

DATA REQUEST SET A.13-10-020 WODUP ED-SCE-02

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Question BIO-04a:

Biological Resources

BIO-4 Please provide details of wire removal in special-status species habitat, critical habitat, and riparian or stream channel habitat.

a. For instance, will conductor or line be allowed to contact or drag on the ground or sag down onto or drag through vegetation? If so, please provide details. Will personnel or equipment traverse drainages during wire removal?

Response to Question BIO-04a:

PEA Section 3.2.3.14 – Transfer/Removal of Existing Structures/Facilities, and more specifically subsection Conductor Removal, explains the steps related to removal of the conductor:
“Conductor Removal: After the wire pulling equipment is in place, rollers would be installed on structures, the old conductor would be unclipped from the supporting structure, placed in rollers, and pulled out with a pulling rope and/or cable attached to the trailing end of the conductor. The old conductor wire would be transported to a construction yard where it would be prepared for recycling.”

SCE would remove the conductor under tension with the intention to avoid allowing the conductor to contact the ground or to drag through vegetation. However, during conductor removal it is possible, though not expected, that the conductor may contact the ground under the following two scenarios, if adequate tension cannot be maintained:

- 1) Excessive span lengths or terrain changes, or
- 2) Equipment, material failure or accident

Once the conductor removal is completed, the pulling rope (or sockline), which is used to guide the conductor and maintain the tension on the conductor during removal, would be a trailing entity as it is not under tension. Therefore, the sockline would drag over land as it is retrieved.

Equipment would not traverse drainages during wire removal, though, in limited instances, personnel may be required to walk across drainages where it is physically feasible and safe to do so, if cribbing (or similar barrier) installation is required to prevent impact.