# **Project Description – response due August 13, 2010**

1. Will the retention ponds be covered?

### **SDG&E** Response:

The retention pond for the ECO Substation will not be covered. It will be lined to store construction water. Once construction is complete the lining will either be removed or punctured to allow water seepage into the ground.

### Noise - response due August 13, 2010

2. Please explain why the ambient noise was measured at the Boulevard Substation property site and not at the perimeter of the residential receptors.

#### SDG&E Response:

The ambient noise measurements taken near the existing Boulevard Substation were recorded approximately 50 feet from the noise-generating equipment at the substation. The closest residential parcel line to the existing substation is located approximately 15 feet south of the existing substation's fence line, or approximately 65 feet from the noise-generating equipment. As a result, the noise monitoring results present a worst-case scenario of the existing ambient noise at the surrounding residential parcel lines. The closest residence to the existing Boulevard Substation is located approximately 200 feet northwest of the substation's noise-generating equipment. With the primary noise sources in the area being vehicular traffic along Old Highway 80 and the existing substation, noise levels at this residence may be up to 3 to 6 dBA lower than those recorded during the noise monitoring effort.

The selected location also provided ease of access and security for the noise monitoring equipment as it was located adjacent to the existing substation and on SDG&E-owned property. Noise measurements were not taken at the receptors due to access restrictions.

## Biological Resources - response due August 20, 2010

3. SDG&E provided GIS data and impact numbers for some special-status plants in response to data request No. 10, however, not all of the plants observed have population estimates; therefore, an accurate assessment of existing numbers and impacted numbers for the project is not possible without further clarification. This information remains a data request.

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### Water Resources Source - response due August 27, 2010

- 4. From SDG&E's response to data request no. 10 it is understood that final water quality/hydrology/drainage studies have not been prepared for all project components at this time. However, please provide initial hydrologic and hydraulic information for all project components that includes the following information:
  - site map defining drainage patterns, existing storm drain systems, proposed drainage crossings, soil types, existing land types, and existing and proposed slopes
  - identification of pollutants of concern
  - identification of conditions of concern
  - identification of site design BMP recommendations
  - preliminary hydromodification analysis and discussion
  - identification of source control BMPs.

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