



March 31, 2026

## ***Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the SCE Ivanpah-Control Project (A.19-07-015); State Clearinghouse No. 2020-08-0553***

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with Southern California Edison's (SCE's) application (A.19-07-015) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) to construct, operate, and maintain the Ivanpah-Control Project (I-C Project).

**Lead Agency:** California Public Utilities Commission

**Project Title:** SCE Ivanpah-Control Project

**Project Location:** The Project is located in Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties with Control Substation at the northern terminus and Coolwater Substation at the southern terminus (refer to attached map).

### **Project Summary:**

The Project involves the removal, replacement, and operation of subtransmission facilities for which operational safety issues have been identified along approximately 262 miles of SCE's existing 115 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission lines that are over 100 years old. These lines are located in Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties. The purpose of the I-C Project is to ensure compliance with CPUC safety standards by rebuilding all or parts of the existing 115 kV circuits. The actions proposed by SCE within the 4 project segments are as follows:

- **Segments 1 and 2 (175 miles):** In these segments (Inyo and Kern Counties), an entirely new 115 kV line would be constructed (with approximately 1,500 new structures) and the existing 115 kV line would be removed after the new line is operational. Replacement structures in these segments would be located in an alignment approximately 50 feet east of the existing line. The replacement of structures in this new alignment will provide for continued service to communities along the subtransmission line route.
- **Segments 3N and 3S (88 miles):** In these segments (San Bernardino County), there are approximately 87 structures requiring replacement. Following construction of the replacement structures, the segments would be reconducted.

### **Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project:**

The CPUC has prepared a Draft EIR to analyze the Proposed Project's potential environmental effects. The Draft EIR has identified six significant and unavoidable impacts related to Aesthetic Resources, Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources. These impacts would occur during construction and operations that cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels. These impacts are listed below.

- **Impact AE-2:** Substantially damage scenic resources within a State scenic highway during both construction and operation. (Significant and Unavoidable Construction and Operation Impacts)
- **Impact CUL-1:** Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5
- **Cumulative Impact CUL-1:** Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5
- **Impact TCR-1:** Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource that is listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources
- **Cumulative Impact TCR-1:** Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource that is listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources

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The Draft EIR has determined that all other potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the Proposed Project would be less than significant, less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures, or beneficial.

**Alternatives:**

The EIR analyzes four alternatives: Crater Mountain Realignment Alternative, Manzanar Realignment Alternative, Fossil Falls Realignment Alternative, and the No Project Alternative.

**Hazardous Materials Sites under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code:**

Two hazardous material sites identified on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are located on or adjacent to lands that would be disturbed by the Proposed Project: Rand Historic Mining Complex (Kern County) and Coolwater Generating Station (San Bernardino County). Project impacts with respect to these locations are addressed in the EIR (Section 3.11).

**Availability of Draft EIR:**

The Draft EIR and appendices, along with information regarding SCE’s application and the CPUC’s environmental review process, are posted online at:

<https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/ivanpah-control/ivanpah-control.htm>

To request a hardcopy of the Draft EIR, please email [Ivanpah-Control@aspenerg.com](mailto:Ivanpah-Control@aspenerg.com) or leave a voicemail at (800) 535-2572.

**Public Comment Period:**

A 45-day comment period for the Draft EIR begins on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026. Written comments should reference the Ivanpah-Control Project, A.19-07-015. Comments should include the name of commenter, organization (if applicable), mailing address, and email address of the contact person for all future notifications related to this process.

Comments should be submitted by email to:

**John Forsythe, CPUC Project Manager**  
**Subject line: SCE Ivanpah-Control Project**  
[Ivanpah-Control@aspenerg.com](mailto:Ivanpah-Control@aspenerg.com)

Comments may also be submitted by U.S. mail to:

California Public Utilities Commission  
SCE Ivanpah-Control Project  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 967  
San Francisco, CA 94104-2920

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a comment, commenters should be aware that the entire comment - including your name, address, or other contact information that is provided, including the email address - will be placed in the Project file and will become part of the public record. Comments are also posted online as part of the public record. The CPUC cannot approve requests to withhold contact information from the public record.

**Virtual Public Meetings:**

To provide information about the Proposed Project, the Draft EIR and the CEQA process, and to provide an opportunity to submit verbal comments on the Draft EIR, the CPUC will hold two virtual public meetings:

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**Afternoon Virtual Public Meeting**

**Evening Virtual Public Meeting**

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**Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 30, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Attend via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86034976208>

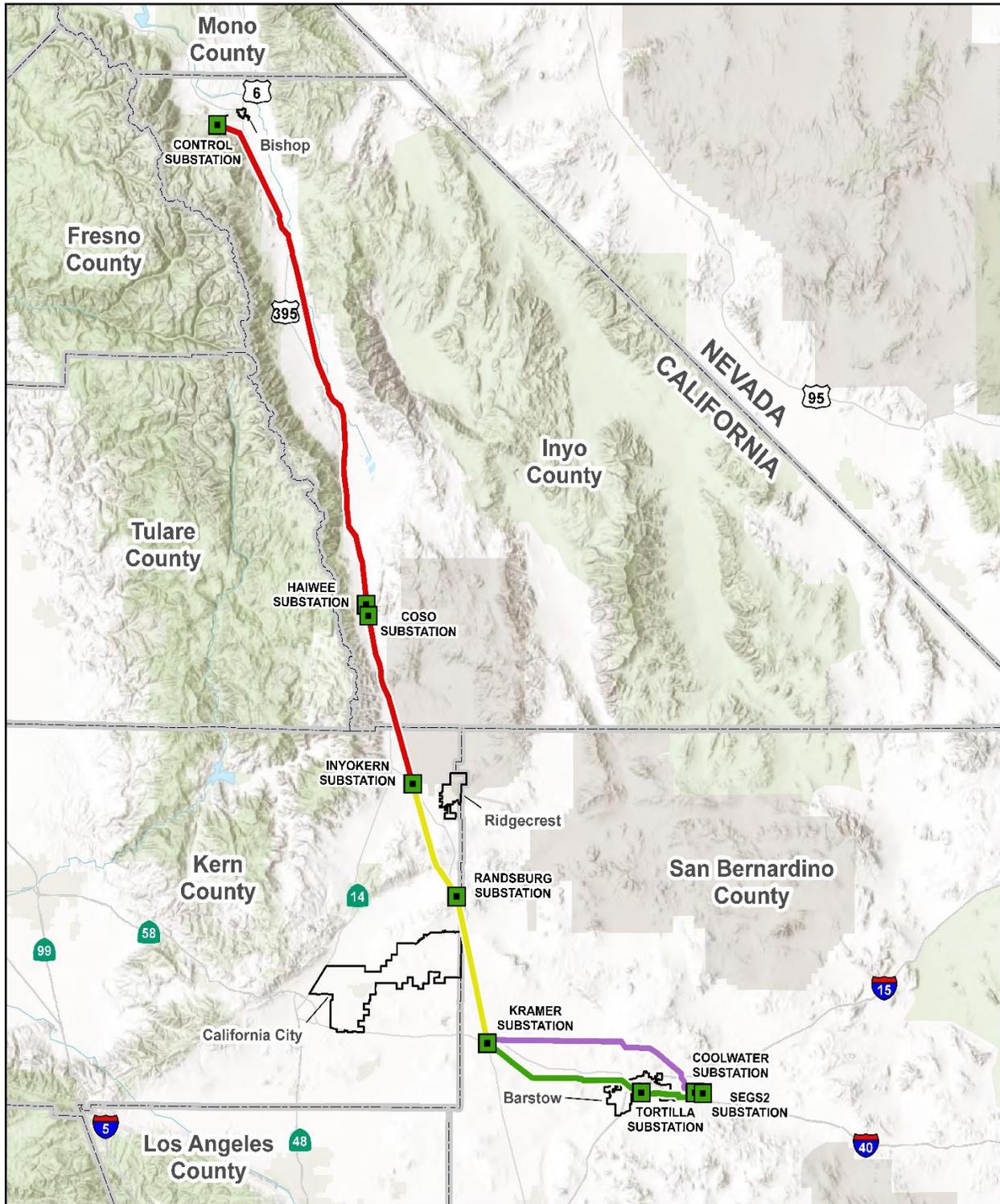
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Sources: Aspen, 2024; BLM, 2024; ESRI, 2024; SCE, 2024.

**Figure 1-1**

**Ivanpah-Control Project Segments**

- Segment 1: Control-Haiwee-Inyokern
- Segment 2: Inyokern-Kramer
- Segment 3N: Kramer-Coolwater
- Segment 3S: Kramer-Tortilla-Coolwater

- Substation
- City Boundary
- County

**Proposed Project Route and Segments**

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