

**Public Meeting  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the  
SDG&E Mira Sorrento Substation Project**



**California Public Utilities Commission – June 27, 2012**

# Introduction and Welcome

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- **Purpose of Meeting/Agenda**
  - **Inform public about the proposed SDG&E Mira Sorrento Substation and approval/environmental review process**
  - **Description of Proposed Project**
  - **Overview of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Role and Approval Process**
  - **Environmental Review Process**
  - **Public Comments on Environmental Document**
  - **Closing Comments**



# Key Players and Their Roles in the CEQA Process

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- **CPUC: Lead Agency under CEQA**
- **San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E): Applicant**
- **Dudek: Environmental Contractor for CPUC**



# What is the Proposed Project?

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- **Construction and operation of the new 120 megavolt ampere (MVA), 69/12-kilovolt (kV) Mira Sorrento Substation**
- **Project components to include the following:**
  - **1.4-acre electrical distribution substation with four 30 MVA transformer banks, four 69 kV tie lines, sixteen 12 kV circuits, four 12 kV capacitors and four bays of standard steel rack (approximately 30 feet tall)**
  - **Undergrounding of existing 69 kV line in and out of the substation**



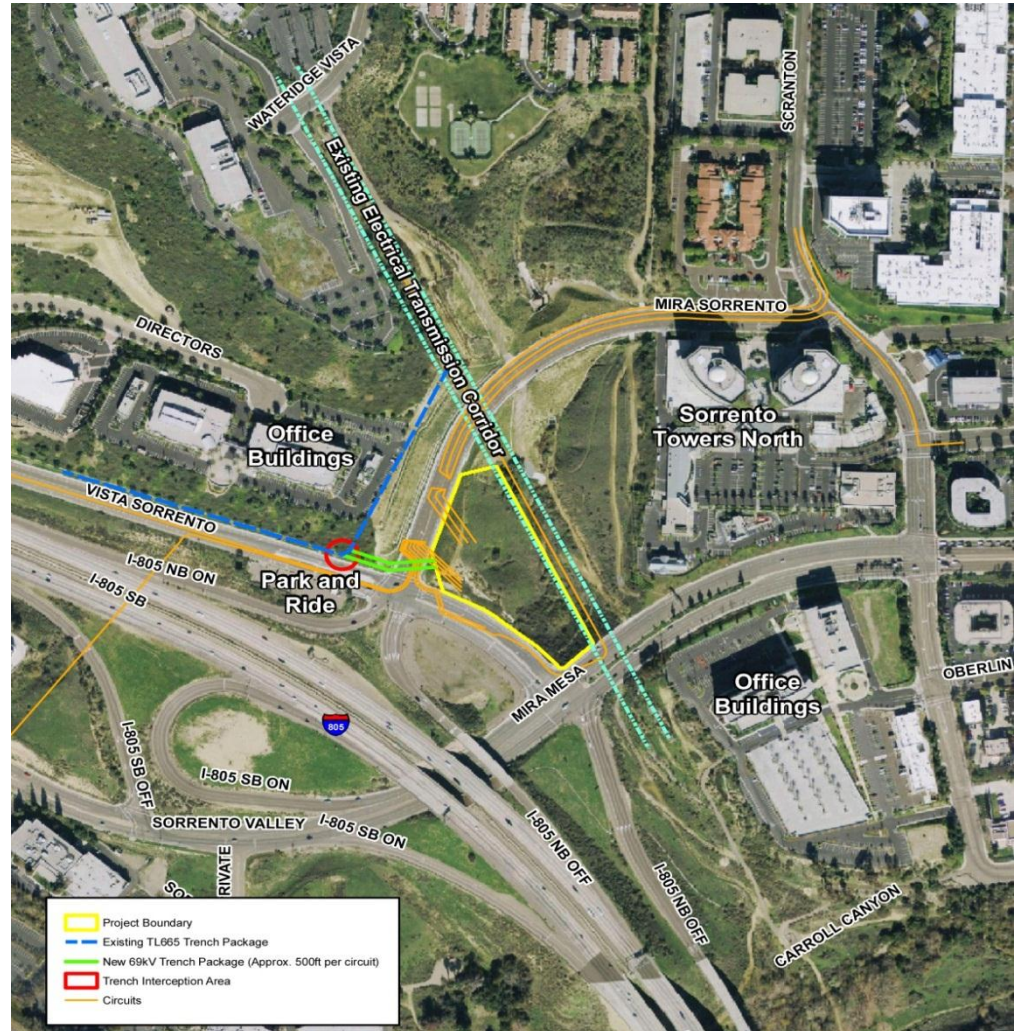
# Where is the Proposed Project?

- The Proposed Project is located within the northern limits of the City of San Diego, in the Sorrento Mesa area of Mira Mesa



# Vicinity/Proposed Project Overview

- 1.4-acre substation on 3.7-acre parcel
- located 600 feet northeast of I-805
- cross streets: Vista Sorrento Parkway and Mira Mesa Boulevard



# Applicant's Project Objectives

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- Provide additional capacity to serve existing area load as well as forecasted customer-driven electrical load growth
- Prevent potential long outages or disruption of service to existing customers in the SDG&E Sorrento Mesa service territory



# CPUC Role and Review Process

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- **The CPUC has two parallel review processes for an Application for a Permit to Construct**
  - **General Proceeding (Application No. A 11-10-015)**
  - **Environmental Review (the California Environmental Quality Act process)**





# General Proceeding - Permit to Construct

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- **Scope (defined by California Public Utilities Commission General Order 131-D, Section IX)**
  - Identify reasons for adoption of the substation location selected (a detailed analysis of purpose and necessity is not required)
  - Consider community values, proximity to populated areas, parks, recreational areas, scenic area and existing electrical infrastructure
  - Determine significant environmental impacts and evaluate ways to minimize these impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act



# Environmental Review Process

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- **As lead agency for the proposed project, CPUC is mandated to fulfill the following requirements under California Environmental Quality Act guidelines:**
  - **Disclose significant environmental effects and means to reduce, avoid, and minimize those impacts**
  - **Provide a public forum to discuss project planning and decision-making process**
  - **Ensure that decision makers have a solid basis for making a sound decision**



# Environmental Issues

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- Aesthetics
- Air Quality/Climate Change
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems



# Environmental Schedule

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- **A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was issued, and the document was sent out for public review on June 13, 2012.**
- **The end of the public review is July 13, 2012.**
- **Consideration of public comments will be incorporated in a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration document, scheduled to be released in September 2012.**
- **The tentative timeframe for a CPUC Decision on the PTC application is October 2012.**



# Comments on Draft Environmental Documentation

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Please send comments on the environmental document to:

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