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Subject: Updates to Notice to Proceed #3 Alpine Yard 18

On May 20, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) granted authorization under Notice to Proceed (NTP) #3, and issued an NTP update on May 27, 2010 to San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) to commence with construction at the Alpine Construction Yard 18 located in Alpine, California in San Diego County as part of the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Based on information provided by SDG&E on July 29th, the following updates have been made to NTP #3:

Cultural Resources

In compliance with Mitigation Measure C-1a, the Alpine Construction Yard 18 Cultural Resources Inventory Report was submitted to the CPUC on April 13, 2010. The CPUC's cultural resources consultant reviewed the subject report. As provided in the report, no cultural resources were identified in the record searches or cultural surveys for the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The survey resulted in the discovery of one isolated artifact within the project area: a granite, unifacial mano. This artifact was found in the southeast corner of one of the graded materials storage areas. There was no other evidence of prehistoric human activity or presence noted in the project area. Because the area of discovery is subject to potential future disturbance, the Native American monitor, Dave Elliot Jr., requested that the mano be moved onto the vegetated slope. The artifact was moved 5m due east from the place of discovery and placed under a small bush. The isolated find is recorded as BC-I-38. The Sunrise Project Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) was approved July 2010. The conditions of the HPMP shall be implemented during construction.

~~A requirement during construction on this property is that a qualified cultural resource monitor and Native American consultant shall be present during ground disturbance in the form of grading or trenching. In the event of a discovery, all excavation will cease in the area of discovery and will not commence until a Discovery/Treatment Plan is prepared, reviewed, approved (by the CPUC and BLM) and executed for the discovery.~~

Paleontological Resources

In compliance with Mitigation Measure PAL-1a, the Alpine Construction Yard 18, Paleontological Resources Report was submitted to the CPUC on March 24, 2010. The CPUC paleontological resources consultant reviewed the subject report. As provided in the report, given the lack of paleontological resources at the proposed Alpine Regional Field Offices support site, any construction activities related to development of the site will not result in any resource impacts. ~~In the unlikely event that a paleontological discovery is made during site development, all earth work must cease in the area of discovery until a recovery plan is prepared, reviewed, and approved by CPUC.~~ The Final Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan was approved in July 2010 and its conditions shall be implemented during construction.

Conditions of NTP Approval

The following condition has been deleted.

~~As proposed in the SDG&E Cultural Resources Inventory Report, cultural and Native American monitors will be on site during any ground disturbing activity. If unanticipated cultural resources are identified, all construction work in the vicinity of the discovery will halt and the area will be established as a protected area until a recovery plan is developed, reviewed and approved by CPUC and BLM.~~

~~In the unlikely event that a paleontological discovery is made during site development, all earthwork must cease in the area of discovery until a recovery plan is prepared, reviewed, and approved by CPUC.~~