

APPENDIX C: AGENCY CONSULTATION

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Bureau of Land Management/National Park Service

On June 15, 2016, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) met with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Barstow and Needles offices and the National Park Service (NPS) to introduce several projects to them, including the Proposed Project. The BLM and NPS recommended combining some of the projects proposed in the region in order to reduce their workload. Additionally, the BLM and NPS did not determine which agency would be the Lead Agency and asked for additional time to make this decision. After several internal BLM meetings, it was decided the BLM's Barstow office would be the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. A Standard Form 299 application was submitted to the BLM on June 14, 2016.

County of San Bernardino, California

In May 2016, SCE met with staff from the Third District of the County of San Bernardino, including Supervisor James Ramos, Mark Lundquist (field representative), and Christina Garcia (executive aide) to introduce several projects to them, including the Proposed Project. There were no major concerns raised at the time and they appreciated the information regarding the Proposed Project.

Additionally, in May 2016, SCE met with Robert Lovingood, the First District supervisor of the County of San Bernardino, and provided him with a brief overview of the Proposed Project. There were no concerns raised at the time and they appreciated the information regarding the Proposed Project.

In October 2016, SCE met with Supervisor Ramos' staff in San Bernardino regarding vegetation management. At this meeting, SCE provided a brief overview of the Proposed Project. Additionally, in October 2016, SCE provided a briefing and a fact sheet to Supervisor Lovingood's entire staff. Furthermore, notification letters were sent via email to County staff to let them know that desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) surveys were being conducted in the Proposed Project area. There were no major concerns raised at the time and they appreciated the information regarding the Proposed Project.

Individual emails were sent in October 2016 to the County Board of Supervisors and key County staff with the fact sheet and a link to the Proposed Project's website. No concerns were raised and no follow up was requested.

In November 2016, SCE met with Molly Wiltshire, Supervisor Ramos' Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding another project in the unincorporated community of Lucerne Valley. At the conclusion of the meeting, there were no major concerns regarding the Proposed Project.

Clark County, Nevada

In October and November 2016, Proposed Project fact sheets were sent to Kim Jenkins, Principle Environmental Specialist from the Clark County Boulder City Conservation Authority and to Sami Real, Planning Manager, from the Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning. Additionally, a fact sheet was sent to Steve Sisolak, a Clark County commissioner.

In December 2016, SCE had a phone conversation with Sami Real from the Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning. Ms. Real requested additional information regarding the Proposed Project. The scope of work for the Proposed Project was sent to Ms. Real twice in January 2017. Ms. Real is reviewing Proposed Project to determine potential permitting requirements.

City of Hesperia, California

In November 2016, SCE briefed the City of Hesperia's Engineering Department on the Proposed Project. The Engineering Department did not have any major concerns regarding the Proposed Project.

City of Boulder City, Nevada

In October 2016, a Proposed Project fact sheet and environmental inspections letter was sent to Brok Armantrout, the city's community development director. Additionally, SCE also met with Mr. Armantrout in October. SCE did not receive a response from the City of Boulder City.

Town of Apple Valley, California

In October 2016, a Proposed Project fact sheet and environmental inspections letter was sent to Town Manager Frank Robinson. SCE did not receive a response from the Town of Apple Valley.¹

Unincorporated Community of Laughlin, Nevada

In October 2016, a Proposed Project fact sheet was mailed to Town Manager Brian Paulson. Additionally, in October, SCE met with Mr. Paulson, and he indicated that he appreciated receiving the information regarding the Proposed Project. Mr. Paulson did not raise any issues.

Local Tribes

Although SCE is not the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency responsible for tribal consultations per Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, SCE submitted a request to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for a search of its Sacred Lands File and a list of Native American individuals and organizations that might have knowledge of cultural resources in the Proposed Project area. Upon receipt of this information, SCE contacted the individuals and organizations listed by the NAHC in the letters that follow.

¹ The Proposed Project does not actually cross the incorporated Town of Apple Valley; Proposed Project information was provided as a courtesy.



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June 30, 2017

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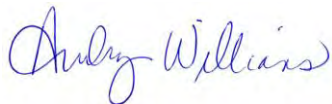
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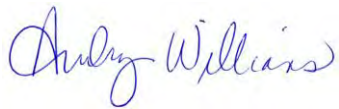
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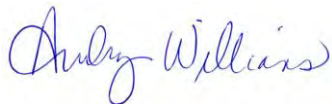
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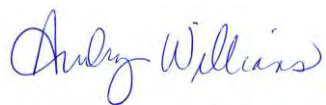
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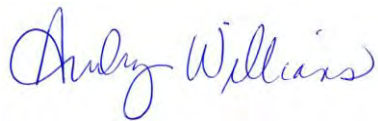
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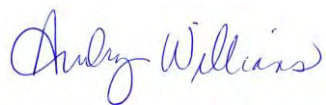
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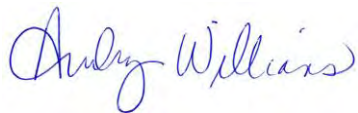
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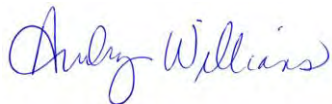
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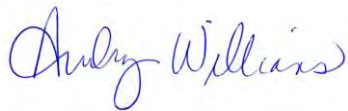
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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Inquiry for **Southern California Edison Company's Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Capacitor Project** in San Bernardino County, California and Clark County, Nevada

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Durham:

Southern California Edison (SCE) is in the process of planning the Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Capacitor Project (ELMCP) in San Bernardino County, California, and Clark County, Nevada. The project cross a combination of federally administered public lands and privately owned lands in the states of California and Nevada. The project include lands administered by the BLM Barstow Field Office, and Needles Field Office, California; the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Nevada (LVFO); and the National Park Service's (NPS) Mojave National Preserve.

The proposed ELMCP would extend northeast from the Lugo Substation (located in San Bernardino County, California) to Mohave Substation (located in Clark County, Nevada), and then extend northwest from the Mohave Substation to Eldorado Substation (located in the City of Boulder City, Nevada). Within Nevada, the ELMCP is situated within the unincorporated communities of Searchlight and Laughlin in Clark County. The main activity needed to meet the Proposed Project objectives is the construction of two new 500kV mid-line series capacitors—the proposed Newberry Springs Series Capacitor and Ludlow Series Capacitor. The proposed mid-line series capacitors would each be located on an approximately 3.1-acre site within the Eldorado-Lugo and Lugo-Mohave 500 kV Transmission Line ROWs.

The purpose of the ELMCP project is to provide safe and reliable electrical services; increase capacity on the existing Lugo-Mohave and Eldorado-Lugo 500kV transmission lines for the purpose of increasing the amount of power delivered into the Los Angeles basin; meet proposed project needs while minimizing environmental impacts; and reducing loop flow through the neighboring utilizes system for the purpose of mitigating overloads.

As part of the ELMCP project, SCE would connect the proposed **mid-line series capacitors to SCE's existing** system by installing dead-end towers, distribution facilities, and telecommunications facilities. In addition, the ELMCP project involves the correction of 16 overhead clearance discrepancies, which would require the relocation, replacement, or modification of existing transmission, subtransmission, and distribution facilities along the Eldorado-Lugo, Eldorado-Mohave, and Lugo-Mohave 500kV Transmission Lines. The Proposed Project would also include the installation of approximately 235 miles of OPGW, including approximately 3 miles of underground fiber optic on the Eldorado-Mohave and Lugo-Mohave 500 kV Transmission Lines. Lastly, the Proposed Project would include modifications within the existing Lugo, Mohave, and Eldorado Substations.

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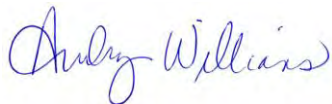
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