

June 29, 2017

Edith Moreno  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
8315 Century Park Court  
San Diego, CA 92123

***Re: Verification Survey, Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project,  
San Diego, California***

Dear Ms. Moreno,

On June 27, 2017, a Verification Survey (Survey) was conducted for two overhead structures to be constructed as part of the San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project (Project).

The Survey was conducted in accordance with Appendix A of the SDG&E Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), which states, "If surface disturbance has not commenced within 30 days, the Environmental Surveyor will conduct a verification study." The purpose of this verification study was to document any significant changes that may have occurred to the Project areas and Project design since the date of the original Pre-activity Survey Report (PSR), which was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on March 30, 2017 in accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) Biology 1-c of the Project's Mitigation, Monitoring, and Compliance Reporting Program (MMCRP).

The Survey was conducted by the Project's Qualified Biologist on June 27, 2017 between the hours of 6:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at structures P05 CP and CC MM CP. Weather conditions consisted of clear skies (0% cloud cover), winds approximately 0-5 miles per hour, and a temperature ranging from approximately 63 - 77 degrees Fahrenheit.

The habitat surveyed during the verification survey was consistent with the immediate and surrounding habitat described in the PSR and was primarily composed of bare ground and disturbed habitat, with lesser amounts of coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and landscape/ornamental habitat. The results of the Survey indicate that project impacts have been appropriately accounted for in the original PSR, in accordance with SDG&E's NCCP.

Wildlife species detected during survey include American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*), California towhee (*Melospiza crissalis*), common raven (*Corvus corax*), common yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), lesser goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), and spotted towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*),

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Two potential San Diego desert woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*) middens were located within the work area of structure P05 CP (32.92265 ° N, -117.04247 ° W ) and (32.92241, -117.04255). The middens have been flagged for avoidance in accordance with MM Biology-9. If avoidance is not possible, work in this location will be delayed until the end of June when a Qualified Biologist can dismantle the middens outside of the breeding season (April through June), consistent with MM Biology-9 requirements. No new bird nests, nesting activities, or burrows were observed within the surveyed area during the verification survey. No other NCCP-covered species were observed during the Survey.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 263-7005.

Sincerely,



Amy Traylor

**PHOTO DOCUMENT**

Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project  
San Diego, California  
AECOM Site Visit June 27th, 2017



**Figure 1:** Northwest-facing view of proposed structure CC MM CP location.



**Figure 2:** East-facing view of proposed structure P05 CP location.