

Del Mar Reconfiguration Project CPUC Minor Project Refinement Form

Minor project refinements are strictly limited to changes that will not trigger an additional permit requirement (except local government ministerial permits and associated requirements), do not substantially increase the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on criteria used in the Final ISMND, create a new significant impact, are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the Final ISMND, and that don't conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy.

Date Requested: Nove	ember 14, 2022		Report No	Report No.: 5		
Date Approval Reque	sted By: December 5,	2022	Approval (CPUC)	Approval Agency: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)		
Property Owner(s): City of Del Mar, State of	of California			/lilepost : Durante Fly Yar ad, Torrey Pines Fly Yard	•	
Land Use/Vegetative Urban/developed areas			result in an identified ir	Resources: The requeste y new impacts to sensitiv the Final Initial Study/Min (IS/MND).	e resources beyond those	
Modification From:	Permit	☐ F	Plan/Procedure	Specification	☐ Drawing	
	Mitigation Measure	\boxtimes (Other: IS/MND			

Describe how project refinement deviates from current project.

This minor project refinement request includes the following three distinct changes from what was presented and/or described in the Final IS/MND for the Transmission Line (TL) 674A Reconfiguration and TL666D Removal Project (referred to herein as the Del Mar Reconfiguration Project [Project]):

Durante Fly Yard

- 1. The Durante Fly Yard footprint has been reduced in size to avoid potential closures of portions of the fly yard during the nesting season due to an existing osprey nest platform and associated nesting buffer. The nesting platform has been utilized as a nesting site annually by an osprey pair for the last several years, and it is anticipated that they will reoccupy the nest during the 2023 nesting season. With consideration of the raptor nesting buffer requirement in Mitigation Measure BR-7 of the Project's Mitigation, Monitoring Compliance and Reporting Program (MMCRP), the southern boundary of the fly yard has been adjusted to be no closer than 500 feet from the nesting platform. The total yard footprint has been reduced from 3.67 acres to 2.57 acres.
- 2. A new access route to the Durante Fly Yard is requested to avoid the potential raptor nesting buffer. The requested access road is an approximately 900-foot-long existing paved road that crosses the Del Mar Fairgrounds property from Jimmy Durante Boulevard to the fly yard. This access road was previously approved for use in Minor Project Refinement #2 during the 2022 nesting season and is now being requested for the duration of the Project. The previously approved 1,350-foot-long access route to the Durante Fly Yard will no longer be utilized. As a result, the total temporary impact to roadways has been reduced from 0.62 acre to 0.5 acre.

Torrey Pines Fly Yard

3. The Torrey Pines Fly Yard footprint has been revised based on input received from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) to minimize impacts to access to facilities associated with the Torrey Pines State Beach North Beach Parking Lot during use of the fly yard. The footprint of the yard has been shifted north and reconfigured from the original footprint proposed in the Final IS/MND. The total yard footprint has been increased from 1.43 acres to 1.88 acres.

Construction activities associated with the proposed refinements will occur in accordance with the descriptions provided in Section 4.6.7 of the Final IS/MND. The proposed refinements are required to avoid potential workspace constraints due to nesting buffers and to minimize impacts to public access to the Torrey Pines State Park North Beach Parking Lot.

Attachment A: Comparison Map shows the Project components included in the Final IS/MND and the locations of the requested refinement areas.

The refinements will result in a net decrease of approximately 0.78 acre of temporary impacts. The dimensions for the reconfigured fly yards are provided in Table 1: Revised Temporary Impacts.

Table 1: Revised Temporary Impacts

	Approximate Dimensions				
Component	Length (feet)	Width (feet)	Acres		
Durante Fly Yard	492	228	2.57		
New Durante Fly Yard Access Road	900	20	0.50		
Torrey Pines Fly Yard	363	285	1.88		

Applicable Project requirements that will be implemented during construction of the proposed refinements include the following mitigation measures (MMs) and applicant-proposed measures (APMs): APM BIO-05, APM REC-01, APM REC-02, APM TRA-01, MM BR-1, MM BR-2, MM BR-3, MM BR-4, MM BR-5, MM BR-6, MM BR-7, MM BR-8, MM CUL-1, MM CUL-2, MM CUL-3, MM CUL-4, MM CUL-6, MM HAZ-1, MM NOI-1, MM NOI-2, MM NOI-3, MM REC-1.

Construction activities within the proposed refinement areas will be conducted in accordance with the applicable MMs and APMs listed previously, as well as all other applicable Project requirements, laws, regulations, and policies.

Biological	_	o Resources resent		Resources Present	\boxtimes	N/A, changes would not affect resources		
Previous Biological Survey Report Reference: As detailed in the Biological Technical Report for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company TL674A Reconfiguration and TL666D Removal Project (AECOM 2017, the requested refinement areas were included in baseline biological surveys, as well as a jurisdictional waters assessment conducted in 2013; floristic-level rare plant surveys conducted in 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022; focused surveys for western snowy plover and California least tern in 2014; focused surveys for light-footed clapper rail and Belding's savannah sparrow in 2014 and 2017; protocol-level surveys for California coastal gnatcatcher conducted in 2014 and 2017; protocol-level surveys for least Bell's vireo conducted in 2014; and Pacific pocket mouse surveys conducted in 2014.								
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Cultural		lo Resources resent		Resources Present	\boxtimes	N/A, changes would not affect resources		
Previous Cultural Survey Report Reference: Cultural surveys of the Project area, including the refinement areas, were performed in 2017, as detailed in the Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Proposed San Diego Gas & Electric TL674A Reconfiguration & TL666D Removal Project (AECOM 2017). All of the Durante Fly Yard was surveyed while only a portion of the new Torrey Pines Fly Yard was visited in 2017. However, since the Torrey Pines Fly Yard is paved and no ground disturbance is proposed, additional survey is not recommended. One previously recorded resource is located within 100 feet of the proposed refinements, P-37-036415. As described in the								
Final IS/MND, the Project was anticipated to potentially impact this resource. With the implementation of MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-4, MM CUL 6, and the Project's Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan, the proposed changes would 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 IS/MND With the implementation of MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-4, MM CUL-6, and the Project's Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan, the proposed changes 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 IS/MND.								
Disturbance Acrea	ge Changes:	⊠ Yes □ No						
Original disturbance acreage: 5.73 New disturbance acreage: 4.95								
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Geology, Soils, and Seismicity	to be taken. ☐ Y ☐ Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Geology, Soils, and Seismicity: The same geological conditions and hazards present along the Project right-of-way with the requested of finement area. Therefore the refinements will be requested of finement area.							

Resources:

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		Therefore, the refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency	□ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Hazards and Hazardous
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	⊠ N	Materials: The requested refinements do not overlay any areas included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. Activities associated with construction and utilization of the refinement areas may generate hazardous waste materials; however, in accordance with MM HAZ-1, a Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan was prepared for the Project, and implementation of this plan will minimize any potential impacts due to hazardous materials. In addition, implementation of SDG&E's Operations and Maintenance Wildland Fire Protection Plan will minimize impacts from wildland fires. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hazards and hazardous materials as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water
Hydrology and Water Quality	N N	Quality: The requested refinements are located within an area adjacent to areas included in the Project's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). A SWPPP amendment will be filed for these changes in accordance with Construction General Permit requirements. In addition, the refinements will not substantially alter the drainage patterns of the area; redirect water flow; or increase the risk of exposure to tsunamis, seiches, or mudflows. Therefore, the refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural Resources:
Cultural Resources	⊠ N	The requested refinements are located within the survey area of the <i>Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Proposed San Diego Gas & Electric TL674A Reconfiguration & TL666D Removal Project</i> (AECOM 2017). Additional survey of Torrey Pines Fly Yard is not recommended as it is paved and there would be no visibility. One previously recorded resource is located within 100 feet of the proposed refinements P-37-036415. The resource is a historic built environment resource. P-37-036415 (Transmission Line 666D) was evaluated for the Project and found to be not eligible for the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). It is not considered a historical resource.

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		With the implementation of MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-4, MM CUL-6, and the Project's Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan, construction will not significantly impact cultural resources within and near the proposed refinements.
		With the implementation of MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-4, MM CUL-6, and the Project's Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan, construction will not significantly impact cultural resources within or near the proposed refinements. In accordance with MM CUL-1, buffers will be placed around known archaeological sites of significance, and monitors will be present in these locations to ensure that damage to these resources is avoided or minimized.
		Therefore, the refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic: Temporary lane closures of Jimmy Durante Boulevard and disruptions to public access
Transportation and Traffic		to the Torrey Pines State Park North Beach Parking Lot were contemplated in the Final IS/MND. Construction activities and lane/sidewalk closures associated with the requested refinement areas will be conducted in accordance with Traffic Control Permits obtained from the City of Del Mar, which will minimize potential disruptions to emergency vehicle access and traffic flow. Impacts to parking and pedestrian access to the Torrey Pines State Park North Beach Parking Lot will be reduced as a result of the new fly yard design, and construction activities within the fly yard will be conducted in accordance with the Right-of-Entry Permit from State Parks, which includes measures to maintain parking and pedestrian access for the portions of the lot not included in the fly yard footprint. Therefore, the requested refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultations	⊠ N	
Air Quality	□ Y ⊠ N	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality: Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement areas (e.g., the types of equipment used and the number of truck trips) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final IS/MND and will not result in additional air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The requested refinement areas are not located within 100 feet of previously identified sensitive receptors. Although vehicle and heavy equipment use will occur within the requested refinement areas, these activities would have also occurred within the configurations included in the Final IS/MND for the fly yards; these activities will be short-term and temporary and will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Therefore, the refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	

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	_ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Agriculture and Forestry:
Agriculture and Forestry	⊠N	None of the requested refinements will conflict with or preclude agricultural uses on land zoned Agricultural Residential or affect any Williamson Act contract lands. In addition, there are no designated forest lands on or around the Project. As a result, the refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to agriculture and forestry as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	□ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	\boxtimes N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouse Gas (GHG)
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	⊠ N	Emissions: Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement areas (e.g., the types of equipment used and the number of truck trips) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final IS/MND and will not increase GHG emissions beyond what was analyzed. In addition, the refinements will not conflict with any of the plans, policies, or actions adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. Therefore, the refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to GHG emissions as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency		No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
		Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use and Planning:
Land Use and Planning	⊠N	The requested refinements will not establish permanent barriers that could divide established communities or isolate land uses. Therefore, the requested refinements will not substantially conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project. In conclusion, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use and planning as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency		No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
		Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Mineral Resources:
Mineral Resources	⊠N	The requested refinements are not located in areas classified as containing or likely to contain mineral resources and will not affect locally important mineral resource recovery sites. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to mineral resources as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	□ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	

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		Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Population and Housing:
Population and Housing	⊠ N	The requested refinements will be constructed and utilized by the same number of crew members as described in the Final IS/MND for construction of the Project. In addition, these refinements will not result in the construction of replacement housing or the displacement of any residents or housing. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to population and housing as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultations	⊠ N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:
Public Services and Utilities	⊠ N	The proposed refinements will have the same level of impacts to public services and utilities as analyzed in the Final IS/MND for construction of the Project. The refinements will not increase service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for emergency services; they also will not result in any increased pressure on schools, parks, or other public facilities beyond what was analyzed in the Final IS/MND. Therefore, the proposed refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	□ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	
	□ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:
Recreation	⊠N	As described in the Final IS/MND, the Durante Fly Yard and Torrey Pines Fly Yard are located adjacent to the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Preserve and the Torrey Pines State Reserve. The refinements within these areas will not result in any additional temporary impacts to the use or access of these recreational facilities. In addition, implementation of MM REC-1, APM REC-01, and APM REC-02 will provide advance notification to recreational facilities managers and the public regarding any temporary access restrictions that may be required. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to recreation as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠N	
	☐ Y	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Tribal Cultural Resources:
Tribal Cultural Resources	⊠ N	No tribal cultural resources were identified within the refinement areas. Tribal consultation has occurred for the Project, and coordination with interested Native American tribes will continue throughout all phases of the Project, as deemed necessary. If any unanticipated tribal cultural resources are identified within the refinements, treatment will occur as described in MM CUL-4. Therefore, the refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to tribal cultural resources as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency	□ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	

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Utilities and Service Systems	□ Y ⊠ N	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Utilities and Service Systems: Use of the requested refinement areas will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements or result in the construction of new water-related facilities or the expansion of existing water-related facilities. In addition, the refinements will not increase the amount of water needed or the amount of wastewater generated on the Project. All solid and hazardous waste disposal associated with the refinement areas will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to utilities and service systems as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency Consultation?	□ Y □ N	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Noise and Vibration	□ Y □ N	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Noise and Vibration: Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement areas due to large equipment operation. Use of the refinement areas may result in temporary increases in noise levels; however, construction activities will be short-term and temporary at any given location. The requested refinement areas are not located within 50 feet of sensitive receptors. In addition, potential noise impacts will be reduced with the implementation of MM NOI-1, MM NOI-2, and MM NOI-3. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to noise as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Y 図 N	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Aesthetics	□ Y ⊠ N	Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Aesthetics: The requested refinements will result in visual impacts similar to those described in the Final IS/MND. The minor shifts to the yard footprints will not be visible from any of the Key Observation Points included in the Final IS/MND. The refinements may temporarily impact the visual character of the surrounding areas due to the presence of construction equipment and personnel; however, these activities will be limited in duration and will occur in areas that are immediately adjacent to the fly yard locations included in the Final IS/MND. The fly yards will be restored to pre-construction conditions at the completion of construction, and if construction lighting is required during construction activities associated with the refinement areas, MM BR-7 will be implemented as required. Therefore, the refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to aesthetics as identified in the Final IS/MND.
Agency Consultation?	□ Y 図 N	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.

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		Summary of Proposed Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:
	⊠N	The requested refinements are located within the biological study areas included in the Biological Technical Report for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company TL674A Reconfiguration and TL666D Removal Project (AECOM 2017); the Survey Results for Wandering Skipper Butterfly for San Diego Gas & Electric Company TL674A Reconfiguration and TL666D Removal Project, Cities of San Diego and Del Mar, San Diego County, California (Blackhawk 2017); the Bat Survey Results for the Del Mar Reconfiguration Project Memo (Insignia 2020); and the 2022 Rare Plant Survey for the Del Mar Reconfiguration Project (Insignia 2022). The requested refinements were also reviewed by a biologist in October 2022; no resource concerns were observed within the refinement areas.
Biological Resources		The refinements will result in a decrease of approximately 0.78 acre in temporary impacts to urban/developed areas. The refinements will not result in any impacts to native vegetation, jurisdictional water features, or special-status species as the refinement areas are located in developed areas (i.e., paved and unpaved parking areas). Several Torrey pines (<i>Pinus torreyana</i>) are located adjacent to the eastern perimeter of the Torrey Pines Fly Yard. No trimming or impacts to these trees will be permitted, and they will be flagged for avoidance in accordance with applicable MMs, APMs, as well as permit and plan conditions.
		All biological MMs and APMs—as well as permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Therefore, the refinements 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 IS/MND.
Agency	☐ Y	No additional agency consultation is required to implement these refinements.
Consultation?	⊠ N	

Approvals	Date	Name (print)	Signature				
SDG&E Project Manager	11/14/2022	Todd Voorhees	late	Reviewed			
SDG&E Environmental Project Manager	11/14/2022	Christina Terzich	Christina Terzich	Reviewed			
CPUC Project Manager				Approved Approved with conditions (see below) Denied			
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Refinement Approved Refinement Denied Beyond Authority Conditions of Approval or Reason for Denial:							
Prepared by: Date:							





