

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



A Sempra Energy utility MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

| Date Submitted: | 06- | -28-19 (Revised 07 | 7-11-19) | | Request #: 036 | | 036 | 036 | |
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| Date Approval Required: | 07- | -15-19 | | | Landowner: | | XXX | | |
| APN: | XX | XX-XXX-XX | | | | | | | |
| Refinement from (check all | tha | t apply): | | | | | | | |
| ☐ Mitigation Measure | | \square APM | ⊠ Pr | oj | ect Description | | Drawing | | Other |
| Identify source (mitigation | mea | sure, project desc | cription, | , e | tc.): | | | | |
| Notice to Proceed (NTP) request #21/Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request #29 for Circuit (C) 79A of the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project) was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and United States Forest Service on May 29, 2019. Since the submittal of this NTP/MPR request, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) determined that a bat buffer will need to be established around a portion of the approved Hualcucuish Staging and Fly Yard during construction; therefore, an alternative yard—Paso Picacho Staging Yard—is required on C79A. A brief description and justification of the refinement is provided on page 2 of this MPR request. | | | | | | | | | |
| Attachments (check all that | t apj | oly): | | | | | | | |
| ☒ Refinement Request Screening Form (See Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form) | ⊠ Refinement Request □ Maps Screening Form □ Photos (See Attachment C: See Attachment A: Minor (See Attachment B: Survey Area Map and roject Refinement Request Photographs) Attachment D: | | | | □ Other | | | | |
| Under Order 2 of the Decision Granting SDG&E Permit to Construct the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (D.16-05-038), the CPUC may approve minor project refinements under certain circumstances. In accordance with Order 2 of the Decision, respond "yes" or "no" to the following questions (a) through (d). | | | | | | ertain | | | |
| (a) Is the proposed refinement area? The requested refinement is I Impact Report/Environmenta ES-1 Regional Overview Mat baseline biological, cultural, were conducted in 2019. Ad each applicable resource sect Screening Form. The survey | located Important Importan | ed within the geog pact Study (EIR/EI the Final EIR/EIS. hydrological surve onal details regardin in Attachment A: N | raphic b IS) study The re y areas; ng the su Minor Pr | y a efir th upp | undary of the Final area, which is depinement occurs outs herefore, supplemental surveys ect Refinement Re | l Environted in side of ontal sure property | onmental Figure the eveys ovided in | □ Yes | ⊠ No |
| (b) Will the proposed refinement result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the EIR/EIS? A discussion of changes in significant impacts due to the requested refinement is based on criteria used in the Final EIR/EIS and is resource area-specific. The changes to each resource area are fully analyzed in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form. | | | | □ Yes | ⊠ No | | | | |
| (c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy? | | | | | ole law | □ Yes | ⊠ No | | |
| (d) Does the proposed refin | eme | nt trigger an addi | itional p | eı | rmit requirement | ? | | □ Yes | ⊠ No |

Describe refinement being requested (attach drawings and photos as needed):

As depicted in Attachment B: Photographs and Attachment C: Survey Area Map, SDG&E requests to add the Paso Picacho Staging Yard for vehicle, equipment, and materials storage in support of construction on C79A within Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. No helicopter activity (i.e., picking up equipment or materials) will occur at this yard. The yard is located near the base of Cuyamaca Peak within the Paso Picacho Campground. The yard will be located within a paved parking lot for a newly built group camping area that is not yet open to the public. The yard is approximately 0.25 acre, and will be accessed using a paved navigation access road. The full length of the navigation access road is depicted in Attachment D: Overview Map. Because the yard is paved, no improvements (i.e., grading/vegetation removal) will be required. The requested yard will be used for approximately 10 months. The activities associated with the utilization of the yard will be consistent with the Project description provided in the Final EIR/EIS for staging yards.

Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):

During follow-up bat roost surveys in April 2019, one of the previously identified potential bat roosts near the approved Hualcucuish Staging and Fly Yard was determined to be an active maternity roost; therefore, a bat buffer will need to be established around the yard, precluding use of most of the yard during the bat maternity season. During a field visit for C79A on May 22, 2019, California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) suggested using the Paso Picacho Staging Yard because it is currently being used as staging area and will not require using State Route 79 for access when traveling between the yard and the right-of-way. Therefore, due to California State Parks' suggestion and the need for an alternative yard to support construction near the base of Cuyamaca Peak, SDG&E is requesting to add the Paso Picacho Staging Yard.

| Date refinement is expected to be implemented: 07-16-19 | | | | | |
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| Resource Agency Coordination | | | | | |
| Resource Agency | Name | Action Required | Date | | entation hed if yes) |
| Not Applicable (N/A) | N/A | N/A | N/A | □ Yes | ⊠ No |

| ATTACHMENT A: MINOR | R PROJECT REFINEMEN | T REQUEST SCREENING FOR | М |
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MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that it will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). The following Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist answers the consistency questions for each resource category and includes a description and justification below each resource category, as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the California Environmental Quality Act Checklist provided in the Final EIR/EIS. Refer to the Final EIR/EIS for details on the Project's impact evaluation.

| Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist | | | |
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| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
| Visual Resources (e.g., adversely affect scenic vistas, damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, create sources of light or glare, or result in an inconsistency with applicable scenic integrity objectives)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation¹: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable | | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:

The requested refinement will be consistent with the visual resource analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not increase impacts to the scenic vista at Cuyamaca Peak because the refinement area is currently used for parking and staging and occurs near other existing facilities (i.e., buildings and structures) within the Paso Picacho Campground. In addition, the refinement will not affect existing views from State Route (SR-) 79 (i.e., an eligible State Scenic Highway) due to topography and vegetation in the area. Impacts to the visual character of the area will be temporary and reduced with the implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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¹ The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of impact significance are provided for each resource; this table notes the most significant determination within each resource section identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist | | | |
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| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
| Air Quality (e.g., produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable | | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement area (e.g., the types of equipment used) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The refinement area is not located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors; therefore, use of equipment and vehicles will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. In addition, short-term and temporary use of equipment and vehicles will result in a negligible increase in air quality impacts in the localized area. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement area will be consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Biological Resources (e.g., result in temporary or permanent loss of native vegetation, preserve areas, native wildlife and/or their habitats; cause an adverse effect to jurisdictional waters or sensitive or special-status species; result in the introduction of invasive, non-native, or noxious plant species; conflict with local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; or interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife)? | | |
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| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement area was not surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys, but it was surveyed in 2019 to determine if sensitive biological resources occur within or adjacent to the refinement area. Because the refinement area is paved (i.e., urban and developed/ornamental landscaping) and no ground disturbance is proposed, no impacts to native vegetation will occur. The refinement area abuts mixed oak woodland, but no trees will be impacted. In addition, no special-status plants, special-status butterfly host plants, United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat, or U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat occur within the requested refinement. Further, no bat roosts occur within 500 feet of the refinement. All APMs and mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the Project's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program—as well as other permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist | | | |
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| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
| Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)? | | | |
| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse | | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:

The requested refinement area occurs within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. The refinement area was not surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project, but an intensive supplemental pedestrian survey of the refinement area was conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2019. No new cultural resources were recorded; however, one previously recorded cultural resource was identified during the supplemental survey. An archaeological monitor and Native American monitor are recommended for set-up and decommissioning of the refinement area. In addition, environmentally sensitive area fencing is recommended to be installed and maintained on the northern extent of the refinement area. With the implementation of these protective measures, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to cultural resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

The requested refinement is underlain by geological formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (very low sensitivity). Because the refinement does not require excavation underlain by rock units with a PFYC Class 3 (moderate or unknown sensitivity) ranking, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to paleontological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Greenhouse Gases (e.g., result in a net increase of greenhouse gas emissions, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)? | \boxtimes | |
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| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:

Activities associated with the utilization of the requested refinement area are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the requested refinement will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading and land clearing. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to GHG emissions as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
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| Public Health and Safety (e.g., result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; emit hazardous waste within one-quarter mile of a school; be located on a hazardous materials site; result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area; interfere with an adopted emergency plan; or create safety hazards due to structural failure)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse | | | |
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The refinement area was not surveyed for the presence of waters of the state and/or the U.S. (i.e., jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters) during initial Project surveys, but a supplemental water resource survey of the refinement area was conducted in 2019. The requested refinement does not contain any waters of the state or the U.S. An ephemeral stream is located approximately 50 feet east of the refinement area, but impacts to the stream will be avoided and no jurisdictional water permitting will be required. As there will be no ground disturbance, a Change of Information for the Circuit (C) 79A, Transmission Line (TL) 625C, and TL629A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C386349) will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist | | | |
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| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
| Land Use (e.g., disturb land uses at or near the Project components, divide an established community, or conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project)? | | | |
| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable | | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of C79A were notified of construction activities associated with Notice to Proceed request #21 on March 11, 2019, and the property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement were included in that notification process. The requested refinement will not introduce a new land use, establish a permanent barrier or obstacle between uses, or create a physical division or separation of use. In addition, the requested refinement is located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS.

The Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Final General Plan and EIR (General Plan) was adopted in November 2014, but was not fully analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS due to timing. The refinement area occurs within the Front-Country management zone designated in the General Plan. The Front-Country management zone allows development that supports park operations and visitor use, so temporary use of an existing parking lot will be consistent with this management zone. Therefore, the refinement will not conflict with the General Plan or applicable land use policies and regulations for Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. In addition, written approval will be obtained from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) prior to use of the refinement area.

In conclusion, the requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)? | | |
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| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:

Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement area due to large equipment operation. The refinement area is not located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors; therefore, temporary increases in noise levels will not disturb sensitive receptors. With the implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement area will be the same as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A |
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| | | No Change Significant Change □ |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:

The requested refinement will be consistent with the public services and utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not require new or expanded facilities or services. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)? | | |
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| Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:

The requested refinement area will be located near the approved C79A alignment and within Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The refinement area will also be located in the Paso Picacho Campground within a parking lot for a newly built group camping area that is not yet open to the public. The associated navigation access road will follow an existing paved road through the day-use parking area of the campground as depicted in Attachment D: Overview Map. California State Parks is currently using the parking lot as a staging area and the group camping area is not yet open to the public; therefore, there will be no loss of parking and no disruption to campers. In addition, use of the navigation access road will not inhibit or reduce parking in the day-use parking area. There may be a slight increase in the number of vehicles/equipment passing through the area, but the trips to the right-of-way will generally occur early in the morning and in the evening outside of peak use. The refinement area will occur near the Azalea Glen Loop Trail and the Paso Picacho Nature Trail, and access to these trails will be maintained during construction. Thus, use of the refinement area will not substantially reduce or preclude access or visitation to the Paso Picacho Campground, Azalea Glen Loop Trail, and Paso Picacho Nature Trail, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. In conclusion, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to recreation as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

| Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist | | | | |
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| Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: | No Change | Potentially Significant Change | N/A | |
| Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program or a plan, ordinance, or policy associated with the circulation system or alternative transportation; increase hazards due to a design feature; or result in inadequate emergency access)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation | | | | |
| (Class II)/Adverse | | | | |

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

The requested refinement will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the use of the requested refinement area will affect the same roadways that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS (i.e., SR-79), as well as smaller roads within the Paso Picacho Campground. With the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to traffic flow and existing levels of service (LOS)² will be adequately addressed. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

² SR-79 has an LOS of B, and an LOS does not exist for the smaller roads within the Paso Picacho Campground.

ATTACHMENT B: PHOTOGRAPHS



Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Minor Project Refinement Request #36

Attachment B: Photographs



Photograph 1:

Northeast-facing view of the requested Paso Picacho Staging Yard, as observed on June 6, 2019.



Photograph 2:

Southwest-facing view of the requested Paso Picacho Staging Yard, as observed on June 6, 2019.

ATTACHMENT C: SURVEY AREA MAP



ATTACHMENT D: OVERVIEW MAP

