
**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
EAST COUNTY SUBSTATION PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION PLAN**

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1 – INTRODUCTION

The Construction Notification Plan (Plan) describes San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) actions that will ensure that all property owners within 1,000 feet of all components of the East County (ECO) Substation Project (Project) receive prior notice of Project activities. The Project involves construction of the ECO Substation—a new 500/230/138 kilovolt (kV) substation; rebuild of the existing Boulevard Substation in a new location; and construction of an approximately 14-mile-long 138 kV transmission line, consisting of overhead and underground segments, to connect the two substations. This Plan was prepared in accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) LU-1a and applicant-proposed measure (APM) ECO-NOI-2 of the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting Program (MMCRP). In addition to MM LU-1a and ECO-NOI-2, SDG&E may, at its discretion, undertake additional public outreach efforts not outlined within the Construction Notification Plan.

2 – OBJECTIVES

The objective is to ensure that information about construction activities for the ECO Substation Project is proactively and accurately disseminated on a timely and regular basis to interested parties and residents of the local community in order to avoid or minimize construction disturbances.

3 – MITIGATION MEASURES

MM LU-1a requires SDG&E to prepare and submit a Construction Notification Plan to the BLM and CPUC for approval forty-five days prior to construction. The Plan shall identify the procedures that will be used to inform property owners of the location and duration of construction, identify approvals that are needed prior to posting or publication of construction notices, and include text of proposed public notices and advertisements. The Plan shall address at a minimum two of the following components:

- **Public notice mailer.** A public notice mailer shall be prepared and mailed no less than 15 days prior to construction. The notice shall identify construction activities that would restrict, block, remove parking, or require a detour to access existing residential properties. The notice shall state the type of construction activities that will be conducted and the location and duration of construction, including all helicopter activities. SDG&E shall mail the notice to all residents or property owners within 1,000 feet of project components. If construction delays of more than 7 days occur, an additional notice shall be prepared and distributed.
- **Newspaper advertisements.** Fifteen days prior to construction within a route segment, notices shall be placed in local newspapers and bulletins, including Spanish language newspapers and bulletins. The notice shall state when and where construction will occur and provide information about the public liaison person and hotline. If construction is delayed for more than 7 days, an additional round of newspaper notices shall be placed to discuss the status and schedule of construction.

- **Public venue notices.** Thirty days prior to construction, notice of construction shall be posted at public venues such as libraries, community notification boards, post offices, rest stops, community centers, and other public venues to inform affected residents of the purpose and schedule of construction activities.
- **Public liaison person and toll-free information hotline.** SDG&E shall identify and provide a public liaison person before and during construction to respond to concerns of neighboring property owners about noise, dust and other construction disturbances. Procedures for reaching the public liaison officer via telephone or in person shall be included in notices distributed to the public. SDG&E shall also establish a toll-free telephone number for receiving questions or complaints during construction and shall develop procedures for responding to callers. Procedures for handling and responding to calls shall be addressed in the Construction Notification Plan.

APM ECO-NOI-2 states that SDG&E will provide notice of construction plans to all property owners within 300 feet of the Project by mail at least one week prior to the start of construction activities. The announcement will state the construction start date, anticipated completion date, and hours of operation, and well as provide a telephone contact number for receiving questions or complaints during construction.

4 – PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

SDG&E intends to comply with MM LU-1a and APM ECO-NOI-2 by implementing the public notice mailer and public liaison person and toll-free information hotline components of these measures.

4.0 PUBLIC NOTICE MAILER

No less than 15 days prior to construction, SDG&E shall prepare and mail a public notice, a sample of which is provided as Attachment A: Notice of Construction, to all residents or property owners within 1,000 feet of Project components. Attachment B: ECO Substation Project 1,000-Foot Buffer Notification Overview Map provides a map of the residences and/or property owners within 1,000 feet of Project construction activities, while Attachment C: ECO Substation Project Public Notice Mailer List provides a list of those residents and/or property owners. The public notices shall not be distributed by SDG&E until a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued by CPUC or the CPUC provides authorization to SDG&E that the public notice is permitted to be distributed prior to issuance of an NTP. The notice will identify construction activities that would restrict, block, remove parking, or require a detour to access existing residential properties. The notice will identify the type of construction activities that will be conducted, the hours of operation, and the location and duration of construction, including all helicopter activities. If construction delays of more than seven days from that identified in the mailer occur, an additional notice shall be prepared and distributed. The notice shall be provided in both Spanish and English.

A draft of the public notice will be provided to CPUC for review/comment prior to distribution to the residential properties within 1,000 feet of all Project components. Following completion of the mailing distribution, SDG&E will provide verification to CPUC that the mailing

distribution has been completed, as well as a final copy of the public notice that was distributed to properties within 1,000 feet of all Project components. This mailer will also satisfy the notification requirements of APM ECO-NOI-2.

4.1 PUBLIC LIAISON PERSON AND TOLL-FREE INFORMATION HOTLINE

SDG&E identifies Todd Voorhees as the public liaison for the ECO Substation Project before and during construction. He will be available to respond to concerns of neighboring property owners and interested stakeholders about noise, dust, and other construction disturbances. SDG&E will include contact information for the public liaison person in all notices distributed to the public and on the Project's website. A toll-free number has been established and made available to receive inquiries before and during construction of the Project. The toll-free number will be included in all public notices and is available on the Project's website.

The following procedures have been developed for handling and responding to calls:

- An ECO Substation Project team member will be available during construction hours to answer the toll-free information hotline. In the event that a team member is not available to answer the phone, or if a person calls after hours, a voicemail service will be set up for callers to leave their inquiries. Team members will monitor the message system throughout the day to ensure any inquiries will be answered in a timely manner.
- Team members' responsibilities for the toll-free hotline include answering the phone with "East County Substation Project Information Hotline, how may I help you?" Team members will listen to the question and determine the best answer. If the particular team member does not feel as though he or she is the appropriate person to answer the inquiry, they will forward the request to an alternate SDGE representative. Meanwhile, the team member will inform the inquirer that their request is being forwarded to the most appropriate person on the team, and that they should receive a response within 24-hours.

SDG&E will maintain a log of public inquiries received through the toll-free hotline and via email correspondence from interested parties regarding the construction activities. The log will identify the name, date, and time of the inquiry; the issue/concern presented to SDG&E; and how and when SDG&E responded to the public inquiry. The log of public inquiries shall be provided to CPUC on a weekly basis during construction; in the event that no public inquiries were received during the reporting week, correspondence indicating no inquiries were received shall be provided by SDG&E to the CPUC.

4.2 CONTACT INFORMATION

- Todd Voorhees, SDG&E, 1010 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901, office telephone at (866) 382-0886 or email: tvoorhees@semprautilities.com
- www.sdge.com/key-initiatives/eco-substation-project

ATTACHMENT A: NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION



DATE

Name or current occupant
Address
Address

Dear SDG&E Customer:

The East County (ECO) Substation Project (Project) received two major regulatory approvals when the California Public Utilities Commission approved the Project on June 21, 2012 and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management granted a Record of Decision for this vital electric infrastructure Project on August 21, 2012.

SDG&E will commence construction of the Project within the next several weeks. You are receiving this letter because you reside and/or own property near SDG&E's planned construction activities associated with this Project, which will consist of the following:

- **Constructing the New ECO Substation.**
This new state-of-the-art substation is located on the eastern edge of Jacumba, between Interstate 8 and the United States/Mexico border. The substation will connect future wind farms and other renewable projects to SDG&E's existing transmission system.
- **Linking the ECO Substation with the existing Southwest Powerlink.**
This tie-in will facilitate the flow of reliable, renewable power to the local area and greater San Diego region.
- **Rebuilding the Boulevard Substation.**
SDG&E will rebuild and modernize the 50-year-old Boulevard Substation near Old Highway 80. Modernizing the substation will improve energy reliability and minimize outages to surrounding communities.
- **Connecting the two substations with a new 14-mile, 138 kilovolt power line.**
This new power line will improve reliability of the local electric grid and transmit power from renewable energy projects to the Southwest Powerlink.

This letter is to advise you of the upcoming commencement of construction activities at 40749 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, California. A map identifying the location of this work along with an overview of the entire Project is enclosed for your reference. The activities will consist of demolition of eight existing structures and construction of a new substation. These activities are anticipated to be completed in 16 months.

Subject to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the California Public Utilities Commission, the work will start during the period of December 15, 2012 through January 15, 2013 and is anticipated to be completed in May 2014. Construction work will generally take place Monday through Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Limited work at night is anticipated. Construction dates and times are subject to change based on agency approvals and restrictions, safety, inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. SDG&E will provide additional updates via U.S. mail should construction dates be significantly delayed.

Activities may temporarily increase local noise levels, dust, and other disturbances. SDG&E will maintain access to all homes and businesses throughout the duration of construction activities. No road closures or detours are anticipated in association with this work.

SDG&E is working closely with local municipalities and community groups to ensure the construction schedule is as least disruptive to neighboring communities as possible and to keep communities informed during all phases of the ECO Substation Project's construction. We are committed to working with you and local public safety officials to help minimize inconveniences and safeguard a smooth construction process. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (866) 382-0886, or by email at TVoorhees@Semprautilities.com, should you have any questions or require additional information. More information can also be found on our website at www.sdge.com/eco-substation.

Sincerely,

Todd Voorhees
Public Affairs Manager
Major Projects

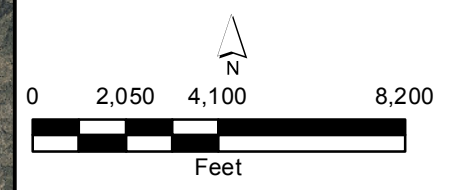
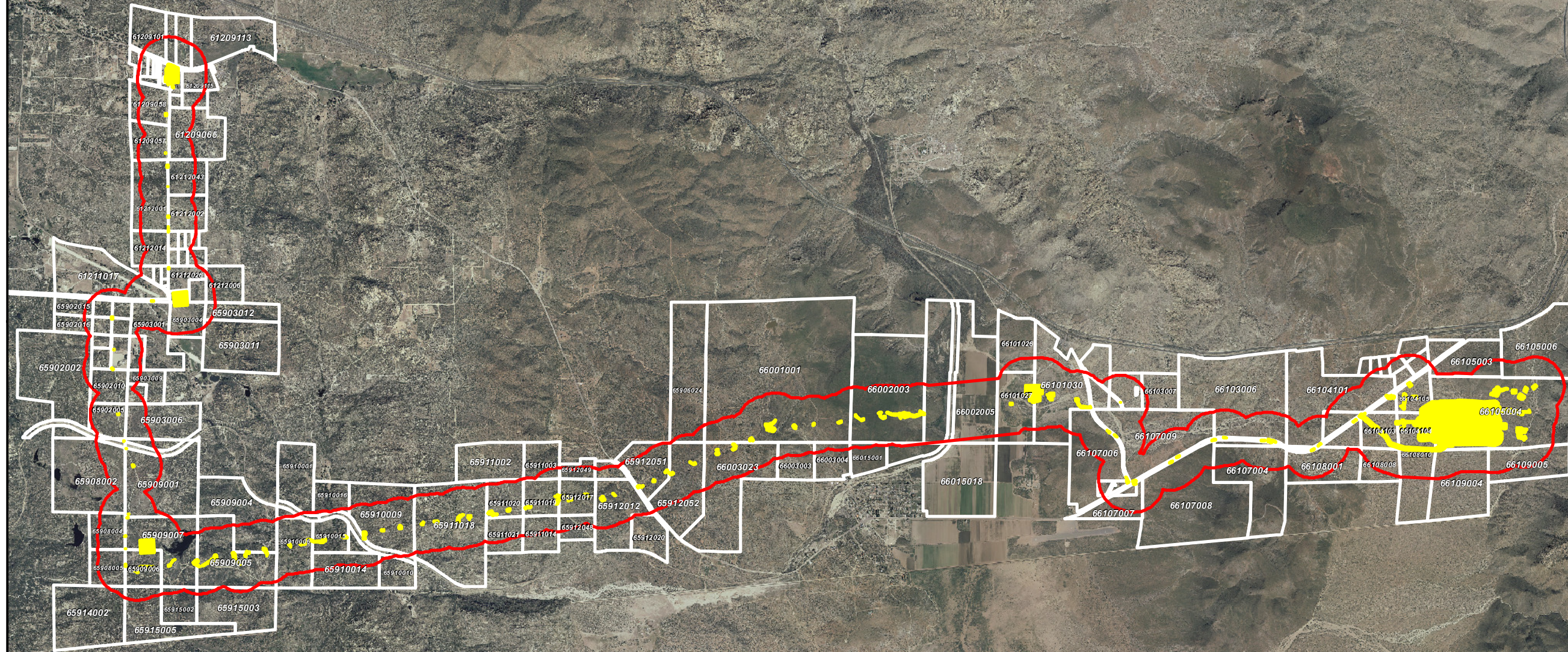
SAMPLE

**ATTACHMENT B: ECO SUBSTATION PROJECT 1,000-FOOT BUFFER NOTIFICATION
OVERVIEW MAP**

ECO Project 1,000' Buffer Notification Overview Map

Legend

- ECO - Approved Project Components
- 1000' Buffer
- Parcel in buffered area



Date: 10/9/2012



ATTACHMENT C: ECO SUBSTATION PROJECT PUBLIC NOTICE MAILER LIST

Attachment C: ECO Substation Project Public Notice Mailer List has been redacted due to its confidential nature.

