

2. Summary of Public Review Process

2.1 Public Involvement Milestones

The CEQA EIR process for the Miguel-Mission 230 kV #2 Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR in September 2003 and has lead up to the finalization of an EIR in June 2004. The public involvement milestones included the following:

- The CPUC issued the NOP on September 5, 2003, and distributed it to the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2003091025) and federal, State, and local trustees and agencies. There were 1,178 copies of the NOP mailed out to members of the public.
- Newspaper notices announcing the meetings were printed in the *San Diego Union Tribune* on September 8, 2003 and in the *East County Californian* on September 12, 2003, prior to the first meeting on September 15, 2003.
- Two Scoping meetings were held on September 15, 2003 at the Spring Valley Branch Library and on September 16, 2003 at the Santee City Hall.
- A comprehensive Scoping Report was prepared in December 2003 summarizing concerns received from the public and various agencies and presenting copies of comment letters received. Sixty-three letters and emails were received from public agencies and local residents during the NOP scoping period.
- The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR was mailed to 1,173 interested parties, agencies, county and city departments, special districts, property owners, and occupants on or adjacent to SDG&E's Proposed Project route (and alternative routes) in April 2004 at the time the Draft EIR was released. The NOA included information on how to gain access to the Draft EIR, information on the Environmentally Superior Alternative, and the dates, times and locations for the CPUC's Informational Workshops and Public Participation Hearings.
- The CPUC issued the Draft EIR on April 1, 2004, including a detailed analysis of impacts in twelve environmental disciplines, and an evaluation of alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative. Copies of the full Draft EIR were sent to 61 interested parties and agencies, and to 12 libraries used as document repositories. Fifty-three copies of the Executive Summary and seven CD's with the text of the Draft EIR were also sent out. Additional copies of the Executive Summary and of the CD's with the text of the Draft EIR were distributed at the Informational Workshops and Public Participation Hearings in May 2004. The public comment period for the Draft EIR ended May 17, 2004.
- Newspaper Notices, including information on the Draft EIR, the project website address, and the dates and times of the Informational Workshops/Public Participation Hearings, were printed in the *San Diego Union Tribune* on May 2 and May 9, 2004 and in the *East County Californian* on April 29 and May 6, 2004.
- Four Informational Workshops and Public Participation Hearings were held on May 10 and 11, 2004, at the Santee City Hall in Santee, the Spring Valley Branch Library in Spring Valley, and the El Cajon Community Center in El Cajon.

A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

2.2 EIR Information and Repository Sites

Twelve repository sites were established for citizens to view the EIR documents and make copies of them. In addition, copies of documents have been made available at the CPUC office in San Francisco. Copies of the Draft EIR are available to the public on the Internet and at the locations listed below. Information and copies of the Draft EIR could also be requested via the project voicemail/fax hotline or via the project email address.

Internet Website: The following website included all public documents prepared for the Miguel-Mission 230 kV #2 Project. In addition, the website included all announcements of public meetings:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/miguel_mission/miguelmission.htm.

Serra Mesa Branch Library 3440 Sandrock Road San Diego, CA 92123-2198	Benjamin Branch Library 5188 Zion Avenue San Diego, CA 92120-2728	Tierrasanta Branch Library 4985 La Cuesta Drive San Diego, CA 92124-2601
Santee Branch Library 9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #17 Santee, CA 92071	Lakeside Branch Library 9839 Vine Street Lakeside, CA 92040	Cresta Branch Library 105 Juanita Lane El Cajon, CA 92021
El Cajon Branch Library 201 East Douglas El Cajon, CA 92020	Rancho San Diego Branch Library 111555 Via Rancho San Diego El Cajon, CA 92019	Casa De Oro Branch Library 9805 Campo Road Spring Valley, CA 91977
Spring Valley Branch Library 836 Kempton Street Spring Valley, CA 91977	Bonita/Sunnyside Branch Library 5047 Central Avenue Bonita, CA 91902	Eastlake Branch Library 1120 Eastlake Parkway Chula Vista, CA 91913

2.3 Public Review Period

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, the CPUC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The CPUC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by phone message, U.S. mail, email, via fax, or at the Public Participation Hearings. The comments received by the CPUC during the public review period and at the Public Participation Hearings are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments.

2.4 Informational Workshops and Public Participation Hearings

Informational Workshops and Public Participation Hearings were held during the public comment period at four locations near the Proposed Project on May 10 and 11, 2004. The Public Participation Hearings (PPH) were moderated by Administrative Law Judge Robert Barnett (substitute for ALJ Kim Malcolm), with Assigned Commissioner Loretta Lynch present. The PPHs provided the opportunity for formal verbal comments, allowing the public to speak on the record about any issues of concern related to SDG&E's CPCN Application. Approximately 28 members of the public provided formal verbal comments during the PPHs. The CPUC's process was also explained at the PPHs. During the informational meetings that followed, the EIR preparers and CPUC staff were informally available to respond to questions and provide clarification regarding the impact analysis and conclusions presented in the Draft EIR.