

4.14 Recreation

This section describes the environmental and regulatory settings and discusses impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen 115-kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line Project (proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project) and the proposed Alberhill System Project (proposed Alberhill Project) with respect to recreation. These projects are currently being proposed by Southern California Edison (SCE, or the applicant).

Concerns related to the Lake Elsinore Motocross Park raised during scoping for the proposed Alberhill Project in 2010 and 2011 and the joint scoping for the proposed Valley-Ivyglen and Alberhill Projects in 2015 are addressed in this section. Comments regarding private airports used for skydiving, parasailing, hang gliding, and flying ultralight aircraft were also received during scoping and are addressed in Section 4.8, “Hazards and Hazardous Materials.” Comments received during scoping regarding equestrian trails are discussed in Chapter 5, “Comparison of Alternatives.” For more information regarding physical impacts to parks refer to Section 4.13, “Public Services and Utilities,” and for more information regarding impacts to bikeways and trails refer to Section 4.15, “Transportation and Traffic.”

The proposed Alberhill Project includes the installation of a microwave antenna at the Serrano Substation in the City of Orange. Because the antenna would be installed on an existing structure and the construction and operation activities associated with the microwave antenna would have no impact on recreation, this component of the proposed Alberhill Project is not discussed further in this section.

4.14.1 Environmental Setting

The majority of the proposed Alberhill Project area would be located in unincorporated areas of western Riverside County and the cities of Lake Elsinore, Menifee, and Wildomar. Minor construction, including the installation of microwave antennas on existing structures, would occur in the Cleveland National Forest.

The proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project would be located within unincorporated western Riverside County and within the cities of Lake Elsinore, Perris, and Menifee. Table 4.14-1 lists recreational areas and pedestrian trails located within 1 mile of the proposed project area. Figure 4.14-1 shows the relative location of the recreational facilities to the proposed projects.

Table 4.14-1 Recreational Facilities and Trails within one mile of the Proposed Projects

Facility Name	Facility Details	Approximate Distance from Proposed Project Component
United States Forest Service		
Cleveland National Forest	Southwest of Lake Elsinore	0.0 miles from microwave antenna at Santiago Peak
Unincorporated Riverside County		
Coral Canyon and Sycamore Creek Sports Park	24880 Coral Canyon Road, Corona	0.4 miles from Ivyglen Substation
Deleo Regional Sports Park	25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Corona	0.6 miles from VIG7
Horsethief Canyon Park	13289 Mountain Road, Corona	0.7 miles from ASP1.5 0.2 miles from VIG6
Lee Lake/Corona Lake	12510 Temescal Canyon Road, Corona	0.3 miles from VIG7
Indian Creek Park	Indian Creek Drive, Corona	0.6 miles from VIG6
Community Trail	Near Bundy Canyon Road	0.0 miles from ASP4, ASP5

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Facility Name	Facility Details	Approximate Distance from Proposed Project Component
Regional Trail	Many locations	0.0 miles from ASP5, VIG1, VIG8
Combination Trail (Regional and Class 1 Bikeway)	Parallel to Highway 15	0.0 miles from VIG1, VIG2, VIG5, VIG6
City of Lake Elsinore		
Alberhill Ranch Community Park and Swim Park	28200 Lake Street	0.1 miles from ASP2 and VIG6
Channel Walk/ Riverwalk	Lake shoreline to Riverside Drive	0.6 miles from ASP4
City Park	243 South Main Street	0.6 miles from ASP4
Jungle Island Paintball Park	14881 Temescal Canyon Road	0.2 miles from VIG5
Lake Community Center	310 West Graham Avenue	0.6 miles from ASP4
Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center	183 North Main Street	0.4 miles ASP4
Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium	500 Diamond Drive	0.4 miles from ASP4
Lake Elsinore Motocross Park	20700 Cereal Street	0.11 miles from ASP4
Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area	Between Lakeshore Drive and Grand Avenue	0.8 miles from VIG4
Lakepoint Park	420 East Lakeshore Drive	0.7 miles from ASP4
Linear Park	Pedestrian walking path	0.4 miles from ASP4
Links at Summerly Golf Course	29381 Village Parkway Lake Elsinore	0.6 miles from ASP1
Rosetta Canyon Community Park	39423 Ardenwood Way	0.2 miles from VIG2
Senior Activity Center	420 East Lakeshore Drive	0.7 miles from ASP4
Summerhill Park	31613 Canyon Estates Drive	0.3 miles from ASP4
Swick and Matich Park	402 Limited Street	0.7 miles from ASP4
Yarborough Park	419 North Poe Street	0.5 miles from ASP2 0.8 miles from VIG4
Youth Opportunity Center	400 West Graham Avenue	0.7 miles from ASP4
Historic Trail	Lake Street and Grand Avenue	0.0 miles from ASP2 and VIG5
Lake Elsinore Lake, River, Levee	Parallel to Highway 15	0.0 miles from ASP2, ASP4, VIG4, VIG5, VIG6
Regional Trail	Temescal Canyon Road	0.0 miles from ASP3, VIG5, VIG6
City of Menifee		
E. L. Peterson Park	29621 Park City Avenue	0.3 miles from VIG4
Eller Park	Highway 74 and Antelope Road	0.5 miles from VIG1
La Ladera Park	29629 La Ladera Road	0.9 miles from VIG4
Lazy Creek Park	26480 Lazy Creek Road	0.5 miles from ASP7
Roy W. Kabian Memorial Park	28001 Goetz Road Quail Valley	0.5 miles from VIG1
City of Perris		
Monument Ranch Park	163 Monument Parkway	0.2 miles from VIG1

Sources: City of Lake Elsinore 2011, 2012, 2015; City of Menifee 2013a; City of Perris undated; County of Riverside 2013, 2014a; Menifee 24/7 2013; USFS 2012.

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Source: BLM Geocommunicator 2009, RCHCA 2007, SCE 2011, 2013

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| 1 | VIG1 | 1 | ASP1 | Existing Substations |
| 2 | VIG2 | 1.5 | ASP1.5 | Proposed Alberhill Substation |
| 3 | VIG3 | 2 | ASP2 | Proposed 500-kV transmission lines |
| 4 | VIG4 | 3 | ASP3 | 500-kV Serrano Valley Transmission Line |
| 5 | VIG5 | 4 | ASP4 | Segment begin / end |
| 6 | VIG6 | 5 | ASP5 | |
| 7 | VIG7 | 6 | ASP6 | |
| 8 | VIG8 | 7 | ASP7 | |
| | | 8 | ASP8 | |

Parks and Recreational Facilities

- 1: Corral Canyon and Sycamore Creek Sports Park
- 2: Deleo Regional Sports Park
- 3: Lee Lake/Corona Lake
- 4: Cleveland National Forest
- 5: Horsetheif Canyon Park
- 6: Indian Creek Park
- 7: Jungle Island Paintball Park

- 8: Alberhill Ranch Community Park and Swim Park
- 9: Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area
- 10: Yarborough Park
- 11: Youth Opportunity Center
- 12: Lake Community Center
- 13: Channel Walk/ Riverwalk
- 14: City Park
- 15: Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center

- 16: Senior Activity Center
- 17: Lakepoint Park
- 18: Links at Summerly Golf Course
- 19: Rosetta Canyon Community Park
- 20: Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium
- 21: Lake Elsinore Motocross Park
- 22: Summerhill Park
- 23: Swick and Matich Park

- 24: Linear Park
- 25: Roy W. Kabian Memorial Park
- 26: Monument Ranch Park
- 27: La Ladera Park
- 28: E. L Peterson Park
- 29: Lazy Creek Park
- 30: Eller Park
- 31: Marion V. Ashley Community Park

Figure 4.14-1

Recreation Facilities within one mile of the Projects

Alberhill and Valley-Ivyglen Projects

Riverside County, California

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2 **4.14.2 Regulatory Setting**
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4 **4.14.2.1 Federal and State**
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6 ***United States Forest Service Cleveland National Forest Land Management Plan***

7 The USFS Cleveland National Forest Land Management Plan (Part 2), as amended, establishes goals to
8 achieve a variety of recreational opportunities while reducing negative effects on recreation experiences,
9 public safety and the environment (USFS 2014). This land management plan designates the location of
10 the Santiago Peak Communications Site as both ‘Back Country’ and an existing Two-way radio/Non-
11 Broadcast/Low-power communication site (USFS 2005). While the plan was amended in 2014 to change
12 zoning for large swaths of inventoried roadless areas to be ‘Recommended Wilderness’ or ‘Back Country
13 Non-motorized,’ these changes did not affect the Santiago Peak Communications Site (USFS 2014).
14 None of the goals from the original and amended plan are therefore applicable to the proposed projects.
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16 **4.14.2.2 Regional and Local**
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18 ***Riverside County***

19 The following policies established in the Land Use Element of the County of Riverside General Plan
20 (County of Riverside 2014b) are applicable to the proposed projects:
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- 22 • ***LU 19.1:*** *The County shall develop and maintain a regional park system that provides*
23 *recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of Riverside County.*
- 24 • ***LU 19.2:*** *Provide for a balanced distribution of recreational amenities in Open Space, Rural,*
25 *and Community Development General Plan land uses.*
- 26 • ***LU 19.3:*** *Require that park facilities be accessible to the community, regardless of age, physical*
27 *limitation or income level.*
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29 ***City of Lake Elsinore***

30 The following goal and policies established in the Community Form chapter of the City of Lake Elsinore
31 General Plan (City of Lake Elsinore 2011) are applicable to the proposed projects:
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- 33 • ***Policy 1.7:*** *Encourage the use of paseos, green belts, linear parks, and trails within future*
34 *developments.*
- 35 • ***Goal 2:*** *Establish and maintain the City as a year-round recreation destination.*
- 36 • ***Policy 2.1:*** *Encourage recreational uses including parks, beaches, marinas, motocross, soaring,*
37 *skydiving, and a multipurpose trail within the City’s rights of way.*
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39 ***City of Perris***

40 The following goal and policy established in the Open Space Element of the City of Perris General Plan
41 (City of Perris 2005) are applicable to the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project:
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- 43 • ***Goal II:*** *Establish comprehensive trail system for pedestrian bicycle and equestrian use.*
- 44 • ***Policy II.A.2:*** *Work with other agencies to acquire easements along the Perris Valley Channel*
45 *and San Jacinto River for trail development and use.*

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City of Menifee

The following goal established in the City of Menifee’s General Plan (City of Menifee 2013b) is applicable to the proposed projects:

- Goal OSC-1: A comprehensive system of high quality parks and recreation programs that meets the diverse needs of the community.

City of Wildomar

At the time of preparation of this document, the City of Wildomar had not adopted a general plan. The City of Wildomar was incorporated in 2008 and adopted the County of Riverside general plan at that time. County ordinances remain in effect until the city enacts ordinances superseding them. Policies listed above under the Riverside County General Plan as applicable to the proposed Alberhill Project also apply to the City of Wildomar. No components of the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project are located within the City of Wildomar.

4.14.3 Methodology and Significance Criterion

To assess impacts on recreation, the proposed construction schedule and number of construction workers (Chapter 2, “Project Description”) was reviewed to determine if the proposed projects would involve the relocation of workers to the proposed project area. It is assumed that an increase in population in the proposed project area could lead to increased use of recreation facilities. Potential impacts on recreation were evaluated according to the following significance criteria. The criteria were defined based on the checklist items presented in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed projects would cause a significant impact on recreation if they would:

- a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines also includes the following checklist item:

- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

The proposed projects would not include or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Therefore, this item is not applied as a criterion in the analysis of environmental impacts presented in the following sections.

4.14.4 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures (Valley–Ivyglen Project)

Impact RE-1 (VIG): Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.
LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT

Construction

As discussed in Section 2.4.1 “Schedule, Equipment, and Personnel,” up to 125 workers per day would be required to construct the proposed Valley–Ivyglen Project. The applicant anticipates that the existing

1 SCE workers based in Alhambra, California (approximately 70 miles northwest of the City of Lake
2 Elsinore) or local contractors would construct the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project. It is assumed that a
3 local contractor would staff workers and would not require workers to relocate to the proposed project
4 area. Therefore, use of existing recreational facilities would not increase.
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6 If the applicant's Alhambra construction crew or a non-local contractor is used during construction,
7 workers would temporarily relocate to the proposed project area for the duration of construction,
8 approximately 27 months. The relocated construction workers could cause a minor increase in the use of
9 existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. However, the number and
10 variety of recreational facilities in the vicinity of the proposed project area (Figure 4.14-1 and Tables
11 4.14-1 and 4.14-2) would be adequate to accommodate a temporary increase in use by construction
12 workers without causing significant accelerated physical deterioration.
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14 Two stringing sites along 115-kV VIG5 would be located within portions of the Alberhill Ranch
15 Community Park, which would cause temporary closures within portions of the park, but would not
16 require complete park closures. Additionally, access to the Alberhill Ranch Community Park as well as
17 the Jungle Island Paintball and Airsoft Park may be temporarily disrupted as a result of lane closures and
18 string activities. Additionally, temporary closure of sections of the Community Trail, Regional Trail,
19 Combination Trail, Historic Trail, and Lake Elsinore Lake, River, Levee Regional Trail, may be required
20 during construction (Figure 4.14-1). Full closures of these parks and trails would not be required,
21 temporary closures would not occur simultaneously, and closures would not last longer than a few days
22 at a time. These temporary closures would likely deter visitors from these parks and trails and redirect
23 them to other recreational facilities. However, the number and variety of recreational facilities in the
24 vicinity of the proposed project area (Figure 4.14-1 and Tables 4.14-1 and 4.14-2) would be adequate to
25 accommodate an increase in use that would result from the temporary closures of some recreational
26 facilities without experiencing significant accelerated physical deterioration. Therefore, construction of
27 the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project would have a less than significant impact on the existing use of
28 recreational facilities.
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30 **Operation and Maintenance**

31 The applicant's existing staff would be sufficient for the operation and maintenance of the proposed
32 Valley-Ivyglen Project. Therefore, operation and maintenance of the proposed Valley-Ivyglen Project
33 would have no impact on the existing use of recreational facilities.
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35 **4.14.5 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures (Alberhill Project)**

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37 **Impact RE-1 (ASP): Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other**
38 **recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the**
39 **facility would occur or be accelerated.**

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42 **Construction**

43 As discussed in Section 2.4.1 "Schedule, Equipment, and Personnel," up to 100 workers per day would
44 be required to construct the proposed Alberhill Project. The applicant anticipates that most, if not all,
45 workers would come from the applicant's Menifee or Wildomar Service Centers; both of which are
46 located in close proximity to the proposed project area. Depending on availability of the applicant's local
47 construction crews, outside contractors may also be used. In the event that only non-local contractors are
48 hired for construction of the proposed Alberhill Project, it is possible that a maximum of 100 workers
49 could temporarily relocate to the proposed area for the duration of construction, approximately 28

1 months. The relocated construction workers could cause a minor increase in the use of existing
2 neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. However, the number and variety of
3 recreational facilities in the vicinity of the proposed project area (Figure 4.14-1 and Tables 4.14-1 and
4 4.14-2) would be adequate to accommodate a temporary increase in use by construction workers without
5 experiencing significant accelerated physical deterioration.
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7 As part of the proposed Alberhill Project, two microwave dish antennas would be installed at the existing
8 Santiago Peak Communications Site in the Cleveland National Forest. A bucket truck would be used to
9 install the microwave dish antenna on an existing tower at the Santiago Peak Communications Site, and
10 no trail or road closures are expected. Impacts on the existing use of recreational facilities would be less
11 than significant and no mitigation would be required.
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13 **Operation and Maintenance**

14 During operations, the proposed Alberhill Substation would be unstaffed. Electrical equipment within the
15 proposed substation would be remotely monitored and controlled by an automated system from the
16 applicant's existing Valley Substation Regional Control Center. The applicant's existing staff would be
17 sufficient for the operation and maintenance of the proposed Alberhill Project. Therefore, operation and
18 maintenance of the proposed Alberhill Project would have no impact on the existing use of recreational
19 facilities.
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