

Table 2

Specific Local Policies Applicable to Each Issue Area for the Cuesta Grade Workaround

Aesthetics	The project will involve the installation of fiber-optic cable conduits at a depth of approximately 42 inches below the ground surface. The only portion of the project that will be visible above ground are the handhole structures used to access the cable for maintenance purposes. The hand-holes are similar to other utility “manholes” and will not be visually obtrusive. There are no applicable policies dealing with construction-related activities and aesthetics in the San Luis Obispo County planning and development documents.
Agricultural Resources	Although the property is zoned for agricultural use, the proposed project will not affect any existing agriculture. The project will be installed within an existing private road on private property. There are no local policies applicable to this site.
Air Quality	For the Cuesta Grade facility located in San Luis Obispo County, the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOCAPCD) sets local air quality policy. SLOCAPCD recommends that significance for construction projects be based on a consideration of the control measures to be implemented. See Section III for a detailed discussion and presentation of these local policies.
Biological Resources	The County of San Luis Obispo has a local tree ordinance. The proposed project will not remove any trees.
Cultural Resources	The County of San Luis Obispo has an ordinance dealing with cultural resources. The ordinance identifies sensitive areas within the County and requires archaeological surveys and a records search prior to project approval.
Geology and Soils	The County of San Luis Obispo has policies dealing with geology and soils. The County has identified areas of geologic risk. For projects within the risk areas, the County requires a report from qualified geologist and may require special design features.
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	The County of San Luis Obispo requires a search to determine if the project site is located on a previously recorded hazardous waste site.
Hydrology and Water Quality	The County of San Luis Obispo has no specific policies dealing with hydrology or water quality. The County defers to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for these issues.

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Land Use Planning	The proposed project is located within the jurisdiction of the County of San Luis Obispo. The General Plan designations for the site are Agriculture and Rural Residential, and the zoning designation for the site is Agriculture (AG). The Agricultural (AG) land use designation applies to prime agricultural soils and other productive and potentially productive lands located inside and outside of urban and village reserve lines where land use conflicts with other adjacent uses can be mitigated. The Rural Residential (RR) land use designation seeks to provide for residential development at a low density compatible with a rural character and life style which maintains the character of the open countryside and is compatible with surrounding agricultural uses. The proposed use is permitted within the AG zoning district subject to administrative approval of a Plot Plan from the County. No zone change or general plan amendment would be necessary.
Mineral Resources	The project is not located in an area designated by the state or local government for known mineral resources. There are no local policies applicable to this site.
Noise	The County of San Luis Obispo has a Noise Ordinance which sets local standards for noise levels. The Land Use Ordinance of the San Luis Obispo County General Plan contains the County's Noise Ordinance at section 22.06.042 subsection D. The Noise Ordinance states that construction is not allowed to begin before 7 a.m. or to continue after 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend hours for allowed construction are from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.
Population and Housing	The project would not affect existing housing or result in new housing and would not result in any change to the existing population of the project area. No zone change or general plan amendment would be necessary.
Public Services	The project would not result in the need for new or physically altered government facilities nor affect response time or other performance objectives. There are no local policies applicable to this site.
Recreation	The project would not include recreational facilities, nor cause increased demand for existing recreational facilities within the project area. There are no local policies applicable to this site.
Transportation/ Traffic	There are no transportation policies applicable to the proposed project.
Utilities and Service Systems	The project consists of a portion of a fiber-optic cable system. The project would not be occupied and would not require service from local utilities and service systems. There are no local policies applicable to this site.
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