the discovery of sensi replacement pole location for to be shifted to avoid these se considerations, such as the re south and specialized installa impacts to the known archaec archaeological testing efforts USFS, and the consulting trib Resources section of Attachm Cultural Resources Letter Re (submitted under separate co MPR request.	Repla ruary tive r Pol- ensition ologion, and bes. ment port	acement Projects (2) 4, 2020 and by the cultural resources e P259378 (Locative resources. This ign of Pole P2593' of grounding rods ical site at this local conforms with the Additional inform A: Minor Project I prepared by ASM	Project) vene United during coon 72) on s Minor F 78 to shift, to avoid ation. The e location is a Refineme Affiliate.	vas approved by the States Forest Service on TL62 and March 13, 2020, the Project Refinement of the replacement properties re-design was informated and approach that also provided in the nt Request Screenings, Inc. (ASM) ¹ in sufficient States of the st	e Califo ce (US 26 Con he repla (MPR) ole loca s that w Formed has bea Cultura ng Forr	ornia Public FS) on Febr version Nortacement pol request intention approximate discovering multiple en agreed up and Paleon and the Co of this MPR	Utilities ruary 5, 2 th at the a e location egrates decimately red and n site visit bon by SI ntologica onfidentia request	020. approved n needs esign 130 feet ninimize s, OG&E, al
Attachments (check all that	t app	oly):						
 ☒ Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form) 		☐ Photos				С	Other	
Under Order 2 of the Decis Line Replacement Projects circumstances. In accordan (a) through (d).	(D.1	16-05-038), the CI	PUC may	approve minor p	roject 1	refinements	s under c	ertain
(a) Is the proposed refinement area? The requested refinement is I Impact Report/Environmenta Figure ES-1 Regional Overvibaseline cultural survey area, baseline hydrological survey resources surveys were conducted the specific surveys conducted A: Minor Project Refinement	locat il Imi iew I part area ucted	ed within the geog pact Study (EIR/E Map in the Final E tially within the bid s. Supplemental hy d in 2017, 2018, 20 e provided in each	graphic bo IS) study IR/EIS. 7 ological s ydrologica 019, and 2 applicabl	oundary of the Final area, which is depi The refinement occ urvey area, and out al, biological, and c 2020. Additional de	l Environcted in urs with side of cultural cetails re	onmental hin the the	□ Yes	⊠ No

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¹ Williams and Roland 2020.

(b) Will the proposed refiner increase in the severity of a pused in the EIR/EIS? A discussion of changes in sign criteria used in the Final EIR/E area are fully analyzed in Attac	□ Yes	⊠ No			
(c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy?					⊠ No
(d) Does the proposed refinement trigger an additional permit requirement?					⊠ No
Describe refinement being re	quested (attach drawing	gs and photos as no	eeded):	·	
As depicted in Attachment B: C shift the replacement pole for F work area at this location. Veg refinement will result in an incr work area will be accessed via will be used to remove the exis grounding rods, which is discus associated with the construction the Final EIR/EIS for construct	Pole P259378 (Location 7 petation removal will be recease of approximately 0. a footpath. The previous ting wood pole and perfossed further in the Cultural and utilization of the recease.	2) approximately 1 equired for use of tl 04 acre of temporary approved temporerm the wire transferal and Paleontological.	30 feet south an the refinement arry impacts. The rarry pole work a r. ² Excluding sp cal Resources so	nd add a tempor rea. The request e new temporar area for Pole P2 pecialized insta- ection, the active	ary pole ted pole 59378 llation of ities
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and pl	notos as needed):			
Following the discovery of sent of Discoveries for this location Agreement on May 6, 2020. A the discoveries. Following the designated as the Most Likely I consultation with the MLD, it will discovered at this location. D Confidential Cultural Resource	was sent out by the USF, rchaeological monitors for Notice of Discoveries for Descendent (MLD) by the was requested that SDG& etails of the consultation	S to the Consulting om ASM and Nation this location, the I e Kumeyaay Cultur E review engineeri process and final po	Parties to the P we American Me ipay Nation of S al Repatriation ng options to av ole location can	roject's Progra onitors were on Santa Ysabel w Committee. The void the resource	nmatic site during as rough es
Date refinement is expected t	o be implemented:	0-22 - 20			
Resource Agency Coordination	o n				
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Resource Agency	Name	Required	Date	(see attach	

 $^{^{2}}$ The 69 kilovolt (kV) wire will be removed from the existing wood pole and the 12 kV wire will be transferred from the existing wood pole to the replacement steel pole.

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR	R PROJECT REFINEMEN	T REQUEST SCREENING FOR	М

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that it will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). The following Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist answers the consistency questions for each resource category and includes a description and justification below each resource category, as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the California Environmental Quality Act Checklist provided in the Final EIR/EIS. Refer to the Final EIR/EIS for details on the Project's impact evaluation.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Visual Resources (e.g., adversely affect scenic vistas, damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, create sources of light or glare, or result in an inconsistency with applicable scenic integrity objectives)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation ³ : Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable	\boxtimes		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:

Shifting the replacement pole for Pole P259378 (Location 72) will not substantially increase impacts to visual resources as the pole will be located within the existing right-of-way. The addition of a temporary pole work area may impact the visual character of the surrounding area due to vegetation removal; however, temporary impacts will be reduced with the implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. In addition, the requested refinement will be consistent with the visual resource analysis defined in the Final EIR/EIS and will not impact scenic vistas⁴ or substantially affect existing views from eligible State Scenic Highways or County of San Diego Scenic Routes. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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³ The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of impact significance are provided for each resource; this table notes the most significant determination within each resource section identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

⁴ The scenic vista at the Inaja Memorial National Recreation Trail is located more than five miles from the refinement.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable	\boxtimes		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement area (e.g., the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The refinement area is located within 1,000 feet of a sensitive receptor. Potential air quality impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of Project components were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. The additional vegetation removal required for use of the refinement area may result in a minor increase in air quality impacts in the localized area; however, this activity will be short-term and temporary. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement area will not expose the nearby sensitive receptor to substantial pollutant concentrations, which is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Biological Resources (e.g., result in temporary or permanent loss of native vegetation, preserve areas, native wildlife and/or their habitats; cause an adverse effect to jurisdictional waters or sensitive or special-status species; result in the introduction of invasive, non-native, or noxious plant species; conflict with local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; or interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse	\boxtimes		
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Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys. Supplemental surveys conducted in 2018, 2019, and 2020 along Transmission Line (TL) 626 Conversion North included a bat roost assessment, focused surveys for Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) and other special-status bat species, focused surveys for special-status plants, and site verification surveys.

The requested refinement will result in a total of approximately 0.04 acre of temporary impacts to mixed oak woodland. No special-status plants, special-status butterfly host plants, United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat, or U.S. Forest Service (USFS) occupied habitat occur within or adjacent to the requested refinement. All APMs and mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the Project's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program—as well as other permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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⁵ Mixed oak woodland falls in the Native Vegetation impact category for SDG&E's Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:

The requested refinement area occurs within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. The refinement area was surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project in 2009. In addition, intensive supplemental pedestrian surveys of the refinement area were conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2019 and 2020. New cultural resource components associated with previously recorded cultural resources were identified during discovery and testing procedures, as outlined in the Project's Historic Properties Management Plan (Hector and Williams 2016). The details of the discoveries and subsequent testing activities and resolution are outlined in the Confidential Cultural Resources Letter Report (Williams and Roland 2020).

In order to avoid impacts to the possible human remains at the location of the discovery, and to reduce and minimize impacts to sensitive cultural resources in the area, ESA fencing is recommended to be installed around the new temporary pole work area for Pole P259378. Additionally, recommendations include no grading or grubbing and hand removal of vegetation only. Helicopter and footpath access is recommended to avoid impacts to site. An archaeological and Native American monitor will lead excavations, and full-time archaeological and cultural monitoring is recommended during any ground-disturbing activities. Pole Z213661 will be cut at ground and left in place to avoid impacts to resources present at the old pole location. One grounding rod will be installed in the existing pole hole and no trench will be required. If a second grounding rod is needed, it will be installed in a small groove with hand tools approximately six feet from the pole hole. With these recommendations, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to cultural resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

The requested refinement area is underlain by geologic rock units/formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (i.e., very low sensitivity). Because the refinement does not require excavation underlain by rock units with a PFYC Class 3 (i.e., moderate or unknown sensitivity) ranking, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to paleontological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Greenhouse Gases (e.g., result in a net increase of greenhouse gas emissions, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse	×		
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts or	Greenhouses G	ases:	
Activities associated with the utilization of the requested refinem (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional veget trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tor County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grarefinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substational analyzed impact to GHG emissions as identified in the Final EIR	ation removal wil as of carbon dioxi- ding and land cleantial increase in the	ll occur, this acti de equivalent per aring. Therefore	vity will not r year or the , the requested
Public Health and Safety (e.g., result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; emit hazardous waste within one-quarter mile of a school; be located on a hazardous materials site; result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area; interfere with an adopted emergency plan; or create safety hazards due to structural failure)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts or	 Public Health a	nd Safety:	
The requested refinement occurs within the area assessed in the Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliable known hazardous materials sites are located within the refinement not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.	Report on ASTM I bility Project San nt area. Therefore	Phase I Environm Diego County, C e, the requested r	California. No efinement will
Fire and Fuels Management (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation</i> (Class II)/Adverse	\boxtimes		
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts or	 Fire and Fuels	 Management•	
The requested refinement is located within the Very High Fire Haz		_	uded in the Fire

The requested refinement is located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which was included in the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement area will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable	\boxtimes		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality:

The requested refinement area was not surveyed for the presence of waters of the state and/or the U.S. (i.e., jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters) during initial Project surveys. Supplemental water resource surveys of the refinement area were conducted in 2018 and 2020. The requested refinement does not contain any waters of the state or the U.S.; therefore, no jurisdictional water permitting will be required. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the refinement area will be included in a Change of Information for the Circuit (C) 79A, TL625C, TL626, and TL629A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C386349) and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Multiple Applications and Report Tracking System. Best management practices (i.e., straw wattles) will be staked to the ground, and no trenching or rock bags will be utilized. In conclusion, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Land Use (e.g., disturb land uses at or near the Project components, divide an established community, or conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project)?	\boxtimes	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL626 Conversion North and TL626RFS were notified of construction activities associated with Notice to Proceed #25 on December 23, 2019, and some property owners were re-noticed on March 19, 2020. The property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement were included in these notification processes. The requested refinement will not introduce a new land use, establish a permanent barrier or obstacle between uses, or create a physical division or separation of use. In addition, the requested refinement will not conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project, as the refinement is located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>			
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested work, and large equipment operation. The refinement area is loc Potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of EIR/EIS. Use of the refinement area may result in temporary incactivities will be short-term and temporary. In addition, with improise impacts from construction activities associated with the refin the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will no substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact.	refinement area ated within 1,000 f Project componereases in noise leplementation of noinement area will ot result in a new	feet of a sensitivents were analyzed vels; however, the oise-related MM be equivalent to significant impa	we receptor. ed in the Final ne construction s and APMs, those analyze ct or a
Public Services and Utilities (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, facilities for fire protection, municipal water supplies, telecommunications, and solid waste; or disrupt electric service)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse	\boxtimes		
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on The requested refinement will be consistent with the public services and will not require new or expanded public facilities or services result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.	ces and utilities a: . Therefore, the r	nalysis in the Fir equested refinen	nent will not
Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on The requested refinement is not located near any recreational fac		herefore, the rea	uested

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Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist				
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A	
Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program or a plan, ordinance, or policy associated with the circulation system or alternative transportation; increase hazards due to a design feature; or result in inadequate emergency access)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse	\boxtimes			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

The requested refinement will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the use of the requested refinement area will affect the same roadways as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS (i.e., Eagle Peak Road), as well as some smaller public and private roads. With the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to traffic flow will be adequately addressed. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

ATTACHMENT B: COMPARISON MAP

