ATTACHMENT 4.5-B: NAHC CORRESPONDENCE

June 24, 2009

Mr. Steve Benegas, Spokesperson
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Reference: SDG&E East County Substation Project, Eastern San Diego County, California (e^2M #4299-001)

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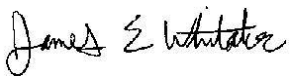

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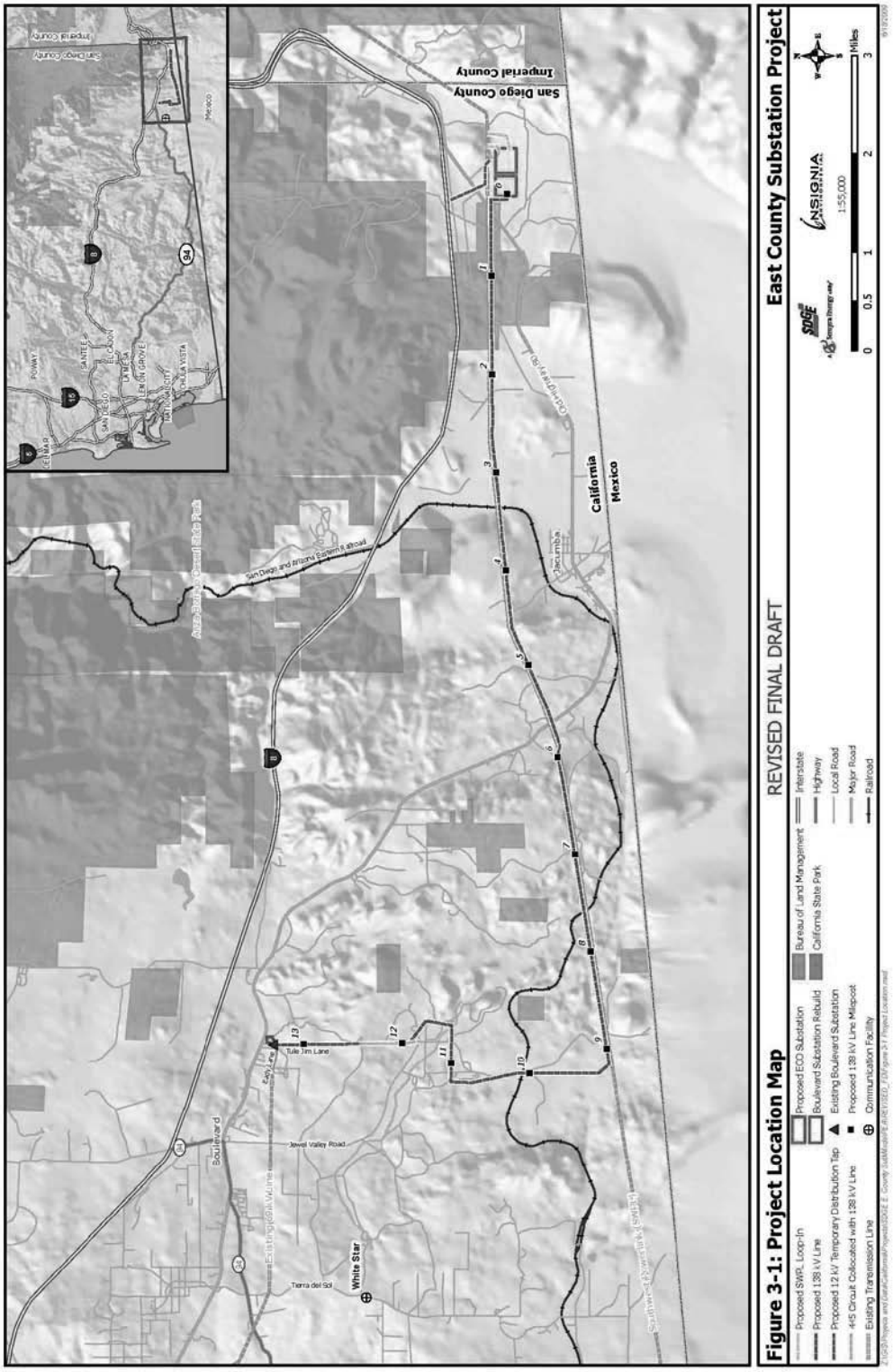

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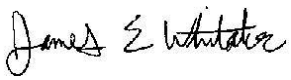

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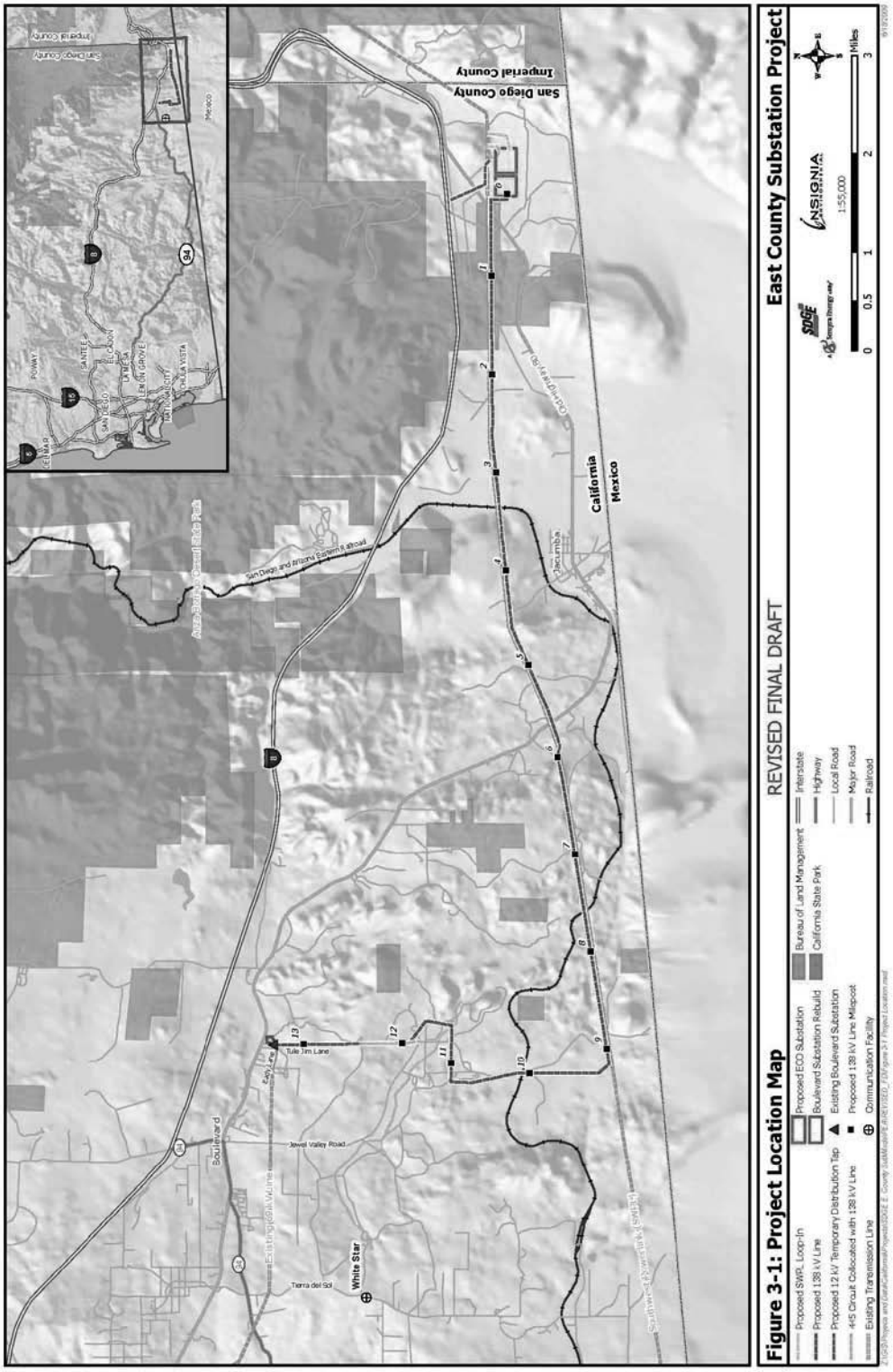

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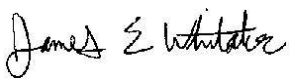

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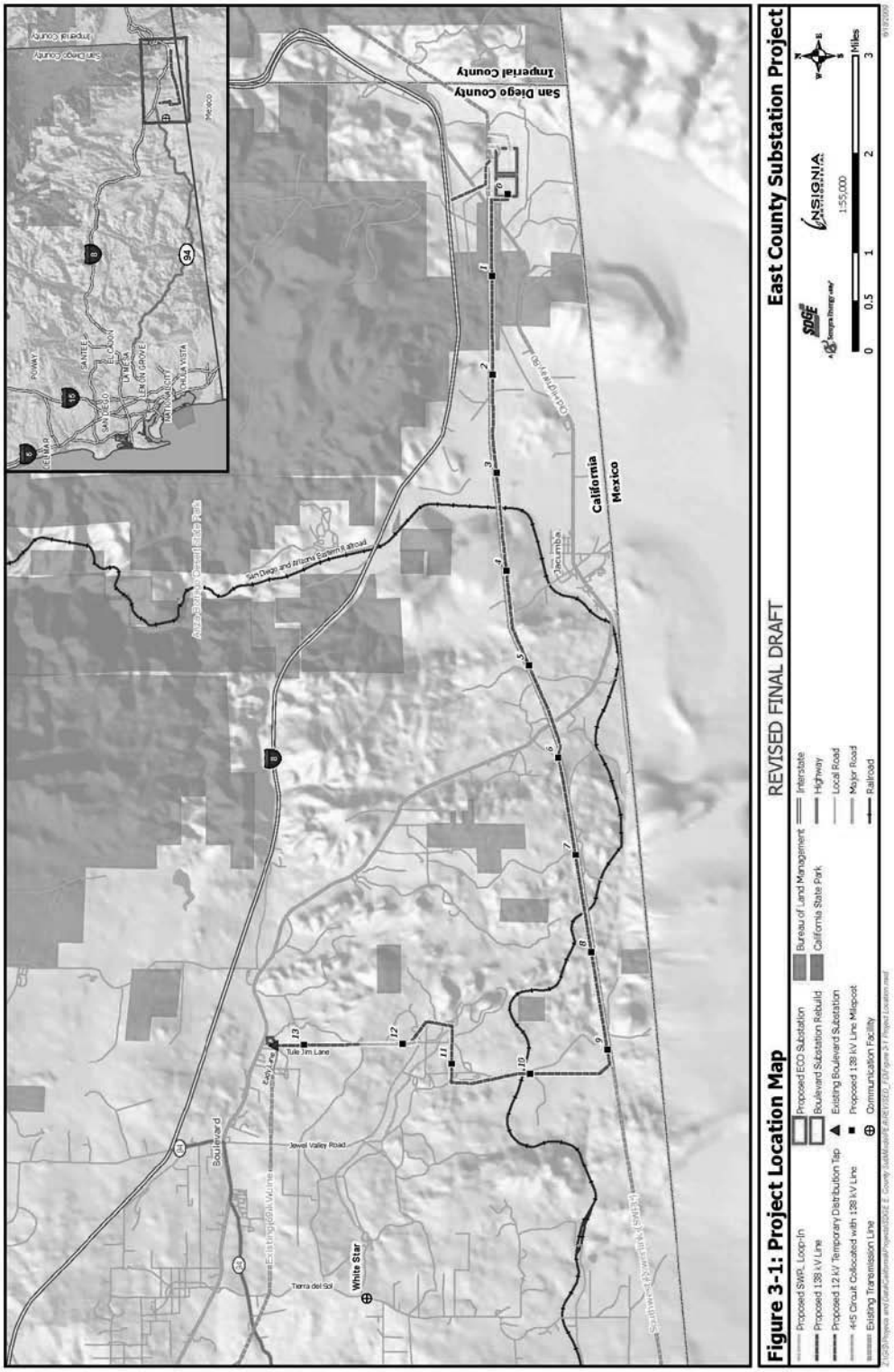

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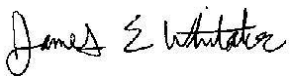

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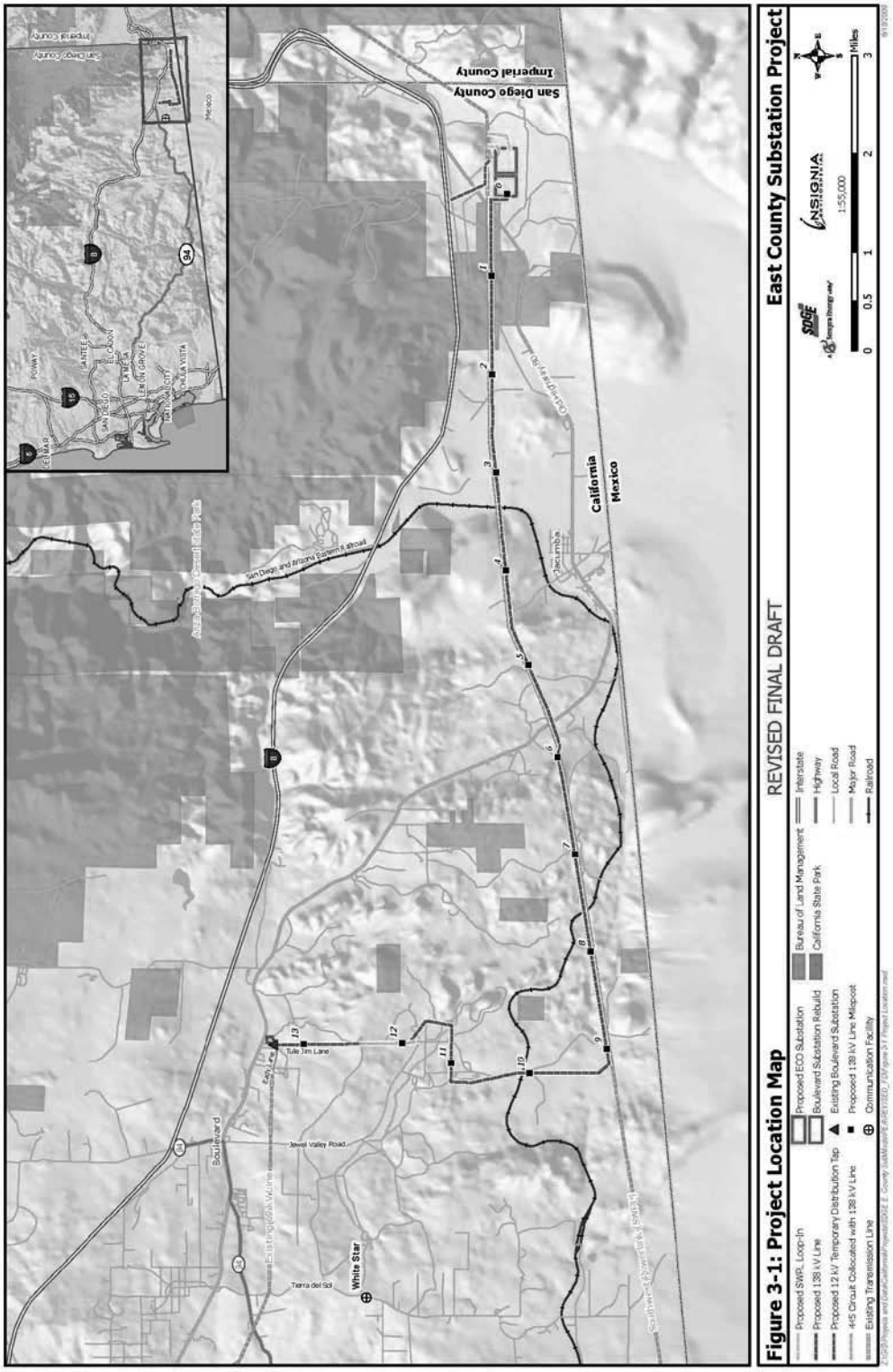

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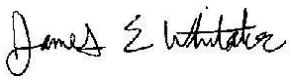

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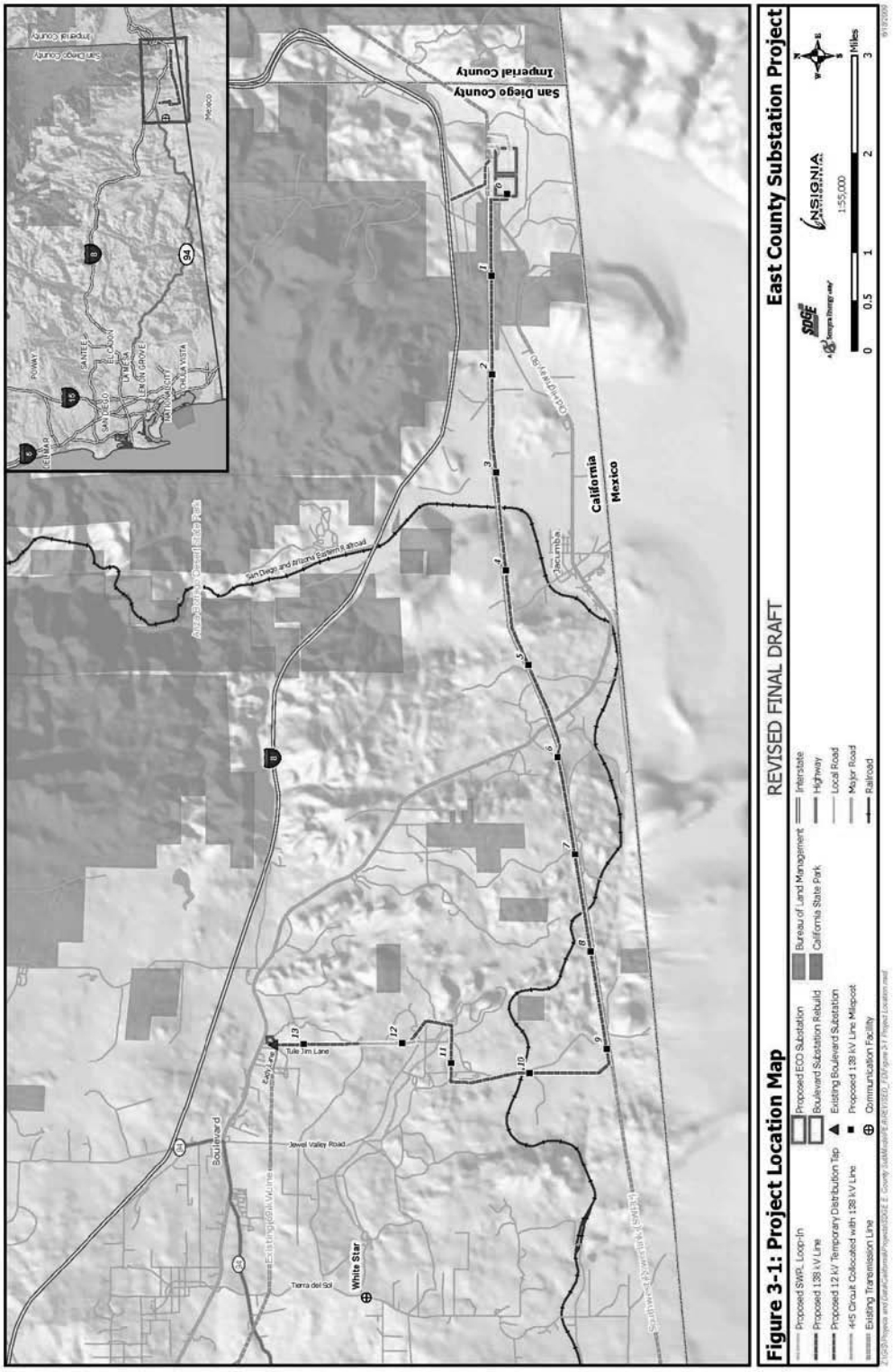

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June 24, 2009

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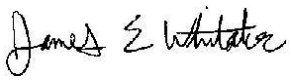

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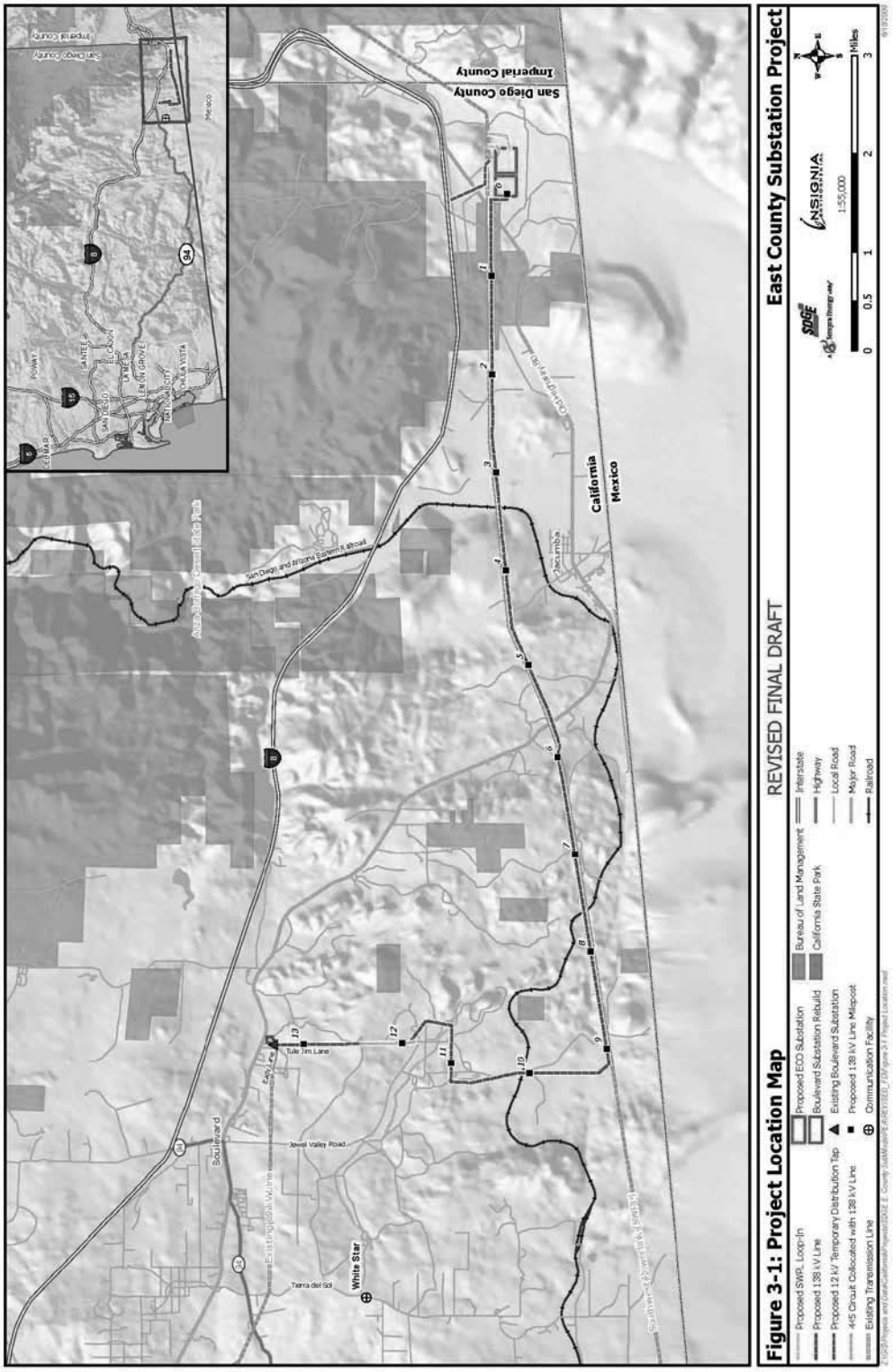

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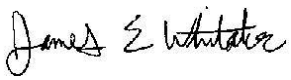

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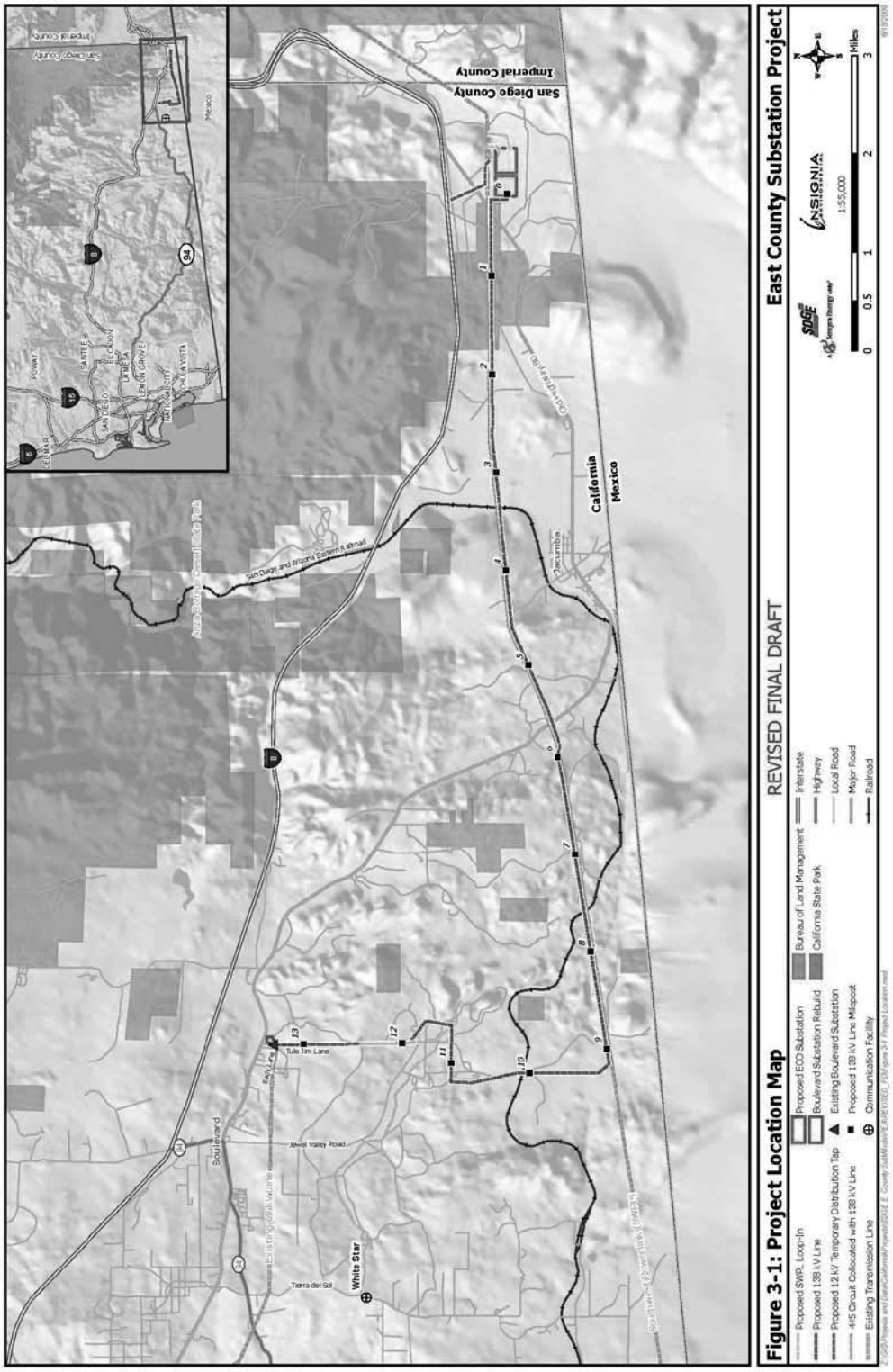

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Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

Subject: East County Substation and 69kV Project, Eastern San Diego County, CA.

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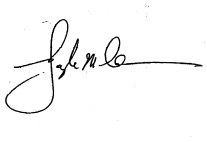

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Kumeyaay Cultural Heritage Preservation
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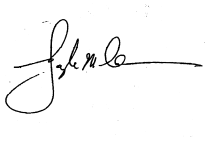

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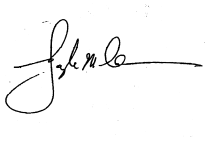

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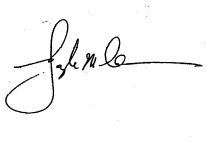

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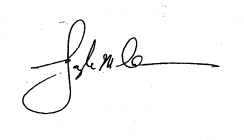

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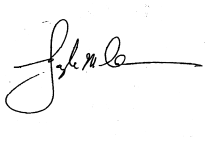

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July 28, 2008

Leroy J. Elliott, Chairperson
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
PO Box 1302
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Subject: East County Substation and 69kV Project, Eastern San Diego County, CA.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

engineering-environmental Management (e^2M) under contract to San Diego Gas & Electric Company is conducting archival research, pedestrian survey and initiating Native American Consultation on the above referenced project.

The proposed East County 500/230/69 kilovolt (kV) Substation Project is in the southeastern portion of San Diego County, California. It is situated approximately 0.5 mile north of the United States (U.S.)-Mexico border, 0.5 mile west of the Imperial County border, and 70 miles east of downtown San Diego. The primary purpose of the ECO Substation is to facilitate interconnection of renewable generation in the vicinity. The Proposed Project is divided into the following five components:

1. Construction of a new 500/230/69kV electric substation (ECO Substation)

2. Loop-in of the existing 500kV SWPL transmission line into the new substation, which will require installation of transmission structures outside of the fenced ECO Substation, but within the newly acquired SDG&E property

3. Construction of a new, approximately 14-mile-long 69kV transmission line from the ECO Substation to the existing Boulevard Substation, including the placement of 48-strandall-dielectric self-supporting fiber optic cables to provide critical communication services

4. Rebuild and expansion of the Boulevard Substation to accommodate a 69kV switch rack, two 69kV gas breakers, disconnect switches, transformers, a control shelter, protection equipment, and communication facilities

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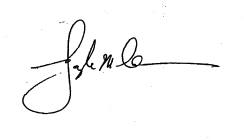

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July 25, 2008

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Number of Pages: 2

Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search for the proposed **San Diego Gas & Electic Sunrise Powerlink Project**; located in southeastern San Diego County and southwestern Imperial County, California

Dear Ms. Cheever:

The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area (APE). The SLF search did indicate the presence of numerous Native American cultural resources in the immediate project areas.

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the names of the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. In particular, we recommend that you contact Paul Cuero at (619) 478-9046 and Leroy J. Elliott at (619) 766-4930 and the other persons on the attached list of Native American contacts who do have knowledge as to whether or not the known cultural resources identified may be at-risk by the proposed project. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area (APE).

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. In fact, a Native American tribe may be the only source of information about a cultural resource. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,

Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

Native American Contacts
San Diego and Imperial Counties
July 25, 2008

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the propose Sunrise Powerlink Project of San Diego Gas & Electric Co., Routes in western Imperial County and southeaster San Diego County, parallel to the U.S. - Mexico International Boundary for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.

July 18, 2008

Ms. Debbie Plias-Treadway
Native American Heritage Commission
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364
Sacramento, CA 95814

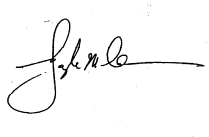
Subject: Request for Sacred Lands File Check

Dear Ms. Plias-Treadway:

engineering-environmental Management (e^2M) under contract to San Diego Gas & Electric Company is requesting that you complete a Sacred Lands File check for the East County 500/230/69kV Substation project in the southeastern region of San Diego County. I have included the project on three figures. This generally linear project runs on the east from a substation location near the Imperial/San Diego County line and terminates near the community of Boulevard. Some of the project follows an alignment similar to the Southwest Powerlink line.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. Please contact me if you have any questions or required additional information.

Regards,



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