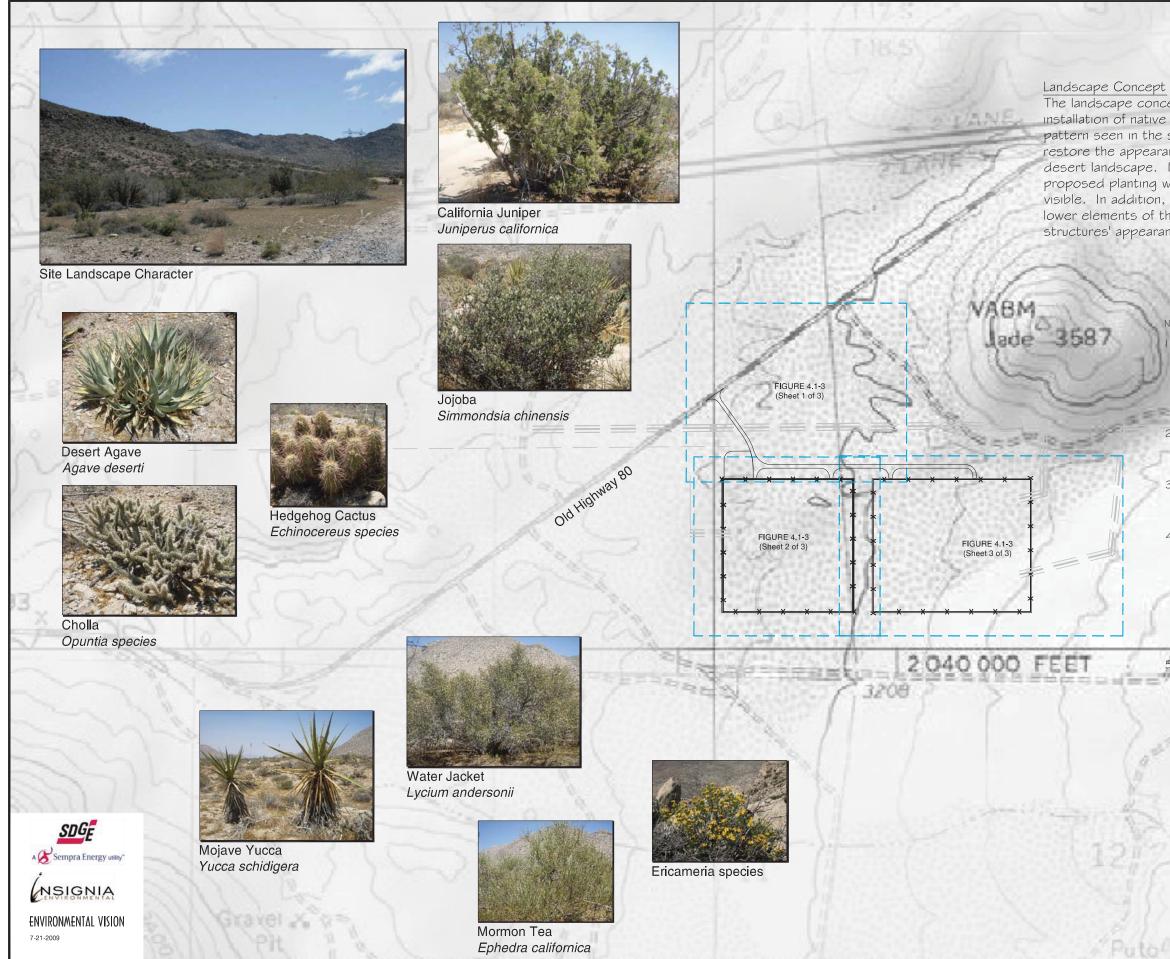
# **APPENDIX 5**

Landscape Concept Plans\*

\* <u>No changes have been made to this appendix since</u> <u>publication in the Draft EIR/EIS.</u>



The landscape concept for the ECO Substation involves the installation of native plant material to replicate the vegetation pattern seen in the surrounding landscape setting. Landscaping will restore the appearance of disturbed slopes to resemble the original desert landscape. In keeping with the existing landscape character, proposed planting will allow for areas of exposed soil and rock to be visible. In addition, small trees and larger shrubs will partially screen lower elements of the substation and thus visually integrate the structures' appearance with the desert landscape.

# NOTES

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- In areas where construction requires vegetation clearing. mature, healthy agaves and other succulents will be transplanted into containers and retained with rootballs Intact for later transplanting onto slopes and disturbed soil. Prior to construction, a qualified field biologist will identify and tag specimens to be transplanted.
- In areas where construction requires clearing of rocks and boulders (approximately 12"-24" in diameter), these materials shall be stockpiled and placed on disturbed slopes.
- 3. All planting will be consistent with SDG&E's operational requirements for landscaping in proximity to electric transmission facilities.
- 4. A licensed landscape contractor will design and install an irrigation system using a reclaimed or other non-potable water source. System to be operated by a timer or moisture-sensing device. Exact location of irrigation controller device and water line connections to be approved by engineer prior to installation. Irrigation system will be operational for a minimum two-year period while new plant material becomes established. Alternatively, landscaping will be truck-watered during establishment period.
- 5. Owner will retain a landscape contractor to provide periodic maintenance including removal and replacement of dead plant material, upkeep of irrigation system, and periodic evaluation of site landscaping to determine additional landscaping and maintenance needs.



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**FIGURE 4.1-2 EAST COUNTY SUBSTATION** LANDSCAPE OVERVIEW

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