

Environmental Minor Project Refinement Form



Project Name: West of Devers Upgrade Project Request Prepared By: Sylvia Granados

Date Approval Required: 12/14/2017 Variance Request No.: 2

Date Submitted: 12/13/2017 Location: Maraschino Telecom Route (see revised Figure 2, page 55 attached)

Landowner: SCE ROW/City of Beaumont Landowner Parcel Number: _____

Current Vegetative Cover/Land Use: Developed/Disturbed Land/Single-Family Residential

Existing Sensitive Resource? NO YES Specify: See "Biological Resources"

Modifying (check as many as apply):
 MITIGATION MEASURE PLAN/PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION
 DRAWING PERMIT CONDITION OTHER

Specify Source (e.g., Mitigation Measure B.5): NTPR #3 Figure 2, Page 55

Description of Change and Justification (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Attachments:

CONSTRUCTION DRAWING ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS CORRESPONDENCE OTHER: _____

NTPR #3 Map Figure 2, page 55 has been revised to reflect the addition of two temporary work areas (approximately 60-feet by 60-feet each) for access to two existing manholes/vaults along the project alignment on Highland Springs Avenue, to locate existing conduit for cable pulls and connections, in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County. The temporary work areas are in disturbed land, currently under development and do not create new significant impacts for the project.

Additional Temporary Disturbance Impacts:

Developed/Disturbed Approximately 0.17 acre

Biological Resources:

The area surrounding the two-access manhole/vaults along Highland Springs Avenue, between Crooked Creek Road and Breckenridge Avenue, is currently under development. The designated work areas for the manhole/vaults measure approximately 60 feet by 60 feet and are located within previously disturbed or developed areas. This portion of the alignment is located in an urbanized part of Beaumont, between the Highland Springs Avenue right-of-way and a residential development. No ground disturbing activities are planned. Construction workers will park vehicles on the shoulder of the public road or on previously disturbed/developed areas and access the manhole/vaults on foot. Therefore, no direct impacts to special-status species habitats are anticipated. Likewise, due to the nature of the construction activities and absence of suitable habitats for special-status plants and special-status terrestrial wildlife, no impacts to these species are anticipated.

The manhole/vault locations are within 500 feet (north and southeast) of habitats presumed to be historically occupied by the least Bell's vireo (LBVI) (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) (*Empidonax traillii extimus*). However, construction activities at these manhole/vaults are not expected to occur during the breeding season for these species. In addition, the activities are low impact. Therefore, no direct or indirect impacts to breeding LBVI or SWFL are anticipated. SCE will conduct focused nest location surveys as required by MM WIL-1c and consistent with the project Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP) beginning January 1. If a breeding territory for LBVI or SWFL is identified, SCE will implement avoidance and minimization measures consistent with MM WIL-2c, in coordination with the RCA, CDFW, and USFWS, in accordance with the NBMP.

The manhole/vault locations and vicinity include suitable nesting substrates for breeding birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code. Suitable substrates include trees, shrubs, man-made structures, and the ground surface. Beginning January 1, SCE will conduct focused nest location surveys consistent with the NBMP. If active nests are found, avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented as described in the NBMP.

No impacts to regulated trees are anticipated. If tree removal or trimming are required, the contractor will be responsible for obtaining permits, if needed, from the local jurisdiction.

Jurisdictional Waters

The manhole/vault locations and associated work areas are not located within or adjacent to any potentially jurisdictional riparian or riverine areas. Therefore, no impacts area anticipated.

Cultural Resources

The area has been surveyed for archaeological resources. Results were negative, as reported in:

McLean, Roderic, Natalie Brodie, and Jacqueline Hall. 2013. *Cultural Resources Assessment and Class III Inventory, West of Devers Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California*. LSA Associates, Inc. for Southern California Edison.
and DeCarlo, Matthew M., Scott C. Justus, and William T. Eckhardt. 2013. *Summary Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Proposed Southern California Edison Devers-Palo Verde 2 500kV Transmission Line Project, Riverside County, California*. ASM Affiliates for Southern California Edison and Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

Resources:

Biological NO SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT N/A

New Survey Report Attached: YES NO

If No, Previous Biological Survey Reference: _____

Cultural NO RESOURCES PRESENT RESOURCES PRESENT WITH PROJECT APE: YES NO
 (PAVED/GRAVEL AREA AND NO GROUND DISTURBANCE)

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If not in APE, attach new survey report.

Other Potential Impacts: (Check any potential changes to permitted impacts and provide details below. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTAMINATED SOILS | <input type="checkbox"/> PALEO RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER RESOURCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CULTURAL RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIOECONOMIC | <input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | <input type="checkbox"/> STORM WATER (SWPPP) | |

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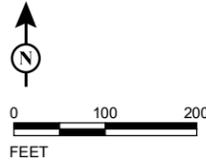
CEQA and Permitting: (Provide details for any "Yes" answer and attach additional information if needed.)

1. Will modification involve substantial changes that will require major changes to the CEQA document?
 YES NO
2. Will modification result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts?
 YES NO
3. Additional agency notifications and/or permit modifications required? YES NO

Conditions of Approval or Reasons for Denial: (Attach additional information if needed.)

Required Signatures: (Attached email approvals may be used in lieu of signatures.)

Chief Construction Inspector or Foreman: VARIANCE/MODIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION
Name: Rodney Lloyd Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/13/17
Environmental Inspector: FIELD REVIEW COMPLETE
Name: Hannah Buckley Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/13/17
 Land Agent: CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING RIGHTS NEW RIGHTS OBTAINED
Name: Anjeanette Barrett Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/12/17
 Environmental Compliance Lead: APPROVED APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (SEE CONDITIONS ABOVE) DENIED
Name: Sylvia Granados Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/11/17



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LEGEND

Subtransmission Poles

- Proposed OH Pole
- ▲ Remove OH Structures
- Proposed OH TSP
- Proposed UG Vault

Subtransmission Lines

- Modify, 115, OH
- Existing, 66, OH
- Remove, 66, OH
- Proposed, OH
- Proposed, UG

Distribution Poles

- STATUS, KV**
- New, 12
 - Modify, 12
 - ▲ Remove, Pole
 - Existing, 12

Distribution Lines

- Status, TYPE, KV**
- Remove, OH, 12
 - Proposed, UG, 12
 - Proposed, OH, 12

Telecom

- Existing
- Proposed
- Existing, OH
- Existing, UG

- Proposed, OH
- Proposed, OPGW
- Proposed, UG
- Remove, OH
- Remove, UG

Civil Access Roads Lines

- Existing Access Road
- Walking Path
- SubTrans/Telecom/ Distribution/ General Disturbance
- Riparian Bird Habitat



FIGURE 2
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*Southern California Edison
West of Devers Upgrade Project
MPR #2 - Work Areas for
Maraschino Telecom Manholes/Vaults*

