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Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 9 - East County Substation Project – Construction Activities Associated with Section 1 - 138 kV Underground Transmission Line (Application No. 09-08-003).

Dear Mr. Houston:

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction of the 138 kV underground transmission line within and adjacent to Tule Jim Road, Jewel Valley Road, other unnamed San Diego County-maintained roads, private roads, and on SDG&E-owned property associated with the East County Substation Project. The covered activities under Notice to Proceed (NTP) 9 includes construction of the 138 kV underground transmission line as described in SDG&E NTP-9 Request dated August 30, 2013.

The East County Substation project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was granted by the CPUC on June 21, 2012 (Decision 12-06-039). **NTP 9 is granted by CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

- The Final EIR/EIS prepared for the East County Substation project defined required mitigation measures to be implemented prior to project construction. The relevant mitigation measures for construction activities associated with the East County Substation site are summarized in *Attachment A* and shall be implemented by SDG&E and its designated contractor. SDG&E's compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.
- All construction activities will be conducted within areas identified and included in the Final EIR/EIS for the East County Substation Project.

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The conditions noted below shall be met by SDG&E and its contractors:

- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans (i.e., MMCRP, etc.), and this Notice to Proceed shall be available on-site for the duration of construction activities. Copies of permits shall be provided to the CPUC upon request.
- All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained and submitted to the CPUC.
- SDG&E shall comply with all applicable mitigation measures while conducting construction activities within the approved work limits associated with this Notice to Proceed.
- SDG&E shall provide CPUC with written notification prior to any nest removal that occurs during construction. The notification provided to CPUC shall include information regarding bird deterrent methods in place, species, location of the nest, nest stage, observed nesting behavior, observation times and duration, and other, species-specific information relevant to determining nest stage. The nest shall not be removed by SDG&E until receiving concurrence for nest removal by the CPUC.
- In accordance with MM-LU-1b, SDG&E shall notify property owners and tenants at least 24 hours in advance of construction activities and shall provide alternative access if required.
- In accordance with MM-NOI-1 and MM-HAZ-4b, no blasting is permitted prior to a blasting plan being approved by CPUC.
- In accordance with MM-HYD-7, SDG&E shall submit a scour analysis prepared by a registered civil engineer with expertise in hydrology, hydraulics, and river mechanics identifying whether the underground 138 kV line could be at risk of exposure through scour or erosion from a 100-year event.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy Baker

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Att: *Attachment A – Mitigation Measures*

ATTACHMENT A
Mitigation Measures

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| BIO-1a | Confine all construction and construction-related activities to the minimum necessary area as defined by the final engineering plans. All construction areas, access to construction areas, and construction-related activities shall be strictly limited to the areas identified on the final engineering plans. The limits of the approved work space shall be delineated with stakes and/or flagging that shall be maintained throughout the construction period. An environmental monitor shall complete regular observations to ensure that all work is completed within the approved work limits, and in the event any work occurs beyond the approved limits, it shall be reported. During and after construction, entrances to access roads shall be gated to prevent the unauthorized use of these construction access roads by the general public. Signs prohibiting unauthorized use of the access roads shall be posted on these gates. In addition, to control unauthorized use of project access roads by off-road vehicle enthusiasts, the applicants shall provide funding to land management entities responsible for areas set aside for habitat conservation to provide for off-road vehicle enforcement patrols. The responsible land management entities will formulate what funding is reasonable to control unauthorized use of project access roads. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | SDG&E provided final engineering plans to CPUC on September 10, 2013. Signs and gates to control unauthorized access to be implemented during construction as specified in MM-BIO-1a. SDG&E provided a memorandum to BLM on January 7, 2013 documenting funding for land management entities associated with required mitigation lands. |
| BIO-1b | Conduct contractor training for all construction staff. Prior to construction, all developer, contractor, and subcontractor personnel shall receive training regarding the appropriate work practices necessary to implement the mitigation measures and comply with environmental regulations, including plant and wildlife species avoidance, impact minimization, and best management practices. Sign-in sheets and hard hat decals shall be provided that document contractor training has been completed for construction personnel. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Environmental awareness training materials approved by the BLM on December 17, 2012. SDG&E to submit sign-in sheets to the CPUC on a weekly basis during construction. |
| BIO-1c | Conduct biological construction monitoring. An authorized biological monitor must be present at the construction sites during all ground disturbing and vegetation removal activities. The monitor shall survey the construction sites and surrounding areas for compliance with all environmental specifications. Weekly biological construction monitoring reports shall be prepared and submitted to the appropriate permitting and responsible agencies through the duration of the ground disturbing and vegetation removal construction phase. Monthly biological construction monitoring reports shall be prepared and submitted through the duration of project construction to document compliance with environmental requirements. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Biological monitor resumes provided by SDG&E were approved by the CPUC on January 15, 2013 and subsequent resumes were approved on September 24, 2013. |
| BIO-1d | Restore all temporary construction areas pursuant to a Habitat Restoration Plan. All temporary work areas not subject to long-term use or ongoing vegetation maintenance shall be revegetated with native species characteristic of the adjacent native vegetation communities in accordance with a Habitat Restoration Plan. A habitat restoration specialist will be designated and approved by the California Public Utilities Commission and Bureau of Land Management and will determine the most appropriate method of restoration. Restoration techniques may include: hydroseeding, hand-seeding, imprinting, and soil and plant salvage. Any salvage and relocation of species considered desert native plants shall be conducted in compliance with the California Desert Native Plant Act. The Habitat Restoration Plan shall include success criteria and monitoring specifications and shall be approved by the permitting agencies prior to construction of the project. At the completion of project construction, all construction materials shall be completely removed from the site. All temporary construction access roads shall be permanently closed and restored. Topsoil located in areas to be restoration would be conserved and stockpiled during the excavation process for use in the restoration. Wherever possible, vegetation would be left in place to avoid excessive root damage to allow for natural recruitment following construction. Temporary impacts shall be restored sufficient to compensate for the impact to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM (depending on the location of the impact). If restoration of temporary impact areas is not possible to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM, the temporary impact shall be considered a permanent impact and compensated accordingly (see MM BIO-1e). | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Habitat Restoration Plan (December 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| BIO-1e | Provide habitat compensation or restoration for permanent impacts to native vegetation communities. Permanent impact to all native vegetation communities shall be compensated through a combination habitat compensation and habitat restoration at a minimum of a 1:1 ratio or as required by the permitting agencies. Habitat compensation shall be accomplished through agency-approved land preservation or mitigation fee payment for the purpose of habitat compensation of lands supporting comparable habitats to those lands impacted by the ECO Substation Project. Land preservation or mitigation fee payment for habitat compensation must be completed within 18 months of permit issuance. Habitat restoration may be appropriate as compensation for permanent impacts provided that restoration is demonstrated to be feasible and the restoration effort is implemented pursuant to a Habitat Restoration Plan, which includes success criteria and monitoring specifications as described above for Mitigation Measure BIO-1d. The Habitat Restoration Plan shall be approved by the permitting agencies prior to construction of the project. All habitat compensation and restoration used as mitigation for the ECO Substation Project on public lands shall be located in areas designated for resource protection and management. All habitat compensation and restoration used as mitigation for the ECO Substation Project on private lands shall include long-term management and legal protection assurances. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Compensatory Mitigation Plan (December 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| BIO-1f | Implement fire prevention best management practices during construction and operation activities. Fire prevention best management practices shall be implemented during construction and operation of the project as specified by the Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan (to be developed as required under Mitigation Measure FF-1) and Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Operation and Maintenance Plan (to be revised as required under Mitigation Measure FF-2). | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan (MM-FF-1) (November 2012) approved by SDRFD and provided to CPUC. Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Operation and Maintenance (July 2012) (MM-FF-2) provided to CPUC. |
| BIO-1g | Prepare and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan pursuant to the specifications described in Mitigation Measure HYD-1. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | A SWPPP has been prepared and filed with the RWQCB for the 138 kV underground alignment. |
| BIO-2a | Limit temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional features to the minimum necessary as defined by the final engineering plans. Obtain and implement the terms and conditions of agency permit(s) for unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waters. All construction areas, access to construction areas, and construction-related activities shall be strictly limited to the areas within the approved work limits identified on the final engineering plans. The limits of the approved work space shall be delineated with stakes and/or flagging that shall be maintained throughout the construction period. The project applicant shall obtain applicable permits and provide evidence of permit approval, which may include but not be limited to a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification, and a Section 1602 streambed alteration agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Game for impacts to jurisdictional features prior to project construction. The terms and conditions of these authorizations shall be implemented. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued on July 31, 2012. USACE 404 Permit issued on September 19, 2012. CDFG 1600 Agreement issued on October 30, 2012. Construction drawings were approved by the USACE on November 21, 2012. |
| BIO-2b | Implement habitat creation, enhancement, preservation, and/or restoration pursuant to a wetland mitigation plan to ensure no net loss of jurisdictional waters and wetlands. Temporary and permanent impacts to all jurisdictional resources shall be compensated through a combination habitat creation (i.e., establishment), enhancement, preservation, and/or and restoration at a minimum of a 1:1 ratio or as required by the permitting agencies. Any creation enhancement, preservation, and/or restoration effort shall be implemented pursuant to a Habitat Restoration Plan, which shall include success criteria and monitoring specifications and shall be approved by the permitting agencies prior to construction of the project. A habitat restoration specialist will be designated and approved by the permitting agencies and will determine the most appropriate method of restoration. Restoration techniques may include hydroseeding, hand-seeding, imprinting, and soil and plant salvage. Temporary impacts shall be restored sufficient to compensate for the impact to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM (depending on the location of the impact). If restoration of temporary impact areas is not possible to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM, the temporary impact shall be considered a permanent impact and compensated accordingly. All habitat creation and restoration used as mitigation for the Proposed ECO Substation Project on public lands shall be located in areas designated for resource protection and management. All habitat creation and restoration used as mitigation for the project on private lands shall include long-term management and legal protection assurances. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Compensatory Mitigation Plan (December 2012) approved by the USACE, CDFG and CPUC. |

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| BIO-2c | Where drainage crossings are unavoidable, construct access roads at right angles to drainages. Unless not possible due to existing landforms or site constraints, access roads shall be built perpendicular to drainages to minimize the impacts to these resources and prevent impacts along the length of jurisdictional features. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | SDG&E provided final engineering plans to CPUC on September 10, 2013. |
| BIO-3a | Prepare and implement a Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan. A Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan shall be prepared and reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission/Bureau of Land Management and applicable permitting agencies. On BLM lands, the plan shall be consistent with an Integrated Pest Management approach per the Vegetation Treatments on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Report (2007). The plan shall be implemented during all phases of project construction and operation. The plan shall include best management practices to avoid and minimize the direct or indirect effect of the establishment and spread of invasive plant species during construction. Implementation of specific protective measures shall be required during construction, such as cleaning vehicles prior to off-road use, using weed-free imported soil/material, restricted vegetation removal and requiring topsoil storage. Development and implementation of weed management procedures shall be used to monitor and control the spread of weed populations along the construction access and transmission line right-of-ways. Vehicles used in transmission line construction shall be cleaned prior to operation off of maintained roads. Existing vegetation shall be cleared only from areas scheduled for immediate construction work and only for the width needed for active construction activities. Noxious weed management shall be conducted annually to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive plant species. This shall include weed abatement efforts, targeted at plants listed as invasive exotics by the California Exotic Plant Pest Council in their most recent "A" or "Red Alert" list. Only herbicides approved by BLM in California will be used on BLM lands. Herbicide application can only occur on BLM lands with an approved Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP). Pesticide use should be limited to non-persistent pesticides and should only be applied in accordance with label and application permit directions and restrictions for terrestrial and aquatic applications. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan (November 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| BIO-4a | Prepare and implement a Dust Control Plan. The project proponent shall (a) pave, apply water three times daily, or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers on all unpaved access roads, parking areas, and staging areas if construction activity causes persistent visible emissions of fugitive dust beyond the work area; (b) pre-water sites up to 48 hours in advance of clearing to control fugitive dust; (c) reduce the amount of disturbed area where feasible; (d) spray all dirt stock-pile areas daily as needed; (e) cover loads in haul trucks or maintain at least 6 inches of free-board when traveling on public roads; (f) pre-moisten, prior to transport, import and export dirt, sand, or loose materials; (g) sweep streets daily (with water sweepers) if visible soil material is carried onto adjacent public streets or wash trucks and equipment before entering public streets; (h) plant vegetative ground cover in disturbed areas to meet the criteria of the revegetation plan; (i) apply chemical soil stabilizers or apply water to form and maintain a crust on inactive construction areas (disturbed lands that are unused for 14 consecutive days); and (j) prepare and file with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District, Bureau of Land Management and California Public Utilities Commission a Dust Control Plan that describes how these measures would be implemented and monitored at all locations of the project. This plan shall be developed consistent with the requirements of Mitigation Measure AQ-1. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Dust Control Plan was submitted to the SDAPCD on October 16, 2012. |
| BIO-5a | Install fencing or flagging around identified special-status plant species populations in the construction areas. Prior to the start of construction, a qualified biologist shall conduct focused surveys during the appropriate blooming period for special-status plant species for all construction areas. All of the special-status plant locations shall be recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS), which will be used to site the avoidance fencing/flagging. Special-status plant species shall be avoided to the maximum extent possible by all construction activities. The boundaries of all special-status plant species to be avoided shall be delineated in the field with clearly visible fencing or flagging. The fencing/flagging shall be maintained for the duration of project construction activities. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-5b | Implement special-status plant species compensation. Impacts to special-status plant species shall be maximally avoided. Where impacts to special-status plant species are unavoidable, the impact shall be quantified and compensated through off-site land preservation and/or plant salvage and relocation. Where off-site land preservation is biologically preferred, the land shall contain comparable special-status plant resources as the impacted lands and shall include long-term management and legal protection assurances to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM. Land preservation must be completed within 18 months of permit issuance. Where salvage and relocation is demonstrated to be feasible and biologically preferred, it shall be conducted pursuant to an agency-approved plan that details the methods for salvage, stockpiling, and replanting, as well as the characteristics of the receiver sites. Any salvage and relocation plans shall be approved by the permitting agencies prior to project construction. Any salvage and relocation of species considered desert native plants shall be conducted in compliance with the California Desert Native Plant Act. Success criteria and monitoring shall also be included in the plan. If salvage and relocation is not possible to the satisfaction of the CPUC or BLM, off-site land preservation shall be required. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Compensatory Mitigation Plan (December 2012) approved by the USACE, CDFG and CPUC. |
| BIO-7a | Cover and/or provide escape routes for wildlife from excavated areas and monitor these areas daily. All steep trenches and excavations during construction shall be inspected twice daily (i.e., morning and evening) by a qualified biologist to monitor for wildlife entrapment. Large/steep excavations shall be covered and/or fenced nightly to prevent wildlife entrapment. Excavations shall provide an earthen ramp to allow for a wildlife escape route. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-7b | Enforce speed limits in and around all construction areas. Vehicles shall not exceed 15 miles per hour on unpaved roads and the right-of-way accessing the construction site or 10 miles per hour during the night. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-7c | Minimize night construction lighting adjacent to native habitats. Lighting of construction areas at night shall be the minimum necessary for personnel safety and shall be low illumination, selectively placed, and directed/shielded appropriately to minimize lighting in adjacent native habitats. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-7d | Prohibit littering and remove trash from construction areas daily. Littering shall not be allowed by the project personnel. All food-related trash and garbage shall be removed from the construction sites on a daily basis. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-7e | Prohibit the harm, harassment, collection of, or feeding of wildlife. Project personnel shall not harm, harass, collect, or feed wildlife. No pets shall be allowed in the construction areas. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| BIO-7f | Obtain and implement the terms of agency permit(s) with jurisdiction federal or state listed species. If determined necessary, the applicant shall obtain a biological opinion through Section 7 consultation between the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for impacts to federally listed wildlife species and a Section 2081 permit (or consistency determination) from the California Department of Fish and Game for impacts to state listed wildlife species resulting from this project, if applicable. The terms and conditions included in these authorizations shall be implemented, which may include seasonal restrictions, relocation, monitoring/reporting specifications, and/or habitat compensation through restoration or acquisition of suitable habitat. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Biological Opinion was issued on September 1, 2011. No take of state-listed species is anticipated; therefore, a 2081 permit is not required. |
| BIO-7g | Conduct protocol surveys for Quino checkerspot butterfly within 1 year prior to project construction activities in occupied habitat. SDG&E shall conduct pre-construction protocol surveys for Quino checkerspot butterfly within 1 year prior to construction activities, or as required by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in any area known to support the species. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified, permitted biologist in accordance with the most currently accepted protocol survey method. Results shall be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within 45 days of the completion of the survey. The surveys that were conducted in the spring of 2010 will be valid for construction in 2012 so long as construction commences before May 2012. If construction is not scheduled to commence before May 2012, SDG&E will contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss whether an additional survey is warranted. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Quino checkerspot butterfly surveys were performed by SDG&E in 2013 and no occupied Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat was present along the 138 kV underground alignment identified in NTP #9. |
| BIO-7h | Provide compensation for temporary and permanent impacts to Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat through conservation and/or restoration. Temporary and permanent impact to Quino checkerspot butterfly shall be compensated through a combination of habitat compensation and habitat restoration at a minimum of a 2:1 mitigation ratio for non-critical habitat and a minimum of a 3:1 mitigation ratio for critical habitat, or as required by the permitting agencies. Habitat compensation shall be accomplished through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved land preservation or mitigation fee payment for the purpose of habitat compensation of lands supporting Quino checkerspot butterfly. Land preservation or mitigation fee payment for habitat compensation must be completed within 18 months of permit issuance. Habitat restoration may be appropriate as habitat compensation provided that the restoration effort is demonstrated to be feasible and implemented pursuant to a Habitat Restoration Plan, which shall include success criteria and monitoring specifications and shall be approved by the permitting agencies prior to project construction. All habitat compensation and restoration used as mitigation for the Proposed PROJECT on public lands shall be located in areas designated for resource protection and management. All habitat compensation and restoration used as mitigation for the Proposed PROJECT on private lands shall include long-term management and legal protection assurances. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No occupied Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat is present along the 138 kV underground alignment identified in NTP #9. |

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| BIO-7i | Final design of transmission towers and access roads through Quino checkerspot butterfly critical habitat shall maximally avoid host plants for Quino checkerspot butterfly. The final design of the ECO Project through Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat shall maximally avoid and minimize habitat resources used by the species. SDG&E shall explore alternate tower locations, reduced road widths, reduced vegetation maintenance, and other design modifications and obtain agency approval of the final design through this area. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | Occupied Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat is not present at the proposed work areas identified in NTP Request #9; therefore, this measure is not applicable to this location. |
| BIO-7j | Conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys and implement appropriate avoidance measures for identified nesting birds. If the project must occur during the avian breeding season (February 1st to August 31st, and as early as January 1 for some raptors), SDG&E should work with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to prepare a Nesting Bird Management, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (NBMMRP) to address avoidance of impacts to nesting birds. SDG&E will submit to the agencies the NBMMRP (see following for details) for review and approval prior to commencement of the project during the breeding season. The NBMMRP should include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nest Survey Protocols describing the nest survey methodologies 2. A Management Plan describing the methods to be used to avoid nesting birds and their nests, eggs, and chicks 3. A Monitoring and Reporting Plan detailing the information to be collected for incorporation into a regular Nest Monitoring Log (NML) with sufficient details to enable USFWS and CDFG to monitor SDG&E's compliance with Fish and Game Code Sections 3503, 3503.5, 3511, and 3513 4. A schedule for the submittal (usually weekly) of the NML 5. Standard buffer widths deemed adequate to avoid or minimize significant project-related edge effects (disturbance) on nesting birds and their nests, eggs, and chicks 6. A detailed explanation of how the buffer widths were determined 7. All measures SDG&E will implement to preclude birds from utilizing project-related structures (i.e., construction equipment, facilities, or materials) for nesting. To determine presence of nesting birds that the project activities may affect, surveys should be conducted beyond the project area—300 feet for passerine birds and 500 feet for raptors. The survey protocols should include a detailed description of methodologies utilized by CDFG-approved avian biologists to search for nests and describe avian behaviors that indicate active nests. The protocols should include but are not limited to the size of project corridor being surveyed, method of search, and behavior that indicates active nests. Each nest identified in the project area should be included in the NML. The NMLs should be updated daily and submitted to the CDFG weekly. Since the purpose of the NMLs is to allow the CDFG to track compliance, the NMLs should include information necessary to allow comparison between nests protected by standard buffer widths recommended for the project (300 feet for passerine birds, 500 feet for raptors) and nests whose standard buffer width was reduced by encroachment of project-related activities. The NMLs should provide a summary of each nest identified, including the species, status of the nest, buffer information, and fledging or failure data. The NMLs will allow for tracking the success and failure of the buffers and will provide data on the adequacy of the buffers for certain species. SDG&E will rely on its avian biologists to determine the appropriate standard buffer widths for nests within the project corridor/footprint to employ based on the sensitivity levels of specific species or guilds of avian species. The determination of the standard buffer widths should be site- and species-/guild-specific and data-driven and not based on generalized assumptions regarding all nesting birds. The determination of the buffer widths should consider the following factors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nesting chronologies b. Geographic location c. Existing ambient conditions (human activity within line of sight—cars, bikes, pedestrians, dogs, noise) d. Type and extent of disturbance (e.g., noise levels and quality— punctuated, continual, ground vibrations—blasting-related vibrations proximate to tern colonies are known to make the birds flush the nests) e. Visibility of disturbance f. Duration and timing of disturbance g. Influence of other environmental factors h. Species' site-specific level of habituation to the disturbance. Application of the standard buffer widths should avoid the potential for project-related nest abandonment and failure of fledging, and minimize any disturbance to the nesting behavior. If project activities cause or contribute to a bird being flushed from a nest, the buffer must be widened. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | NBMMRP (January 2013) approved by CDFW, USFWS and CPUC. |
| BIO-10a | Design all transmission towers and lines to conform with Avian Power Line Interaction Committee standards. The Proposed Project shall implement recommendations by the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (2006), which will protect raptors and other birds from electrocution. These measures are sufficient to protect even the largest birds that may perch or roost on transmission lines or towers from electrocution. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| BIO-10b | Develop and implement project-specific Avian Protection Plans. Develop and implement an Avian Protection Plan related to wire, transmission tower, and facilities impacts from electrocution and collision of bird species. An Avian Protection Plan shall be developed jointly with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game and shall provide the framework necessary for implementing a program to reduce bird mortalities and document actions. The Avian Protection Plan shall include the following: corporate policy, training, permit compliance, construction design standards, nest management, avian reporting system, risk assessment methodology, mortality reduction measures, avian enhancement options, quality control, public awareness, and key resources. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| BIO-11a | Conduct maintenance activities resulting in vegetation disturbance outside of the bird nesting season or conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys. Maintenance activities with the potential to result in direct or indirect habitat disturbance, most notably vegetation management, shall be conducted outside of the bird nesting season to the maximum extent practicable. Where avoidance is not possible, the project proponent shall conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys consistent with the requirements of the NCCP to determine the presence/absence of active nests in or adjacent to construction areas. If active nests are identified, appropriate avoidance measures would be identified and implemented to prevent disturbance to the nesting bird(s). If federal or state listed nesting birds are identified, the project proponent shall contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or California Department of Fish and Game to determine the appropriate course of action. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during operation and maintenance. |
| VIS-1a | Reduce impacts at scenic highway and trail crossings. At highway and trail crossings, structures shall be placed at the maximum feasible distance from the crossing to reduce visual impacts as long as other significant resources are not negatively affected. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-1b | Reduce impacts at scenic view areas. In scenic view areas (the Jewel Valley Trail and the Jewel Valley Road Pathway) transmission line structures would be placed to avoid sensitive features and/or allow conductors to clearly span the features, within limits of standard design where feasible. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3a | Reduce visibility of construction activities and equipment. If visible from nearby roads, residences, public gathering areas, or recreational areas, facilities, or trails, stationary construction sites and staging areas and fly yards shall be visually screened using temporary screening fencing. Fencing will be of an appropriate design and color for each specific location. Where practical, construction staging and storage will be screened with opaque fencing from close-range residential views. Additionally, construction in areas visible from recreation facilities and areas during holidays and periods of heavy recreational use shall be avoided. SDG&E shall submit final construction plans demonstrating compliance with this measure to the CPUC for review and approval at least 60 days before the start of construction. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3b | VIS-3b. Reduce construction night-lighting impacts. SDG&E shall design and install all lighting at construction and storage yards and at staging areas and fly yards such that illumination of the project facilities, vicinity, and nighttime sky is minimized. The Construction Lighting Mitigation Plan shall be reviewed for consistency with the County of San Diego Light Pollution Code (Section 59.100 et. al) and Sections 6322 and 6322 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure outdoor light fixtures emitting light into the night sky do not result in a detrimental effect on astronomical research and to ensure reflected glare and light trespass is minimized. SDG&E shall submit a Construction Lighting Mitigation Plan to the CPUC and BLM for review and approval at least 90 days before the start of construction or the ordering of | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures with lighting will be constructed. |

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| | any exterior lighting fixtures or components, whichever comes first. SDG&E shall not order any exterior lighting fixtures or components until the Construction Lighting Mitigation Plan is approved by the CPUC and BLM. The Plan shall include but is not necessarily limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting shall be designed so that exterior light fixtures are hooded, with lights directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated, and so that backscatter to the nighttime sky is minimized. The design of the lighting shall be such that the luminescence or light sources are shielded to prevent light trespass outside the project boundary; All lighting shall be of minimum necessary brightness consistent with worker safety; and High illumination areas not occupied on a continuous basis shall have switches or motion detectors to light the area only when occupied. | | |
| VIS-3c | Reduce construction impacts to natural features. No paint or permanent discoloring agents will be applied to rocks or vegetation to indicate survey or construction activity limits. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| VIS-3d | Reduce in-line views of land scars. Construct access or spur roads at appropriate angles from the originating primary travel facilities to minimize extended in-line views of newly graded terrain, when feasible. Contour grading should be used where feasible to better blend graded surfaces with existing terrain. SDG&E shall submit final construction plans demonstrating compliance with this measure to the CPUC and BLM for review and approval at least 60 days prior to the start of construction. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No access roads will be constructed as part of NTP Request #9. |
| VIS-3e | Reduce visual contrast from unnatural vegetation lines. In those areas where views of land scars are unavoidable, the boundaries of disturbed areas shall be aggressively revegetated to create a less distinct and more natural-appearing line to reduce visual contrast. Furthermore, all graded roads and areas not required for ongoing operation, maintenance, or access shall be returned to preconstruction conditions. In those cases where potential public access is opened by construction routes, SDG&E shall create barriers or fences to prevent public access and shall patrol construction routes to prevent vandalized access and litter cleanup until all areas where vegetation was removed are returned to pre-project state. SDG&E shall submit final construction and restoration plans demonstrating compliance with this measure to the CPUC and BLM for review and approval at least 60 days before the start of construction. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No access roads will be constructed as part of NTP Request #9. |
| VIS-3f | Minimize vegetation removal. Only the minimum amount of vegetation necessary for the construction of structures and facilities will be removed. Topsoil located in areas to be restored shall be conserved during excavation and reused as cover on disturbed areas to facilitate re-growth of vegetation. Topsoil located in developed or disturbed areas is excluded from this measure. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during operation and maintenance. |
| VIS-3g | Reduce visual contrast associated with substation and ancillary facilities. SDG&E shall submit to the CPUC a Surface Treatment Plan describing the application of colors and textures to all new facility structure buildings, walls, fences, and components comprising all ancillary facilities including substations. The Surface Treatment Plan must reduce glare and minimize visual intrusion and contrast by blending the facilities with the landscape. The Treatment Plan shall be submitted to the CPUC for approval at least 90 days before (a) ordering the first structures that are to be color treated during manufacture or (b) construction of any of the ancillary facility components, whichever comes first. If the CPUC notifies SDG&E that revisions to the Plan are needed before the Plan can be approved, within 30 days of receiving that notification, SDG&E shall prepare and submit for review and approval a revised Plan. The Surface Treatment Plan shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification and 11 x 17-inch color simulations at life-size scale of the treatment proposed for use on project structures, including structures treated during manufacture A list of each major project structure, building, tower and/or pole, and fencing specifying the color(s) and finish proposed for each (colors must be identified by name and by vendor brand or a universal designation) Two sets of brochures and/or color chips for each proposed color A detailed schedule for completion of the treatment Procedures to ensure proper treatment maintenance for the life of the project. SDG&E shall not specify to the vendors the treatment of any buildings or structures treated during manufacture or perform the final treatment on any buildings or structures treated on site, until SDG&E receives notification of approval of the Surface Treatment Plan by the CPUC. Within 30 days following the start of commercial operation, SDG&E shall notify the CPUC that all buildings and structures are ready for inspection. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3h | Screen substations and ancillary facilities. SDG&E shall provide a Final Screening/Landscape Plan for screening vegetation, walls, and fences that reduces visibility of ancillary facilities and helps the facility blend in with the landscape. Similar to the use of berms in the Conceptual Landscape Plans prepared for the PEA, the use of berms to facilitate project screening may also be incorporated into the Final Plan. SDG&E shall submit the Plan to the CPUC for review and approval at least 90 days before installing the landscape screening. If the CPUC notifies SDG&E that revisions to the Plan are needed before the Plan can be approved, within 30 days of receiving that notification, SDG&E shall prepare and submit for review and approval a revised Plan. The plan shall include but not necessarily be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An 11 x 17-inch color simulation of the proposed landscaping at 5 years A plan view to scale depicting the project and the location of screening elements A detailed list of any plants to be used, their size and age at planting, the expected time to maturity, and the expected height at 5 years and at maturity SDG&E shall complete installation of the screening/landscape plan before the start of project operation SDG&E shall notify the CPUC within 7 days after completing installation of the screening/landscape plan that the screening components are ready for inspection. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3i | Reduce potential visual contrast of transmission structures. SDG&E will use dulled-metal-finish transmission structures and non-specular conductors. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3j | Reduce potential transmission conductor visibility and visual contrast. The following design measures shall be applied to all new structure locations, conductors, and re-conducted spans to reduce the degree of visual contrast caused by the new facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new conductors and re-conducted spans to be non-specular to reduce conductor visibility and visual contrast. Where revisions would not conflict with existing design considerations to avoid sensitive resources (including hydrological, cultural, and biological resources), no new access roads shall be constructed such that they directly approach existing or proposed towers in a straight line from sensitive viewing locations immediately downhill of the structures. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3k | Reduce potential visual contrast from transmission structure spacing. Where the line parallels existing transmission lines, the spacing of structures shall match the existing transmission structures, where feasible, to minimize visual effects. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3l | Reduce potential view blockage and visual contrasts of structures. Transmission line structures will not be installed directly in front of residences or in direct line-of-sight from a residence, where feasible. SDG&E will consult with affected property owners on structure siting to reduce land use and visual impacts. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| VIS-3m | Reduce visual impacts resulting from native tree removal. In the event that ornamental or native trees within the project area will be removed due to project design and grading, SDG&E shall prepare a Tree Replacement Plan to be submitted with the Screening/Landscape Plan. The Tree Replacement Plan shall include but is not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Removal Locations: Indicate the size, type, and location of each tree (additional items, such as a tree survey by a professional engineer or licensed land survey, may be required.) Assessment of the health and structural conditions, soils, tree size (trunk diameter, basal diameter, height, canopy spread), pest and disease presence, and accessibility of native oak trees to be removed due to project design and grading in order to determine whether existing trees can be transplanted outside the project footprint post-construction. If the assessment determines native oak trees can be transplanted, the oaks would be augmented with additional oak plantings in case the larger trees decline and are lost as a result of the relocation process. If native oak trees cannot be transplanted, the Tree Replacement Plan shall indicate the size, type, and location of each proposed replacement tree (additional items, such as a tree survey by a professional engineer or licensed land survey, may be required). Photos of the site and/or trees to be removed. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No ornamental trees will be removed during construction. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oak replacement plan focusing on oak tree planting with smaller container trees at higher numbers, recommended at least 5:1 with 15-gallon size trees. The Tree Replacement Plan must minimize mature tree loss to the degree feasible. The Tree Replacement Plan shall be submitted to the CPUC for approval at least 90 days prior to planned tree removal. If the CPUC notifies SDG&E that revisions to the Plan are needed before the Plan can be approved, within 30 days of receiving that notification, the SDG&E shall prepare and submit the revised Tree Replacement Plan for review and approval. | | |
| VIS-4a | <p>Reduce long-term night-lighting impacts from substations and ancillary facilities. SDG&E shall design and install all permanent lighting such that light bulbs and reflectors are not visible from public viewing areas; lighting does not cause reflected glare; and illumination of the project facilities, vicinity, and nighttime sky is minimized. The Lighting Mitigation Plan shall be reviewed for consistency with the County of San Diego Light Pollution Code (Section 59.100 et. al) and Sections 6322 and 6322 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure outdoor light fixtures emitting light into the night sky do not result in a detrimental effect on astronomical research and to ensure reflected glare and light trespass is minimized. SDG&E shall submit a Lighting Mitigation Plan to the CPUC for review and approval at least 90 days before ordering any permanent exterior lighting fixtures or components. SDG&E shall not order any exterior lighting fixtures or components until the Lighting Mitigation Plan is approved by the CPUC. The Plan shall include but is not necessarily limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting shall be designed so exterior light fixtures are hooded, with lights directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated, and so that backscatter to the nighttime sky is minimized. The design of the lighting shall be such that the luminescence or light sources are shielded to prevent light trespass outside the project boundary. All lighting shall be of minimum necessary brightness consistent with worker safety. High illumination areas not occupied on a continuous basis shall have switches or motion detectors to light the area only when occupied. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No permanent vertical structures will be constructed. |
| LU-1a | <p>Prepare Construction Notification Plan. Forty-five days prior to construction, SDG&E shall prepare and submit a Construction Notification Plan to the BLM and CPUC for approval. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | <p>Construction Notification Plan (November 2012) approved by the CPUC.</p> <p>Construction Notice Mailer approved by the CPUC on February 26, 2013.</p> <p>Property owners were notified by SDG&E on June 5, 2013. Evidence of mailing was submitted to the CPUC on June 12, 2013.</p> |
| LU-1b | <p>Notify property owners and provide access. To facilitate access to properties obstructed by construction activities, SDG&E shall notify property owners and tenants at least 24 hours in advance of construction activities and shall provide alternative access if required.</p> | See NTP #9 conditions of approval. | See NTP #9 conditions of approval. |
| LU-2 | <p>Revise project elements to minimize land use conflicts. At least 90 days prior to completing final transmission line design for the approved route, SDG&E shall notify landowners of parcels through which the alignment would pass regarding the specific location of the ROW, individual towers, staging areas, access roads, or other facilities associated with the project that would occur on the subject property. The notified parties shall be provided at least 30 days in which to identify conflicts with any planned development on the subject property and to work with SDG&E to identify potential reroutes of the alignment that would be mutually acceptable to SDG&E and the landowner. Property owners whose land may be divided into potentially uneconomic parcels shall be afforded this same opportunity, even if development plans have not been established. SDG&E shall endeavor to accommodate these reroutes only to the extent that they are reasonable and feasible, do not create a substantial increase in cost, and do not create adverse impacts to resources or to other properties that would be greater in magnitude than impacts that would occur from construction and operation of the alignment as originally planned.</p> <p>SDG&E shall provide a written report to the CPUC/BLM providing evidence of the notice to landowners and copies of any responses to the notice within 30 days of the notice closing date for responses. SDG&E shall also identify in the documentation submitted to the CPUC and BLM whether reroutes recommended by the landowner or SDG&E can be accommodated. Where they cannot be accommodated, the reasons shall be provided. SDG&E shall provide information sufficient for the CPUC and BLM to determine that the reroute creates no more adverse impact than the originally planned alignment location. SDG&E shall include environmental information consistent with that required for a variance. Where a reroute is proposed, the CPUC or BLM will review and agree to accept or reject individual reroutes. The CPUC or BLM may also recommend compromise reroutes for any of the parcels for which responses were provided in a timely fashion.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | SDG&E provided documentation in NTP #9 request that included communication with landowners to date. |
| WR-1 | <p>Provide notice for access restrictions or anticipated closures to wilderness and recreation areas. SDG&E shall coordinate with the County of San Diego to ensure that proper signage is posted in advance for any access restriction and/or anticipated closures of wilderness and recreation areas (including trails and pathways) so that recreational users may plan accordingly. Signage shall be posted 30 days prior to construction at public venues such as rest stops, resource management offices, and along access routes to known recreational destinations that would be restricted, blocked, or detoured. Notices shall provide information on alternative recreation areas that may be used during the closure of these facilities.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | SDG&E consulted with the County on October 18, 2012 regarding potential access restrictions to wilderness and recreation areas. The County confirmed that no access restrictions and/or anticipated closures of wilderness and recreation areas will occur as no official trails or recreation areas are located in the Project area; therefore, this measure is not applicable. |
| CUL-1a | <p>Develop and Implement a Historic Properties Treatment Plan-Cultural Resources Management Plan: A Historic Properties Treatment Plan-Cultural Resources Management Plan (HPTP-CRMP) shall be prepared to avoid or mitigate impacts for significant cultural resources pursuant to Section 106 Guidelines. An MOA shall be developed among all federal, state, and local agencies to implement the HPTP-CRMP. As part of the HPTP-CRMP, recorded cultural resources that can be avoided shall be listed and demarcated during construction as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs). All recommended NRHP- and/or CRHR-eligible resources that would not be affected by direct impacts, but are within 100 feet of direct impact areas, shall be designated as ESAs. Protective fencing or other markers shall be erected and maintained on SDG&E-owned property, easements, or ROW to protect ESAs from inadvertent trespass for the duration of construction in the vicinity (the ESA fencing should demarcate the limits of the construction areas and where people have to stay within the easement, ROW, or SDG&E-owned property). An archaeologist shall monitor during ground-disturbing activities at all cultural resource ESAs. The HPTP-CRMP shall also define any additional areas that are considered to be of high sensitivity for discovery of buried NRHP-eligible historic properties and CRHR-eligible historic resources, including burials, cremations, or sacred features. These areas of high sensitivity shall also be monitored by qualified archaeologists during construction.</p> <p>If recommended NRHP-eligible historic properties and CRHR-eligible historic resources are not avoidable, the HPTP-CRMP shall provide a process for evaluating NRHP and CRHR eligibility, consulting with Native Americans about site treatment, working with engineers to avoid resources; suggest various options for reducing adverse effects; and outline a data recovery mitigation plan that would include research design, field sampling, laboratory analysis, reporting, curation, and dissemination of results. Other treatment measures to resolve adverse effects could include but are not limited to historical documentation, photography, collection and publishing of oral histories, field work to gather information for research purposes or some form of public awareness or interpretation. A description of alternative</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See Appendix E and F to the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 14, 2012. |

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| | <p>treatments to resolve adverse effects other than data recovery excavations could also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation of construction component to portions of historic properties that do not contribute to the qualities that make the resource eligible for the NRHP and CRHR; Deeding cemetery of other sensitive areas outside of the substation property and related facilities into open space in perpetuity and providing necessary long-term protection measures; Public interpretation including the preparation of a public version of the cultural resources studies and/or education materials for local schools; Providing Native American tribes future access to traditional and cultural areas on the Project site, but outside of the substation property and related facilities, after completion of Project construction; and SDG&E financial support of existing cultural centers for the preparation of interpretive displays. <p>The HPTP-CRMP shall include provisions for reporting and curation of artifacts and data at a facility that is approved by the agency. The applicant shall attempt to gain permission for artifacts from privately held land to be curated with the other project collections. As part of the HPTP-CRMP, processing of all collected cultural remains shall be described. All artifacts shall be analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the history of the area. Faunal material shall be identified as to species.</p> <p>A Native American monitor may be required at culturally sensitive locations specified by the lead agency following government-to-government consultation with Native American tribes. The monitoring plan in the CRMP shall indicate the locations where Native American monitors shall be required.</p> | | |
| CUL-1b | <p>Avoid and Protect Significant Resources. SDG&E shall design and implement a long-term management plan to protect NRHP-eligible, CRHR-eligible sites or sites treated as eligible for project management purposes from direct impacts of project operation and maintenance and from indirect impacts (such as erosion and access) that could result from the presence of the project. The plan shall be developed in consultation with the BLM and other consulting parties to design measures that shall be effective against project maintenance impacts, such as vegetation clearing and road and tower maintenance, and project-related vehicular impacts. The plan shall also include a context for understanding the cultural resources within the ROW and describe how protective measures will be undertaken for the cultural resources within the ROW or main project area that may experience operational and access impacts as a result of the project. Measures considered shall include demarcation of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's) during any subsequent project construction maintenance activities for all historic properties within 50 feet of direct impact areas, permanent restrictive fencing or gates, permanent access road closures, signage, stabilization of potential erosive areas, site capping, site patrols, and interpretive/educational programs, or other measures that will be effective for protecting the resources. The plan shall be property specific and shall include provisions for monitoring and reporting its effectiveness and for addressing inadequacies or failures that result in damage to resources. Monitoring of sites selected during consultation with BLM and CPUC shall be conducted annually by a professional archaeologist for a minimum period of 5 years. Monitoring shall include inspection of all site loci and defined surface features, documented by photographs from fixed photo monitoring stations and written observations. A monitoring report shall be submitted to the BLM and CPUC within 1 month following the annual resource monitoring. The report shall indicate any properties that have been affected by erosion, unauthorized excavation or collecting or vehicle or maintenance impacts. For properties that have been impacted, SDG&E shall provide recommendations for mitigating impacts and for improving protective measures. After 5 years of resource monitoring, the BLM and CPUC shall evaluate the effectiveness of the protective measures and the monitoring program. Based on that evaluation, the BLM and CPUC may require that SDG&E revise or refine the protective measures, or alter the monitoring protocol or schedule. If the BLM does not authorize alteration of the monitoring protocol or schedule, those shall remain in effect for the duration of the project operation. If annual monitoring program identifies adverse effects to properties eligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR from operation or long-term presence of the project, or if, at any time, SDG&E, the BLM or CPUC become aware of such adverse effects SDG&E shall notify the BLM and CPUC immediately and shall implement additional protective measures, as directed by the BLM and CPUC. At the discretion of the BLM and/or CPUC such measures may include, but not be limited to, refinement of monitoring protocols, data-recovery investigations, or payment of compensatory damages in the form of non-destructive cultural resource studies or protection.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | Long-term management plan will be prepared prior to energization of the East County Substation. |
| CUL-1c | <p>CUL-1C, Training for Contractor: All construction personnel shall be trained regarding the recognition of possible buried cultural remains and protection of all cultural resources, including prehistoric and historic resources during construction, prior to the initiation of construction or ground-disturbing activities. SDG&E shall complete training for all construction personnel and retain documentation showing when training of personnel was completed. Training shall inform all construction personnel of the procedures to be followed upon the discovery of archaeological materials, including Native American burials. Training shall inform all construction personnel that shall be avoided, and that travel and construction activity shall be confined to designated roads and areas. All personnel shall be instructed that unauthorized collection or disturbance of artifacts or other cultural materials on or off the ROW by SDG&E, its representatives, or employees shall not be allowed. Violators shall be subject to prosecution under the appropriate State and federal laws, and violations shall be grounds for removal from the project. Unauthorized resource collection or disturbance may constitute grounds for the issuance of a stop work order. The following issues shall be addressed in training or in preparation for construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction contracts shall require construction personnel to attend training so they are aware of the potential for inadvertently exposing buried archaeological deposits, their responsibility to avoid and protect all cultural resources, and the penalties for collection, vandalism, or inadvertent destruction of cultural resources. SDG&E shall provide training for supervisory construction personnel describing the potential for exposing cultural resources and procedures and notifications required in the event of discoveries by project personnel or archaeological monitors. Supervisors shall also be briefed on the consequences of intentional or inadvertent damage to cultural resources. Supervisory personnel shall enforce restrictions on collection or disturbance of artifacts or other cultural resources | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | <p>Environmental awareness training materials approved by the CPUC on December 10, 2012 and by the BLM on December 17, 2012.</p> <p>SDG&E to submit sign-in sheets to the CPUC on a weekly basis during construction.</p> |
| CUL-1d | <p>Construction Monitoring: Prior to issuance of grading permit(s), the SDG&E shall retain a qualified archaeologist, in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines (Secretary's Standards) (36 CFR 61), and Native American observer to monitor ground-disturbing activities in culturally sensitive areas in an effort to identify any unknown resources. A qualified archaeologist shall attend preconstruction meetings, as needed, to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the monitoring program and to discuss excavation plans with the excavation contractor. The requirements for archaeological monitoring shall be noted on the construction plans.</p> <p>All construction activities in environmentally sensitive areas, or any other area of the project deemed sensitive for containing cultural resources, shall be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. Since significant portions of the project site contain sedimentary deposits that have the potential to contain buried cultural resources, then full-time cultural resources monitoring shall be implemented during all phases of ground-disturbing work in these areas.</p> <p>If ESA fencing has been established and the possibility of buried cultural deposits is determined to be low after initial ground-disturbance, the on-site professional archaeologist may determine that full-time monitoring is no longer required in that area. A cultural resource monitor shall meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards Qualifications as a professional archaeologist and, as appropriate, shall be on the lead agencies approved consultants list. The archaeological monitor(s) shall also be familiar with the project area and, therefore, be capable of anticipating the types of cultural resources that may be encountered.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | <p>BLM approved Archeological Field Director and monitors.</p> <p>CPUC approved archeological monitors.</p> |
| CUL-1e | <p>Discovery of Unknown Resources: In the event that previously unknown cultural resources are discovered, the archaeologist shall have the authority to divert or temporarily halt ground disturbance to allow evaluation of recommended significant cultural resources. The process for handling inadvertent discoveries shall be documented in the CRMP. It shall detail the methods, consultation procedures, and timelines for assessing register eligibility, formulating a mitigation plan, and implementing treatment should avoidance and protection of the resource not be possible. Mitigation and treatment plans for unanticipated discoveries shall be approved by the BLM and SHPO prior to implementation. The archaeologist in coordination with the BLM shall evaluate the significance of the discovered resources based on eligibility for the NRHP, CRHR, or local registers. Preliminary determinations of NRHP eligibility shall be made by the CPUC and BLM, in consultation with other appropriate agencies and local governments, and the SHPO.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See Appendix E to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). |

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| CUL-1f | Control Unauthorized Access: SDG&E shall coordinate with the authorized officer of the BLM or local landowner/administrator at least 60 days before construction in order to determine if gates shall be installed on access roads, especially trails that would be dually used as access roads, to prevent unauthorized vehicular access to the ROW. Gate installation shall be required at the discretion of the BLM. On trails proposed for dual use as access roads, gates shall be wide enough to allow horses, bicycles, and pedestrians to pass through. SDG&E shall document its coordination efforts with the BLM of the road/trail and provide this documentation to the CPUC and BLM 30 days prior to construction. Signs prohibiting unauthorized use of the access roads shall be posted on the installed gates. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No access roads will be constructed as part of NTP Request #9. |
| CUL-1g | Funding of Law Enforcement Patrols: To control unauthorized use of project access roads and to provide for the general protection of cultural and natural resources made more accessible as a result of the project facilities, SDG&E shall provide funding to BLM and CPUC for law enforcement patrols for the term of the ROW. The BLM and CPUC will formulate what funding is reasonable to implement the above. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No access roads will be constructed as part of NTP Request #9. |
| CUL-1h | Continue Consultation with Native Americans and Other Traditional Groups. SDG&E shall provide assistance to the BLM and CPUC, as requested by the BLM and CPUC, to continue required government to government consultation with interested Native American tribes and individuals (Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) and other traditional groups to identify and assess or mitigate the impact of the approved project on traditional cultural properties or other resources of Native American concern, such as sacred sites and landscapes, or areas of traditional plant gathering for food, medicine, basket weaving, or ceremonial uses. As directed by the BLM and CPUC, SDG&E shall undertake required treatments, studies, or other actions that result from such consultation. Actions that are required during or after construction shall be defined, detailed, and scheduled in the HPTP-CRMP and implemented by SDG&E and may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information regarding further developments in the project; Participation by Native American monitors in any additional surveys, archaeological excavations, and ground-disturbing construction activities; Return of any prehistoric artifacts requiring repatriation under the NAGPRA that are recovered to the appropriate tribe after they have been analyzed by archaeologists; The right to inspect sites where human remains are discovered and to determine the treatment and disposition of the remains; and Copies of all site records, survey reports, or other environmental documents. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| CUL-2 | Human Remains: All location of known Native American human remains shall be avoided through project design and designation as ESAs if within 100 feet of project components. During construction, if human remains are encountered, Native American consultation consistent with NAGPRA shall be undertaken. In addition, if human remains are encountered on non-federal (state, county, or private) lands, California Health and Safety Code §7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the San Diego County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin. Further, pursuant to California Public Resources Code §5097.98(b), remains shall be left in place and free from disturbance until a final decision as to the treatment and disposition has been made. If the San Diego County Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be contacted within a reasonable time frame. Subsequently, the Native American Heritage Commission shall identify the "most likely descendant." The most likely descendant shall then make recommendations and engage in consultations concerning the treatment of the remains as provided in Public Resources Code §5097.98. Avoidance and protection of inadvertent discoveries which contain human remains shall be the preferred protection strategy with complete avoidance of impacts to such resources protected from direct project impacts by project redesign. SDG&E shall follow all State and federal laws, statutes, and regulations that govern the treatment of human remains. SDG&E shall comply with and implement all required actions and studies that result from such consultations, as directed by the BLM and CPUC. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| Paleo-1a | Inventory and evaluate paleontological resources in the Final APE: Prior to construction, SDG&E shall conduct and submit to the BLM and CPUC for approval an inventory of significant paleontological resources within the affected area, based on field surveys of areas identified as marginal through high or undetermined paleontological sensitivity potential. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the BLM. |
| Paleo-1b | Develop Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan: Following completion and approval of the paleontological resources inventory and prior to construction, SDG&E shall prepare and submit to the CPUC and BLM for approval a Paleontological Monitoring Treatment Plan (Plan). The Plan shall be designed by a Qualified Paleontologist and shall be based on Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) guidelines and meet all regulatory requirements, including BLM and County of San Diego Paleontological Resource Guidelines. The qualified paleontologist shall have an MA or PhD in paleontology, shall have knowledge of the local paleontology, and shall be familiar with paleontological procedures and techniques. The Plan shall identify construction impact areas of moderate to high sensitivity for encountering significant resources and the depths at which those resources are likely to be encountered. The Plan shall outline a coordination strategy to ensure that a qualified paleontological monitor will conduct full-time monitoring of all ground disturbance in sediments determined to have a moderate to high sensitivity. Sediments of low, marginal, and undetermined sensitivity shall be monitored on a part-time basis (as determined by the Qualified Paleontologist). Sediments with zero sensitivity will not require paleontological monitoring. The Qualified Paleontologist shall have a BA in Geology or Paleontology, and a minimum of 1 year of monitoring experience in local sediments. The Plan shall detail the significance criteria to be used to determine which resources will be avoided or recovered for their data potential. The Plan shall also detail methods of recovery, preparation and analysis of specimens, final curation of specimens at a federally accredited repository, data analysis, and reporting. The Plan shall specify that all paleontological work undertaken by the applicant on public land shall be carried out by qualified paleontologists with the appropriate current permits, including, but not limited to, a Paleontological Resources Use Permit (for work on public lands administered by BLM). Notices to proceed shall be issued by the lead agency and other agencies with jurisdiction, following approval of the Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the CPUC and BLM. |
| Paleo-1c | Monitor Construction for Paleontology: Based on the paleontological sensitivity assessment and Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan consistent with Mitigation Measure PALEO-01b (Develop Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan), SDG&E shall conduct full-time construction monitoring by the qualified paleontological monitor in areas determined to have moderate (PFYC - Class 3) to high (PFYC - Class 4) paleontological sensitivity within the ECO Substation. Sediments of low, marginal (i.e., PFYC - Class 2), or, undetermined (PFYC Class 3) sensitivity shall be monitored by a qualified paleontological monitor on a part-time basis (as determined by the Qualified Paleontologist). Construction activities shall be diverted when data recovery of significant fossils is warranted, as determined by the Qualified Paleontologist. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the CPUC and BLM. |
| Paleo-1d | Conduct Paleontological Data Recovery: If avoidance of significant paleontological resources is not feasible or appropriate based on project design, treatment (including recovery, specimen preparation, data analysis, curation, and reporting) shall be carried out by the project, in accordance with the approved Treatment Plan per Mitigation Measure PALEO-01B (Develop Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan). | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the CPUC and BLM. |
| Paleo-1e | Train Construction Personnel: Prior to the initiation of construction or ground-disturbing activities, all construction personnel shall be trained regarding the recognition of possible subsurface paleontological resources and protection of all paleontological resources during construction. The project shall complete training for all construction personnel. Training shall inform all construction personnel of the procedures to be followed upon the discovery of paleontological materials. Training shall inform all construction personnel that Environmentally Sensitive Areas include areas determined to be paleontologically sensitive, as defined on the paleontological sensitivity maps for the project, and must be avoided, and that travel and construction activity must be confined to designated roads and areas. All personnel shall be instructed that unauthorized collection or disturbance of protected fossils on or off the ROW by the project, its representatives, or employees will not be allowed. Violators will be subject to prosecution under the appropriate state and federal laws, and violations will be grounds for removal from the project. Unauthorized resource collection or disturbance may constitute grounds for the issuance of a stop-work order. The following issues shall be addressed in training or in preparation for construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction contracts shall include clauses that require construction personnel to attend training so they are aware of the potential for inadvertently exposing subsurface paleontological resources, their responsibility to avoid and protect all such resources, and the penalties for collection, vandalism, or inadvertent destruction of paleontological resources. The project shall provide a background briefing for supervisory personnel describing the potential for exposing paleontological resources, the location of any potential Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and procedures and notifications required in the event of discoveries by project personnel or paleontological monitors. Supervisory personnel shall enforce restrictions on collection or disturbance of fossils. Upon discovery of paleontological resources by paleontologists or construction personnel, work in the immediate area of the find shall be diverted, and the project paleontologist shall be notified. Once the find has been inspected and a preliminary assessment made, the project paleontologist will notify the lead agency and other appropriate land managers and proceed with data recovery in accordance with the approved Treatment Plan consistent with Mitigation Measure PALEO-1B (Develop Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan). | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the CPUC and BLM. Environmental awareness training approved by the CPUC on December 10, 2012 and by the BLM on December 17, 2012. SDG&E to submit sign-in sheets to the CPUC on a weekly basis during construction. |

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| NOI-1 | <p>Blasting Plan SDG&E will prepare a blasting plan that will reduce impacts associated with construction-related noise and vibrations related to blasting. The blasting plan will be site specific, based on general and exact locations of required blasting and the results of a project-specific geotechnical investigation. The blasting plan will include a description of the planned blasting methods, an inventory of receptors potentially affected by the planned blasting, and calculations to determine the area affected by the planned blasting. Noise calculations in the blasting plan will account for blasting activities and all supplemental construction equipment. The final blasting plan and pre-blast survey shall meet the requirements provided below, as well as those outlined in Mitigation Measure HAZ-4b.</p> <p>The blasting plan will include a schedule to demonstrate, where feasible, construction blasting to occur infrequently enough that it will not exceed the County's impulsive noise standard because blasting would not occur for more than 25% (15 minutes) during a 1-hour period due to the short time duration of a blast. Where this is not possible, other construction blasting would be coordinated with impacted building occupants to occur in their absence, or at other acceptable times, to avoid nuisance or annoyance complaints. If necessary, the applicant will temporarily relocate impacted residents on an as-needed basis for the duration of the blasting activities. The applicant will be responsible for temporary relocation expenses (i.e.; expenses for temporary housing) incurred by impacted residents if relocation is necessary during blasting activities.</p> <p>To ensure that potentially impacted residents are informed, the applicant will provide notice by mail to all property owners within 300 feet of the project at least 1 week prior to the start of construction activities. Blasting would be completed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to be compliant with County of San Diego noise ordinances. A rock anchoring or min-pile system may be used to reduce the risk of damage to structures during blasting activities. Fair compensation for lost use will be provided to the property owner. Physical damage to potentially vulnerable structures will be addressed by avoiding construction blasting near the structures wherever possible, and, if necessary, non-blasting construction methods will be evaluated. If adversely affected, structures shall be restored to an equivalent condition, and fair compensation for lost use will be provided to the owner.</p> <p>If necessary, the use of portable noise barriers to reduce excessive noise impacts shall be used between the source and affected occupied properties. Noise barriers that break the line of sight would provide 5 dB attenuation. Increasing the height of the barrier would increase the attenuation of the barrier. A 5 dBA to 10 dBA attenuation is considered reasonably feasible.</p> <p>Supplemental construction equipment, such as drill rigs, may be used to support blasting. At a distance of 80 feet, drill rig noise emissions are approximately 75 dBA Leq. Drill rigs, without mitigation, have the potential to cause temporary noise impacts if used less than 80 feet from the property line of an occupied residence. The blasting plan will include measures to reduce noise impacts resulting from the use of drill rigs at less than 80 feet from a property line. Such measures may include temporary noise barriers or limited hours of operation to reduce the impact to within the County standard.</p> | <p>See NTP #9 conditions of approval.</p> | <p>See NTP #9 conditions of approval.</p> |
| NOI-2 | <p>Conductor configuration selection to address noise impacts As part of the project's design selection process, the proper conductor configuration shall be selected so that the corona noise does not exceed the County's noise ordinance limits along the transmission line corridor measured during worst-case weather conditions at or beyond 6 feet from the boundary of the easement upon which the transmission line is located.</p> | <p>N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9.</p> | <p>No permanent overhead structures will be constructed.</p> |
| TRA-1 | <p>Prepare and implement a Traffic Control Plan. At minimum, the plan will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG&E shall encourage carpooling to the construction site to reduce personal vehicle traffic in the project area to the greatest extent possible. • SDG&E will consider the specific object sizes, weights, origin, destination, and unique handling requirements, and evaluate alternative transportation approaches. • Measures such as informational signs and flaggers shall be implemented when equipment may result in blocked roadways, and traffic cones or similar shall be implemented to identify any necessary changes in temporary lane configuration. • Flaggers and directional guidance for bicyclists along Old Highway 80 shall be used. • All Caltrans' standards for utility encroachments shall be met. • The plan shall be prepared in accordance with Caltrans' Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Work Area Traffic Control Handbook (WATCH) Manual. • Clearances or overhead crossings shall conform to regulations of the CPUC and BLM, and the number of crossings shall be minimized. • New installations under an existing roadbed shall be made by the boring-and-jacking method. No trenching under the traveled way will occur. • For freeways and expressways, the placement of longitudinal encroachments is prohibited within controlled-access rights-of-way (ROWS). • Utilities shall not be located in median areas. • Transverse crossings shall be normal (90°) to the highway alignment where practical. If impractical, skews of up to 30° from normal may be allowed. • Supports for overhead lines crossing freeways shall be located outside the controlled-access ROW and not on cut-or-fill slopes, and shall not impair sight distances. All installations shall be placed as close to the ROW line as possible. Aboveground utilities shall be outside of the clear recovery zone (20 feet from edge-of-travel way for conventional highways and 30 feet for freeways and expressways). Allowance shall be made for future widening of the highways. • New installations shall not impair sight distances. • SDG&E shall coordinate in advance with the applicants for the other two connected actions. This effort shall include coordinating the timing of construction of the various projects to reduce potential conflicts. • SDG&E shall coordinate in advance with emergency service providers to avoid restricting movements of emergency vehicles. The County will then notify respective police, fire, ambulance, and paramedic services. SDG&E shall notify counties and cities of the proposed locations, nature, timing, and duration of any construction activities, and advise of any access restrictions that could impact their effectiveness. <p>SDG&E shall provide a draft copy of the Traffic Control Plan to the agencies listed for comment a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of any construction activities. The comments will be provided back to SDG&E, and plan revisions will address each comment to the satisfaction of the commenting agency. The final plan will be submitted to the CPUC and BLM with input from commenting agencies and provided to SDG&E for implementation during all construction activities.</p> | <p>Applicable, pre-construction requirements met.</p> | <p>SDG&E provided a Traffic Control Plan to CPUC on July 30, 2013.</p> |
| TRA-2 | <p>Repair roadways damaged by construction activities. If damage to roads occurs, SDG&E shall coordinate repairs with the affected public agencies to ensure that any impacts to area roads are adequately repaired at SDG&E's cost. Roads disturbed by construction activities or construction vehicles shall be properly restored to ensure long-term protection of road surfaces. Care shall be taken to prevent damage to roadside drainage structures. Roadside drainage structures and road drainage features (e.g., rolling dips) shall be protected by regrading and reconstructing roads to drain properly. Said measures shall be incorporated into an access agreement/easement with the applicable governing agency prior to construction.</p> | <p>Applicable, pre-construction requirements met.</p> | <p>Measure to be implemented as defined during construction.</p> |
| TRA-3 | <p>Consult with and inform the FAA, DOD, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. SDG&E shall consult with the FAA, DOD, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (San Diego Sector) to avoid potential safety issues associated with proximity to airports, military bases or training areas, and land strips and to determine where Border Protection aircraft operate in the County. Prior to construction, SDG&E shall provide written notification to the FAA, the U.S. Air Force Regional Environmental Coordinator (or appropriate DOD representative), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (San Diego Sector), and to the CPUC and BLM, stating when and where the new transmission lines and towers will be erected, and shall install markers as requested by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection or FAA. SDG&E shall also provide all agencies listed above with aerial photos or topographic maps clearly showing the new lines and towers.</p> | <p>N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9.</p> | <p>No permanent overhead structures will be constructed.</p> |

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| HAZ-1a | <p>Hazardous Materials Management Plan. Prior to approval of final construction plans, SDG&E shall prepare an HMMP for the construction phase of the project, which shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate agency, and shall include the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan shall identify all hazardous materials that will be present on any portion of the construction site, including, but not limited to, fuels, solvents, and petroleum products. The plan shall address storage, use, transportation, and disposal of each hazardous material anticipated to be used at the site. The plan shall establish inspection procedures, storage requirements, storage quantity limits, inventory control, nonhazardous product substitutes, and disposition of excess materials. The plan shall identify secondary containment and spill prevention countermeasures, as well as a contingency plan to identify potential spill hazards, how to prevent their occurrence, and responses for different quantities of spills that may occur. Secondary containment and countermeasures shall be in place throughout construction so that if any leaks or spills occur, responses will be made immediately. The plan shall identify materials (and their locations) that will be on site and readily accessible to clean up small spills (i.e., spill kit, absorbent pads, and shovels). Such emergency spill supplies and equipment shall be clearly marked and located adjacent to all areas of work and in construction staging areas. The plan shall identify the spill-response materials that must be maintained in vehicles and substation sites during construction and procedures for notification to the appropriate authorities. The plan shall identify adequate safety and fire suppression devices for construction-related activities involving toxic, flammable, or explosive materials (including refueling construction vehicles and equipment). Such devices shall be readily accessible on the project site, as specified by the County's Fire Department and per the Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code. The plan shall be included as part of all contractor specifications and final construction plans to the satisfaction of the appropriate agency. The plan shall also identify requirements for notices to federal and local emergency response authorities and shall include emergency response plans. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan (November 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| HAZ-1b | <p>Health and Safety Program. Prior to approval of final construction plans, SDG&E shall prepare a Health and Safety Program for each applicable phase of the project (i.e., construction, operation, and decommissioning). The program shall be developed to protect both workers and the general public during all phases of the project. The program shall be implemented to educate construction workers about the hazards associated with the particular project site and the safety measures that must be taken to prevent injury.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Health and Safety Program and Safety Assessment (December 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| HAZ-1c | <p>Waste Management Plan. Prior to approval of final construction plans, SDG&E shall prepare a Waste Management Plan, which shall determine waste procedures, waste storage locations, waste-specific management and disposal requirements, inspection procedures, and waste minimization procedures. SDG&E shall designate an environmental field representative who shall be on site to observe, enforce, and document adherence to the plan for all construction activities. The plan shall be submitted to CPUC and BLM at least 30 days prior to construction.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | <p>The Waste Management Plan has been combined with the Hazardous Material Management Plan required by Mitigation Measure HAZ-01a.</p> <p>Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan (November 2012) approved by the CPUC.</p> |
| HAZ-1d | <p>Testing for environmental hazards associated with demolition. Prior to demolition of the existing Boulevard Substation and surrounding buildings, soil, conduit, equipment, and structures shall be tested for environmental hazards, including oil, lead-based paint, and asbestos. An asbestos and lead-based paint survey shall be performed by a Cal/OSHA certified Asbestos Consultant/Site Surveillance Technician and a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) certified Inspector/Assessor, Sampling Technician, or Program Monitor. The survey shall be performed in accordance with the applicable state guidance to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM), asbestos containing construction materials (ACCM), and lead-based paint (LBP) as defined in the California Code of Regulations. If ACM, ACCM, or LBP is identified, abatement and disposal of all regulated materials shall be performed by a Cal/OSHA/CDPH certified abatement contractor prior to or during the demolition process.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the Boulevard Substation as part of this NTP request. |
| HAZ-2 | <p>Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) shall be conducted on the existing Boulevard Substation parcel after the equipment has been removed in order to determine if there is any subsurface contamination. If required by the Phase II ESA investigation, remediation shall occur in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the Boulevard Substation as part of this NTP request. |
| HAZ-3 | <p>Boulevard Substation Dismantling. During the Boulevard Substation dismantling process, the existing equipment to be dismantled shall be tested in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local standards to determine appropriate recycle, reuse, or disposal alternatives for the equipment.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the Boulevard Substation as part of this NTP request. |
| HAZ-2a | <p>Test for pesticides/herbicides on currently or historically farmed land. In areas where the land has been or is currently being farmed, soil samples shall be collected and tested for herbicides, pesticides, and fumigants to determine the presence and extent of any contamination. The sampling and testing shall be prepared in consultation with the County Agricultural Commission, conducted by an appropriate California licensed professional, and sent to a California Certified Laboratory. A report documenting the areas proposed for sampling and the process used for sampling and testing shall be submitted to the CPUC and BLM for review and approval at least 60 days prior to construction. Results of the laboratory testing and recommended resolutions for handling and excavating materials found to exceed regulatory requirements shall be submitted to the CPUC and BLM at least 30 days prior to construction.</p> <p>If soil or groundwater contamination is confirmed as a result of soil sampling, SDG&E shall immediately stop work and notify the designated environmental field representative. All work in the contaminated area shall cease, the work shall be cordoned off, and the environmental field representative shall implement appropriate health and safety procedures. Work outside the contaminated area may continue as determined by the environmental field representative.</p> <p>Excavated materials containing elevated levels of pesticides or herbicides would require special handling and disposal according to procedures established by the regulatory agencies. Effective dust control suppression procedures shall be used in construction areas to reduce airborne emissions of these contaminants and reduce the risk of exposure to workers and the public. SDG&E shall contact the appropriate regulatory agencies for the State of California (e.g., DTSC or RWQCB) and the County to plan options for handling, treating, and/or disposing of materials.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | There are no areas where land has been or is currently farmed where construction activities are proposed; therefore, this measure is not applicable to this NTP request. |
| HAZ-2b | <p>Contingency plan for encountering contaminated soils. If soil or groundwater contamination is suspected or encountered during grading or excavation activities (e.g., unusual soil discoloration or strong odor), SDG&E's contractors or subcontractors shall immediately stop work and notify the designated environmental field representative. All work in the area of suspected contamination shall cease, the work area shall be cordoned off, and the environmental field representative shall implement appropriate health and safety procedures. Work outside the suspected area may continue as determined by the environmental field representative.</p> <p>Preliminary samples of the soil, groundwater, or suspected material shall be taken by OSHA-trained individuals and sent to a California Certified Laboratory for characterization. If the sample testing determines that contamination is not present, work shall continue at the previously suspected site. If contamination is found above regulatory limits, however, the appropriate regulatory agency (e.g., RWQCB or Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)) responsible for responding to and providing environmental oversight of the region shall be notified in accordance with state or local regulations. In addition, SDG&E shall contact the appropriate regulatory agencies for the State of California (e.g., DTSC or RWQCB) and the County to plan options for handling, treating, and/or disposing of materials. Documentation of the suspected contamination shall be made in the form of a report, identifying the location and potential contamination, as well as the process used for sampling. Results of laboratory testing and recommended resolutions for handling and excavating materials found to exceed regulatory requirements shall be submitted to the BLM and CPUC for review and approval.</p> | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| HAZ-3 | <p>Soil testing for lead contamination. Soil samples shall be collected and tested from all excavation sites within 500 feet of any area identified as a current or historical shooting range to determine the presence of lead and extent of any contamination. The sampling and testing shall be conducted by a California licensed professional and sent to a California Certified Laboratory. A report documenting the areas proposed for sampling and the process used for sampling and testing shall be submitted to the project's lead agency for review and approval at least 60 days prior to excavation. Results of the laboratory testing and recommended resolutions for handling and excavating any materials found to exceed regulatory requirements shall be submitted to the project's lead agency 30 days prior to excavation.</p> <p>In addition, a Soil/Lead Contamination Handling Plan shall be prepared to address appropriate procedures in the event that lead contamination is discovered as a result of soil testing. This plan shall contain provisions for a lead-awareness program for workers, as well as guidelines for the identification, removal, transport, and disposal of lead-impacted materials. This plan shall also emphasize that all activities within, or in close proximity to, contaminated areas must follow applicable environmental and hazardous waste laws and regulations. This plan shall be submitted to the project's lead agency 30 days prior to excavation.</p> <p>Documentation of any confirmed or suspected contamination identified during testing or excavation shall be made in the form of a report identifying the location and potential contamination, as well as the process used for sampling. Results of laboratory testing and recommended resolutions for handling and excavating materials found to exceed regulatory requirements shall be submitted to the CPUC and BLM for review and approval.</p> | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the ECO Substation site as part of this NTP request. |

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| HAZ-4a | Safety Assessment. Prior to commencing construction activities, SDG&E shall conduct a safety assessment to describe potential safety issues associated with the project, how safety prevention measures would be implemented, where medical aid kits would be located, the appropriate response action for each safety hazard, and procedures for notifying the appropriate authorities. The assessment shall address issues such as site access, construction hazards, safe work practices, security, heavy equipment transportation, traffic management, emergency procedures, and fire control. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Health and Safety Program and Safety Assessment (December 2012) approved by the CPUC. |
| HAZ-4b | Blasting Plan. If blasting is deemed necessary for the construction of project components, SDG&E shall conduct a pre-blast survey and prepare a blasting plan. A written report of the pre-blast survey and final blasting plan shall be provided to the appropriate regulatory agency and approved prior to any rock removal using explosives. In addition to any other requirements established by the appropriate regulatory agencies, the pre-blast survey and blasting plan shall meet the following conditions, as well as those outlined in Mitigation Measure NOI-1: The pre-blast survey shall be conducted for structures within a minimum radius of 1,000 feet from the identified blast site to be specified by SDG&E. Sensitive receptors that could reasonably be affected by blasting shall be surveyed as part of the pre-blast survey. Notification that blasting would occur shall be provided to all owners of the identified structures to be surveyed prior to commencement of blasting. The pre-blast survey shall be included in the final blasting plan. The final blasting plan shall address air-blast limits, ground vibrations, and maximum peak particle velocity for ground movement, including provisions to monitor and assess compliance with the air-blast, ground vibration, and peak particle velocity requirements. The blasting plan shall meet criteria established in Chapter 3 (Control of Adverse Effects) in the Blasting Guidance Manual of the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The blasting plan shall outline the anticipated blasting procedures for the removal of rock material at the proposed turbine foundation locations. The blasting procedures shall incorporate line control to full depth and controlled blasting techniques to create minimum breakage outside the line control and maximum rock fragmentation within the target area. Prior to blasting, all applicable regulatory measures shall be met. SDG&E, its general contractor, or its subcontractor (as appropriate) shall keep a record of each blast for at least 1 year from the date of the last blast. | See NTP #9 conditions of approval. | See NTP #9 conditions of approval. |
| HAZ-5a | Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan. Prior to the facility going online and becoming operational, SDG&E shall prepare an SPCC plan to address proper procedures for storage, handling, spill response, and disposal of hazardous materials for the ongoing operation of the project. The SPCC plan shall meet all requirements outlined in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 112 (40 CFR Part 112). The SPCC plan shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate agency's engineering department and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer. The SPCC plan shall identify operating procedures that the facility will implement to prevent oil spills; control measures installed to prevent oil from leaving the project site; and countermeasures to contain, clean up, and mitigate the effects of an oil spill. A copy of the plan shall be kept on site at the facility and made available for review by the U.S. EPA Regional Administrator during normal business hours. The plan shall be amended as required under 40 CFR Part 112. The plan shall be reviewed, evaluated, and updated (if necessary) every 5 years. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | N/A |
| HAZ-5b | Hazardous Materials Business Plan. Prior to the facility going online and becoming operational, SDG&E shall prepare an HMBP in accordance with all related requirements in California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.95, Articles 1 and 2. The HMBP shall contain basic information on the location, type, and quantity of hazardous materials stored or used by the facility, as well as the health risks associated with each hazardous material. The HMBP shall include three components: an inventory and site map, emergency response plan, and employee training. The plan shall be reviewed and recertified every year and amended as required by California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.95, Articles 1 and 2. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | N/A |
| PS-1a | Minimize electromagnetic and public safety communications. The project shall be designed to minimize EMI (e.g., impacts to radar, microwave, television, and radio transmissions) and comply with FCC regulations. Signal strength studies shall be completed prior to construction and conducted when proposed locations have the potential to impact transmissions. Potential interference with public safety communications systems (e.g., radio traffic related to emergency activities) shall be avoided. In the event the project results in EMI, SDG&E or the facility operator shall work with the owner of the impacted communications system to resolve the problem. Potential measures may include realigning the existing antenna or installing relays to transmit the signal around the project. Additional warning information may also need to be conveyed to aircraft with onboard radar systems so that echoes from project equipment can be quickly recognized | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | CPUC approved a report demonstrating minimization of EMI in compliance with FCC regulations on January 11, 2013. |
| PS-1b | Limit conductor surface potential. Prior to construction, SDG&E shall specify and implement designs that limit the conductor surface electric gradient in accordance with the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Radio Noise Design Guide. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No above ground conductors are proposed as part of this NTP request. |
| PS-1c | Document complaints of broadcast interference. After energizing the transmission line, SDG&E shall respond to and document all radio/television/equipment interference complaints received and the responsive actions taken. These records shall be made available to the appropriate regulatory agency for review upon request. SDG&E shall refer all unresolved disputes to the approving agency. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Measure to be implemented as defined during operation and maintenance. |
| PS-2 | Determine proper grounding procedures and implement appropriate grounding measures. As part of the project siting and construction process, SDG&E's contractor(s) shall identify objects (such as fences, conductors, and pipelines) that have the potential for induced voltages and work with the affected parties to determine proper grounding procedures (Note: CPUC General Order 95 and the NESC do not have specific requirements for grounding). SDG&E shall install all necessary grounding measures prior to energizing the line. At least 30 days prior to energizing the line, SDG&E shall notify in writing all property owners within and adjacent to the project's ROW regarding the date the line is to be energized, subject to the review and approval of the appropriate regulatory agency. The written notice shall provide a contact person and telephone number for answering questions regarding the line and guidelines on what activities should be limited or restricted within the ROW. The written notice shall describe the nature and operation of the line, and SDG&E's responsibilities with respect to grounding all conducting objects. In addition, the notice shall describe the property owner's responsibilities with respect to notification for any new objects that may require grounding and guidelines for maintaining the safety of the ROW. SDG&E shall respond to and document all complaints received and the responsive action taken. These records shall be made available to the appropriate regulatory agency for review upon request. SDG&E shall refer all unresolved disputes to the approving agency for resolution. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No objects that require grounding were identified by SDG&E along the right-of-way. |
| AQ-1 | The following measures shall be incorporated to reduce fugitive dust and other criteria pollutant emissions during construction activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rock aprons or rattle plates will be installed as needed at the intersection of dirt access roads and paved public roadways to clean the tires of equipment prior to leaving the site. All active construction areas, unpaved access roads, parking areas, and staging areas will be watered or stabilized with nontoxic soil stabilizers as needed to control fugitive dust. All public streets will be swept or cleaned with mechanical sweepers if visible soil material is carried onto them by construction activities or vehicles. Exposed stockpiles (e.g., dirt, sand, etc.) will be covered and/or watered or stabilized with nontoxic soil binders as needed to control emissions. Trucks transporting bulk materials will be completely covered unless 2 feet of freeboard space from the top of the container is maintained with no spillage and loss of material. In addition, the cargo compartment of all haul trucks will be cleaned and/or washed at the delivery site after removal of the bulk material. Movement of bulk material handling or transfer will be stabilized prior to handling or at a point of transfer with application of sufficient water, chemical stabilizers, or by sheltering or enclosing the operation and transfer line. Traffic speeds on unpaved roads and the ROW will be limited to 15 miles per hour. Vehicle idling time will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes for vehicles and construction equipment, except where idling is required for the equipment to perform its task. Road graders used during site development activities will be equipped with a CARB-verified Level 2 diesel emission control strategy or a comparable diesel-control technology that will reduce inhalable particulate matter (PM10) emissions by 50% or more. If suitable park-and-ride facilities are available in the project vicinity, construction workers will be encouraged to carpool to the job site to the extent feasible. The ability to develop an effective carpool program for the project would depend upon the proximity of carpool facilities to the job site, the geographical commute departure points of construction workers, and the extent to which carpooling would not adversely affect worker show-up time and the project's construction schedule. All off-road, diesel-powered construction equipment will be kept in good tune and maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Dust Control Plan was submitted to the SDAPCD on October 16, 2012. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction equipment will use electric-powered motors where feasible. The construction contractor will prepare and implement a high-wind dust control plan and terminate soil disturbance when winds exceed 25 miles per hour. The construction contractor will require 90-day, low-NOx tune-ups for off-road equipment. Diesel particulate filters will be utilized on heavy equipment where feasible. Construction activities will comply with all applicable SDAPCD rules and regulations. | | |
| HYD-1 | <p>A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan shall be prepared to reduce soil erosion during construction. In compliance with the new SWRCB's NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Construction Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000002, effective July 1, 2010), SDG&E shall prepare a project-specific SWPPP before construction begins, and it shall be kept on site throughout the construction process. The SWPPP shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of pollutant sources and non-stormwater discharges associated with construction activity. Specifications for BMPs that shall be implemented during project construction to minimize the potential for accidental releases and runoff from the construction areas, including temporary construction yards, pull sites, and helicopter landing zones. Specifications shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A plan for training construction crews A plan for monitoring and inspecting BMPs and site conditions A plan for sampling and analysis of pollutants (as necessary). Where applicable, the following shall apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction impacts shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible Upon completion of construction phases, roadways shall be reduced to minimum widths needed Areas disturbed during construction shall be revegetated to their natural states Construction roadways shall follow natural contours to the extent practical and be designed to minimize stream crossings, avoid wetlands, and maintain surface water runoff patterns to prevent erosion CDFG guidelines for culverts shall be followed to minimize long-term maintenance and meet a 10-year rain event to minimize trapping of sediment. Where applicable, the following shall apply to reduce the release of contaminants to the local surface and groundwater: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For on-site storm drain inlets, mark all inlets with the words "No Dumping! Flows to Sensitive Habitat" or similar. For landscaping, show locations of native trees or areas of shrubs and ground cover to be undisturbed and retained. Show self-retaining landscape, if any. State that final landscape plans will preserve existing native trees, shrubs, and ground cover will cover maximum extent possible. Design landscaping to minimize irrigation, runoff, and use of pesticides and fertilizers that contribute to stormwater pollution. Select plants that are appropriate for site soils, slopes, climate, wind, sun, rain, land use, ecological consistency, and plant interactions. For outdoor storage of equipment or materials, show storage areas and how they will be covered and what structural features or grading will be incorporated to prevent pollutants from discharging from the site. Designate areas for vehicle/equipment repair, maintenance, and cleaning, and document how these areas will be contained to prevent pollutant runoff. For leaking or failure of large power transformers, have 100% containment at each power transformer. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | A SWPPP has been prepared and filed with the RWQCB for the 138 kV underground alignment. |
| HYD-2 | <p>Avoidance and preventative measures to protect local groundwater during excavation. Prior to excavation, a qualified geologist/hydrologist shall determine the depth of groundwater in areas where excavation would occur. The project shall be designed to avoid areas of shallow groundwater where feasible. In such areas where groundwater cannot be avoided during excavation, the site shall be dewatered during construction, and materials that could contaminate the groundwater shall be kept at least 200 feet from the dewatering activities. An NPDES permit shall be obtained for proper disposal of water. Treatment may be required prior to discharge.</p> | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| HYD-3 | <p>Identification of sufficient water supply Prior to construction SDG&E will prepare comprehensive documentation that identifies one or more confirmed, reliable water sources that when combined meet the project's full water supply construction needs. Documentation will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of a groundwater study. For well water that is to be used, the applicant will commission a groundwater study by a qualified hydrogeologist to assess the existing condition of the underlying groundwater/aquifer and all existing wells (with owner's permission) in the vicinity of proposed well location/water sources. The groundwater study will evaluate aquifer properties and aquifer storage. The groundwater study will estimate short and long-term well water supplies from each well proposed to be used, and documentation indicating that each well is capable of producing the total amount of water to be supplied for construction from each well. The groundwater study will estimate short- and long-term impacts of the use of the well(s) on the local groundwater production (short-term extraction for construction water and ongoing O&M water), on all project wells, and on other wells in the project area. The groundwater study will include an assessment of the potential for subsidence brought on by project-related water use in the area. The applicant will provide demonstration of compliance will all applicable laws and regulations and will obtain a County of San Diego Major Use Permit for use of any proposed well prior to construction. Documentation of Purchased Water Source(s). For water that is to be purchased from one or more water/utility district(s), the applicant shall provide written documentation from such district(s) indicating the total amount of water to be provided and the time frame that the water will be made available to the project. The Sweetwater Authority has provided written confirmation of water availability to support the project. <p>Total confirmed water supplies from the combination of above documented sources shall equal the total gallons of water needed through construction of the project.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Water Supply Plan (January 2013 & Revised July 2013) approved by CPUC. |
| HYD-4 | <p>Preparation of a Stormwater Management Plan. SDG&E shall commission an SWMP in compliance with the County of San Diego Major Storm Water Management Plan. The SWMP shall be project specific and developed in conjunction with project design. The SWMP shall include site design BMPs that, where applicable, shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain predevelopment rainfall runoff characteristics. The BMPs shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate the project and road improvement alignments to avoid or minimize impacts to receiving waters or to increase the preservation of critical (or problematic) areas such as floodplains, steep slopes, wetlands, and areas with erosive or unstable soil conditions Minimize the project's impervious footprint. Conserve natural and critical areas, such as floodplains, steep slopes, wetlands, and areas with erosive and unstable soil conditions Where landscape is proposed, drain rooftops, impervious sidewalks, walkways, trails, and patios into adjacent landscaping Design and locate roadway structures and bridges to reduce the amount of work in live streams, and minimize the construction impacts Implement the following methods to minimize erosion from slopes: | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | CPUC approved the statement of conformance stating that the intent of MM-HYD-04 was met through the preparation and implementation of the Project-specific SWPPPs on January 30, 2013. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disturb existing slopes only when necessary ▪ Minimize cut-and-fill areas to reduce slope lengths ▪ Incorporate retaining walls to reduce steepness of slopes or to shorten slopes ▪ Provide benches or terraces on high cut-and-fill slopes to reduce concentration of flows ▪ Round and shape slopes to reduce concentrated flow ▪ Collect concentrated flows in stabilized drains and channels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect slopes and channels. The BMPs shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimize disturbances to natural drainages ○ Convey runoff safely from the tops of slopes ○ Vegetate slopes with native or drought-tolerant vegetation ○ Stabilize permanent channel crossings ○ Install energy dissipaters, such as riprap, at the outlets of new storm drains, culverts, conduits, or channels that enter unlined channels in accordance with applicable specifications to minimize erosion. Energy dissipaters shall be installed in such a way as to minimize impacts to receiving waters. ○ Include other design principles that are comparable and equally effective. • The SWMP shall also incorporate Low Impact Development Features into the project, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preserve well-draining soils (Type A or B) ○ Preserve significant trees ○ Set back development envelope from drainages ○ Restrict heavy construction equipment access to planned green/open space areas ○ Re-till soils compacted by construction vehicles/equipment ○ Collect and reuse upper soil layers of development site containing organic materials ○ Curb cuts to landscaping ○ Use rural swales ○ Use concave median ○ Use permeable pavements ○ Pitch pavements toward landscaping ○ Use cisterns and rain barrels ○ Downspout to swale ○ Use vegetated roofs ○ Use soil amendments ○ Reuse native soils ○ Use smart irrigation systems ○ Use street trees (HDR 2009b). <p>The SWMP shall ensure that the project follows CDFG guidelines for culverts to minimize long-term maintenance and meet a 10-year rain event to minimize the trapping of sediment.</p> | | |
| HYD-5 | <p>Implementation of creek-crossing procedures. Where creek crossings can be completed during dry season, with no flows present in the creek, seasonally timed restorative open trenching will be completed. This procedure will use minimum trench widths. Trench cut material will not be placed outside of the creek bed and outside of 100-year inundated areas. Trench fill will be compacted and replaced to existing conditions, including matching existing creek bed gradations, and restoring vegetation. Open trenching restoration will be completed prior to any wet season flows, and will include anti-erosion action plans for any unplanned rainfall during construction. The applicant shall obtain all required permits prior to completing open trenching through drainages. In any case, flows will be isolated from open trenching by best management practices mandated by the General Construction Permit. Areas of trenching would be restored and/or vegetated at completion of work. Where creek crossing cannot be completed during the dry season creek crossing shall use jack-and-bore procedures to avoid direct impacts and shall be conducted in a manner that does not result in sediment-laden discharge or hazardous materials release to the water body. The following measures shall be implemented during horizontal boring (jack-and-bore) operations:</p> <p>(1) Site preparation shall begin no more than 10 days prior to initiating horizontal bores to reduce the time soils are exposed adjacent to creeks and drainages.</p> <p>(2) Trench and/or bore pit spoil shall be stored a minimum of 25 feet from the top of the bank or wetland/riparian boundary. Spoils shall be stored behind a sediment barrier and covered with plastic or otherwise stabilized (i.e., tackifiers, mulch, or detention).</p> <p>(3) Portable pumps and stationary equipment located within 100 feet of a water resource (i.e., wetland/riparian boundary, creeks, and drainages) shall be placed within secondary containment with adequate capacity to contain a spill (i.e., a pump with 10-gallon fuel or oil capacity should be placed in secondary containment capable of holding 15 gallons). A spill kit shall be maintained on site at all times.</p> <p>(4) Immediately following backfill of the bore pits, disturbed soils shall be seeded and stabilized to prevent erosion, and temporary sediment barriers shall be left in place until restoration is deemed successful.</p> <p>(The applicant shall obtain the required permits prior to conducting creek crossing work. Required permits may include ACOE CWA Section 404, Regional Water Quality Control Board Clean Water Act 401, and CDFG Streambed Alteration Agreement 1602. The applicant shall implement all pre- and post-construction conditions identified in the permits issued. The plan shall be submitted to the CPUC, County of San Diego, and ACOE 60 days prior to construction.</p> | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| HYD-6 | <p>Horizontal Directional Drill Contingency Plan. If horizontal directional drilling is to be used during construction SDG&E shall prepare a Horizontal Directional Drill Contingency Plan to address procedures for containing an inadvertent release of drilling fluid (frac-out). The plan shall contain specific measures for monitoring frac-outs, for containing drilling mud, and for notifying agency personnel. The plan shall also discuss spoil stockpile management, hazardous materials storage and spill cleanup, site-specific erosion and sediment control, and housekeeping procedures, as described in the SWPPP. The plan shall be submitted to the CPUC, BLM, and ACOE 60 days prior to construction.</p> <p>SDG&E shall obtain the required permits prior to conducting work associated with horizontal directional drilling activities. Required permits may include U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Regional Water Quality Control Board Clean Water Act 401, and CDFG Streambed Alteration Agreement Section 1602. SDG&E shall implement all pre- and post-construction conditions identified in the permits issued for the horizontal directional drilling.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | HDD Contingency Plan approved by the CPUC on April 5, 2013. |

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| HYD-7 | Bury power line below 100-year scour depth. At locations where the buried power line is to be at or adjacent to a streambed capable of scour, the power line shall be located below the expected depth of scour from a 100-year flood, or otherwise protected from exposure by scour that, for purposes of this mitigation measure, also includes lateral (stream bank) erosion and potential scour associated with flows overtopping or bypassing a culvert or bridge crossing. During final design, a registered civil engineer with expertise in hydrology, hydraulics, and river mechanics shall make a determination of where the underground line could be at risk of exposure through scour or erosion from a 100-year event. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Scour analysis provided to CPUC on July 12, 2013. |
| GEO-1 | Erosion Control and Sediment Transport Control Plan. The Erosion Control and Sediment Transport Control Plan would be included with the project grading plans submitted to the County for review and comment. The plan would be submitted to CPUC and BLM a minimum of 60 days prior to project design and would be prepared in accordance with the standards provided in the Manual of Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures and consistent with practices recommended by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County. Implementation of the plan would help stabilize soil in graded areas and waterways and reduce erosion and sedimentation. The plan would designate BMPs that would be implemented during construction activities. Erosion control efforts, such as hay bales, water bars, covers, sediment fences, sensitive area access restrictions (e.g., flagging), vehicle mats in wet areas, and retention/settlement ponds, would be installed before extensive soil clearing and grading begins. Appropriate stabilization measures, such as mulching or seeding, would be used to protect exposed areas during construction activities. Revegetation plans, the design and location of retention ponds, and grading plans would be submitted to the CDFG and ACOE for review in the event of construction near waterways. In disturbed areas where construction equipment has caused compaction of soils (e.g., staging areas, structure sites, temporary spur roads, etc.), soils would be decompacted as necessary prior to seeding, and reclamation would occur to enhance revegetation and reduce potential for erosion. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Erosion control and sediment transport control is addressed in the SWPPP. |
| GEO-2 | Conduct geotechnical studies for soils to assess characteristics and aid in appropriate foundation design. The design-level geotechnical studies to be performed by SDG&E shall identify the presence, if any, of potentially detrimental soil chemicals, such as chlorides and sulfates. Appropriate design measures shall be utilized for protection of reinforcement, concrete, and metal-structural components against corrosion, including use of corrosion-resistant materials and coatings, increased thickness of project components exposed to potentially corrosive conditions, and use of passive and/or active cathodic protection systems. The geotechnical studies shall also identify areas with potentially expansive or collapsible soils and include appropriate design features, including excavation of potentially expansive or collapsible soils during construction and replacement with engineered backfill, ground-treatment processes, and redirection of surface water and drainage away from expansive foundation soils. Studies shall conform to industry standards of care and ASTM standards for field and laboratory testing. Design shall conform to applicable sections of the County of San Diego grading codes, CBC, and the standard specifications for public works construction. The geotechnical studies prepared by a certified geologist shall be submitted to CPUC and BLM 60 days prior to construction of proposed structures. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Geotechnical Report submitted to CPUC on August 1, 2012. |
| GEO-3 | Conduct geotechnical investigations. The applicant shall perform design-level geotechnical investigations to evaluate the potential for liquefaction, lateral spreading, seismic slope instability, and ground-cracking hazards to affect the approved project and all associated facilities. Where these hazards are found to exist, appropriate engineering design and construction measures that meet CBC and IEEE design parameters shall be incorporated into the project designs. Appropriate measures for project facilities could include construction of pile foundations, ground improvement of liquefiable zones, installation of flexible bus connections, and incorporation of slack in underground cables to allow ground deformations without damage to structures. The geotechnical investigations prepared by a certified geologist shall be submitted to CPUC and BLM 60 days prior to construction of proposed structures. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Geotechnical Report submitted to CPUC on August 1, 2012. |
| GEO-4 | Facilities inspections conducted following major seismic event. If large levels of ground shaking (such as Modified Mercalli Intensity VI or greater) are experienced or a major earthquake (magnitude 6.0 and above) occurs along the Elsinore Fault, a professional licensed geologist, geotechnical engineer, and structural engineer hired by SDG&E shall perform facilities inspections as quickly as possible. Careful examination shall be conducted of all project facilities. Any required repair or needed improvements shall be implemented as soon as feasible to ensure that the integrity of project facilities has not been compromised. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during operation and maintenance. |
| PSU-1a | Notification of utility service interruption. Prior to construction in which a utility service interruption is known to be unavoidable, SDG&E shall notify members of the public affected by the planned outage by mail of the impending interruption, and shall post flyers informing the public of the service interruption in neighborhoods affected by the planned outage. Copies of notices and dates of public notification shall be provided to the applicable lead agency. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | SDG&E will notify members of the public prior to construction activities if a utility service interruption is known to be unavoidable. |
| PSU-1b | Protect underground utilities. Prior to construction of the transmission/gen-tie line, SDG&E shall submit to the CPUC and BLM written documentation, including evidence of review by the appropriate jurisdictions, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction plans designed to protect existing utilities and that show the dimensions and location of the finalized alignment • Records that the applicant provided the plans to affected jurisdiction for review, revision, and final approval • Evidence that the project meets all necessary local requirements • Evidence of compliance with design standards • Copies of necessary permits, agreements, or conditions of approval • Records of discretionary decisions made by the appropriate agencies. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | SDG&E provided documentation to the CPUC on June 26, 2013 verifying implementation of mitigation measure requirements. |
| PSU-1c | Coordinate with utility providers. SDG&E shall coordinate with all applicable utility providers with facilities located within or adjacent to the project to ensure that design does not conflict with other facilities prior to construction. In the event of a conflict, the project will be aligned vertically and/or horizontally as appropriate to avoid other utilities and provide adequate operational and safety buffering. Alternately, the other existing facilities may be relocated. Long-term operations and maintenance of the project will be negotiated through easement, purchased ROW, franchise agreement, or joint use agreement. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| FF-1 | Develop and implement a Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) shall develop a multiagency Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (SDRFPD), and San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA) to the satisfaction of the CPUC. SDG&E shall monitor construction activities to ensure implementation and effectiveness of the plan. The final plan will be approved by the CPUC prior to the initiation of construction activities and shall be implemented during all construction activities by SDG&E. At minimum, the plan will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures for minimizing potential ignition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ vegetation clearing ○ fuel modification establishment ○ parking requirements ○ smoking restrictions ○ hot work restrictions • Red Flag Warning restrictions • Fire coordinator role and responsibility • Fire suppression equipment on site at all times work is occurring • Requirements of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Article 8 #918 "Fire Protection" for private land portions | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan (November 2012) approved by SDRFD and provided to CPUC. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access road widening (28-foot County roads, 18-foot-wide spur roads) • Applicable components of the SDG&E Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice (2009) • Emergency response and reporting procedures • Emergency contact information • Worker education materials; kick-off and tailgate meeting schedules • Other information as provided by CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, SDCFA, CPUC, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). <p>Additional restrictions will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the construction phase of the project, SDG&E shall implement ongoing fire patrols. SDG&E shall maintain fire patrols during construction hours and for 1 hour after end of daily construction, and hotwork • Fire Suppression Resource Inventory – In addition to 14 CCR 918.1(a), (b), and (c), SDG&E shall update in writing the 24-hour contact information and on-site fire suppression equipment, tools, and personnel list on a quarterly basis and provide it to the CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, and SDCFA. • During Red Flag Warning events, as issued daily by the National Weather Service in state responsibility areas (SRAs) and local responsibility areas (LRA), all non-essential, non-emergency construction and maintenance activities shall cease or be required to operate under Hot Work Procedure. • SDG&E and contractor personnel shall be informed of changes to the Red Flag event status and PAL as stipulated by CAL FIRE and CNF. • All construction crews and inspectors shall be provided with radio and/or cellular telephone access that is operational throughout the project area to allow for immediate reporting of fires. Communication pathways and equipment shall be tested and confirmed operational each day prior to initiating construction activities at each construction site. All fires shall be reported to the fire agencies with jurisdiction in the project area immediately upon ignition. • Each crew member shall be trained in fire prevention, initial attack firefighting, and fire reporting. Each member shall carry at all times a laminated card listing pertinent telephone numbers for reporting fires and defining immediate steps to take if a fire starts. Information on contact cards shall be updated and redistributed to all crewmembers as-needed, and outdated cards destroyed, prior to the initiation of construction activities on the day the information change goes into effect. • Each member of the construction crew shall be trained and equipped to extinguish small fires with hand-held fire extinguishers in order to prevent them from growing into more serious threats. Each crew member shall at all times be within 100 feet of a vehicle containing equipment necessary for fire suppression as outlined in the final Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. <p>SDG&E will provide a draft copy of the Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan to the CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, and SDCFA for comment a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of any construction activities. The comments will be provided back to SDG&E and revisions to the plan will address each comment to the satisfaction of the CPUC. The final plan will be approved by the CPUC with input from CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, SDCFA, and BLM, as desired, prior to the initiation of construction activities and provided to SDG&E for implementation during all construction prior to the initiation of construction activities. All construction work on the ECO Substation Project shall follow the Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan guidelines and commitments.</p> | | |
| FF-2 | <p>Revise the Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Plan (2009) to Create the Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Operational Maintenance Plan. The revised plan will address the ECO Substation Project and will be implemented during all operational maintenance work associated with the project for the life of the project. Important fire safety concepts that will be included in this document are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement existing practices including Electric Standard Practice 113.1, Maintenance of existing Remote Automated Weather Stations and territory-wide weather system monitoring, adjusted system reclosing policies (patrols), replacement of wood poles with steel in priority areas, and additional measures as may be developed, participation in San Diego County FireSafe Council and other public outreach. • Guidance on where maintenance activities may occur (non-vegetated areas, cleared access roads, and work pads that are approved as part of the project design plans) Fuel modification buffers required by the Fire Protection Plan (FPP) • When vegetation work will occur (prior to any other work activity) • Timing of vegetation clearance work to reduce likelihood of ignition and or fire spread • Coordination procedures with fire authority • Integration of the project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan content • Personnel training and fire suppression equipment • Fire safety coordinator role as manager of fire prevention and protection procedures, coordinator with fire authority and educator • Communication protocols • Incorporation of CAL FIRE, San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (SDRFPD), and SDCFA reviewed and approved Response Plan mapping and assessment. • Other information as provided by CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, SDCFA, BLM, and CPUC <p>SDG&E will provide a draft copy of the Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Operational Maintenance Plan to CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, SDCFA, BLM, and CPUC for comment a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of any construction activities. The comments will be provided back to SDG&E and plan revisions will address each comment to the satisfaction of the CPUC. The final plan will be approved by the CPUC prior to energizing the project and provided to SDG&E for implementation during all operational maintenance activities.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice Operation and Maintenance (July 2012) provided to CPUC. |
| FF-3 | <p>Provide Assistance to San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (SDRFPD) and San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA). Provide assistance to SDRFPD and SDCFA to improve the response and firefighting effectiveness near electrical substations, transmission lines, and aerial infrastructure based on project fire protection needs. Assistance by SDG&E shall include providing funding for one SDCFA Fire Code Specialist II position to enforce existing fire code requirements, including but not limited to implementing required fuel management requirements (e.g., defensible space), in priority areas to be identified by the SDCFA for the life of the project. All fuel management activities shall be in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (i), which indicates that the minor land alternation activities will not have a significant effect on the environment, as the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. In addition, SDG&E is to provide funding to allow SDCFA to employ up to four volunteer/reserve firefighters as part-time code inspectors on a stipend basis for up to 90 days per year for the life of the project. The funding for the SDCFA Fire Code Specialist II position and the four volunteer/reserve firefighters as part-time code inspectors will be provided through proportional contributions, to be determined by CPUC and BLM, from SDG&E (and the other applicants) to the SDCFA prior to construction.</p> <p>A fixed annual fire mitigation fee of approximately \$116,600 will be provided by SDG&E to SDRFPD for mitigation funding. The funding will be utilized to assist with the purchase and maintenance of a Type I engine with an aqueous film forming foam (AFF) apparatus with a deck gun to apply a heavy stream. In addition, the funding will be utilized to provide for a third volunteer stipend to staff the engine with firefighters and training for electrical firefighting for 10 personnel (2 per year on a 5-year rotation). The fire mitigation fee will be paid annually during the life of the project and terminated upon decommissioning of the substation and related facilities.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Proof of funding provided on January 29, 2013 demonstrating funding has been put in place with SDRFP and SDCFA. |

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| FF-4 | <p>Customized Fire Protection Plan for Project. A draft Fire Protection Plan (FPP) will be submitted to CAL FIRE, SDRFPD, and SDCFA at least 90 days before the start of any construction activities. Comment on the draft FPP shall be provided to SDG&E and SDG&E shall resolve each comment in consultation with each responsible agency. The final FPP shall be approved by the CPUC prior to the initiation of construction activities. The FPP will include, at minimum, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego County FPP Content Requirements (http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dplu/docs/Fire-Report-Format.pdf) • Rural Fire Protection District Content Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provisions for fire safety and prevention ○ Water supply ○ Fire suppression/detection systems – built-in detection system with notification ○ Secondary containment ○ Site security and access ○ Emergency shut-down provisions • Integration into plans prepared to satisfy Mitigation Measures FF-1 and FF-2 <p>The FPP will be incorporated into MM FF-1, the Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan, and MM FF-2, the Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice (2009) Operational Maintenance Plan. The Customized Fire Protection Plan will incorporate clarifications and additional ECO Substation Project APMs described in Section B of this EIR/EIS.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Customized Fire Prevention/Protection Plan (November 2012) approved by SDRFD and provided to CPUC. |
| FF-6 | <p>Funding for FireSafe Council. Provide funding for Boulevard/Jacumba/La Posta FireSafe Council with a clarified focus of coordinating a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Evacuation Plan. Funding for the Boulevard/Jacumba/La Posta FireSafe Council will enable this newly formed organization a means to proactively complete these plans, provisions for applying for grant funding, and ultimately, for implementing fuel reduction and evacuation plans. Funding will be a lump sum, one-time amount with SDG&E providing fair share of CWPP and Evacuation Plan preparation.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Proof of funding provided by SDG&E on January 24, 2013. |
| FF-7 | <p>Preparation of Disturbed Area Revegetation Plan. All areas disturbed during construction activities that will not be continuously included in the long-term maintenance access right-of-way (ROW) will be provided native plant restoration in order to prevent non-native, weedy plants from establishing. Disturbed areas that will be included in the long-term maintenance program will not be revegetated as any plants that establish in these areas will be removed on an ongoing (at least annual) basis.</p> <p>Mitigation Measure FF-7 corresponds with Mitigation Measure Bio-1d and is not a duplicative plan but will be implemented under the biological monitoring program. It directs that the temporary disturbance areas will be revegetated with native plants common to the area through direction detailed in a Habitat Restoration Plan. The Habitat Restoration Plan will be prepared to restore native habitat and to reduce the potential for non-native plant establishment. The restoration plan will incorporate a Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan to assist in restoring the construction area to the prior vegetated state and lessen the possibility of establishment of non-native, flammable plant species. A copy of the Revegetation Plan will be provided to the CPUC and BLM.</p> | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Memorandum documenting compliance with pre-construction components of MM-FF-7 provided to CPUC on October 15, 2012. |
| ECO-BIO-07 | A biological monitor will be present during all ground-disturbing and vegetation removal activities. Immediately prior to initial ground-disturbing activities and/or vegetation removal, the biological monitor will survey the site to ensure that no sensitive species will be impacted. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| ECO-BIO-08 | Prior to construction, all SDG&E, contractor, and subcontractor Project personnel will receive training regarding the appropriate work practices necessary to effectively implement the APMs and to comply with the applicable environmental laws and regulations, including appropriate wildlife avoidance; impact minimization procedures; the importance of these resources, and the purpose and necessity of protecting them; and methods for protecting sensitive ecological resources. The training will include BMPs to reduce the potential for erosion and sedimentation during construction of the Project. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Environmental awareness training approved by the CPUC on December 10, 2012 and by the BLM on December 17, 2012. SDG&E to submit sign-in sheets to the CPUC on a weekly basis during construction. |
| ECO-BIO-09 | Survey personnel will keep survey vehicles on existing roads. During Project surveying activities, brush clearing for footpaths, line-of-sight cutting, and land surveying panel point placement in sensitive habitat will require prior approval from the Project biological monitor. Hiking off roads or paths for survey data collection will be allowed year-round as long as all of the other applicable APMs are met. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| ECO-BIO-10 | Except when not feasible due to physical or safety constraints, all Project vehicle movement will be restricted to existing access roads and access roads constructed as a part of the Project and determined and marked by SDG&E in advance of construction. Approval from a biological monitor will be obtained prior to any travel off of existing access roads. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| ECO-BIO-20 | Permanent retention basins will be constructed with escape ramps along two sides of the pond to allow entrapped wildlife to escape. The slope of the ramps will not exceed a two to one ratio and will be constructed of non-slippery material, or as specified by the biological monitor. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| ECO-AES-1 | To reduce potential visual contrast and integrate the ECO Substation's appearance with the desert landscape setting, when project construction has been completed, all disturbed terrain at the ECO Substation site will be restored through recontouring and revegetation in accordance with the Landscaping Plan included as Appendix 5: Landscape Concept Plans. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No permanent facilities will be installed as part of this NTP request. |
| ECO-AES-2 | When project construction has been completed, all disturbed terrain at the Boulevard Substation site will be restored through recontouring, revegetation, and landscaping in accordance with the Boulevard Substation Landscape Concept Plan included as Appendix 5: Landscape Concept Plans. To provide screening and thus reduce potential project visibility, the Boulevard Substation Landscape Concept Plan includes larger shrubs and trees that will partially screen views of the substation from Old Highway 80 and from adjacent residential properties. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the Boulevard Substation as part of this NTP request. |
| ECO-AES-3 | To reduce the project's potential visibility from Old Highway 80, the underground portion of the new 138 kV transmission line will be extended an additional distance of approximately 600 feet to the south, and the steel cable riser pole will be relocated to replace structure SP-2. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No permanent facilities will be installed as part of this NTP request. |
| ECO-CUL-02 | At least 120 days prior to construction, a cultural/historical resource consultant will be retained by SDG&E to complete an analysis and assessment of the potential to disturb resources that were identified during the initial studies from major ground-disturbing activities. The analysis and assessment will be prepared to meet the requirements of the CEQA and NEPA. Project component sites that require testing for significance determination will be treated on a case-by-case basis using all applicable criteria. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See MM-CUL-1a and MM-CUL-1b. |
| ECO-CUL-05 | In the event that cultural resources are discovered, the archaeologist will have the authority to divert or temporarily halt ground disturbance to allow evaluation of potentially significant cultural resources. The archaeologist will contact SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist and Environmental Project Manager at the time of discovery. The archaeologist, in consultation with SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist will determine the significance of the discovered resources. SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist and Environmental Project Manager must concur with the evaluation procedures to be performed before construction activities are allowed to resume. For significant cultural resources, a Research Design and Data Recovery Program will be prepared and carried out to mitigate impacts. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See MM-CUL-1a and MM-CUL-1b. |
| ECO-CUL-06 | All collected cultural remains will be cleaned, cataloged, and permanently curated with an appropriate institution. All artifacts will be analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the history of the area. Faunal material will be identified as to species. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See MM-CUL-1a and MM-CUL-1b. |

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| ECO-CUL-7 | A monitoring results report (with appropriate graphics), which describes the results, analyses, and conclusions of the monitoring program, will be prepared and submitted to SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist and Environmental Project Manager following termination of the program. Any noteworthy cultural sites or features encountered will be recorded with the South Coastal Information Center at San Diego State University and with the San Diego Museum of Man. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | See MM-CUL-1a and MM-CUL-1b. |
| ECO-CUL-11 | In the event that fossils are encountered, the Project's paleontologist will have the authority to divert or temporarily halt construction activities in the area of discovery to allow recovery of fossil remains in a timely fashion. The paleontologist will contact SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist and Environmental Project Manager at the time of discovery. The paleontologist, in consultation with SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist will determine the significance of the discovered resources. SDG&E's Cultural Resource Specialist and Environmental Project Manager must concur with the evaluation procedures to be performed before construction activities are allowed to resume. Because of the potential for recovery of small fossil remains, it may be necessary to set up a screen-washing operation on site. When fossils are discovered, the paleontologist (or paleontological monitor) will recover them along with pertinent stratigraphic data. In most cases, this fossil salvage can be completed in a short period of time. Because of the potential for recovery of small fossil remains, such as isolated mammal teeth, recovery of bulk-sedimentary-matrix samples for off-site wet screening from specific strata may be necessary, as determined in the field. Fossil remains collected during monitoring and salvage will be cleaned, repaired, sorted, cataloged, and deposited in a scientific institution with permanent paleontological collections. | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan (October 2012) approved by the CPUC and BLM. |
| ECO-NOI-1 | Construction activities will occur during the times established by the local ordinances (generally between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday), with the exception of certain activities where nighttime and weekend construction activities are necessary, including, but not limited to, delivery of substation transformers, filling of substation transformers, system transfers, pouring of foundations, and pulling of the conductor, which require continuous operation or must be conducted during off-peak hours per agency requirements. For any work that cannot occur during those timeframes, SDG&E will limit construction activities so that noise will not exceed an hourly average of 45 dB when measured at the border of the nearest parcel with an inhabited residence. If activities cannot be limited to meet this noise threshold, SDG&E will communicate the exception to San Diego County in advance of conducting the work that will exceed the threshold. If necessary, SDG&E will temporarily relocate residents occupying properties located less than 220 feet from construction activities on an as-needed basis for the duration of construction activities that would affect them. | No pre-construction submittals required. | Measure to be implemented as defined during construction. |
| ECO-NOI-2 | SDG&E will provide notice of the 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 | Applicable, pre-construction requirements met. | Construction Notification Plan (November 2012) approved by the CPUC. Construction Notice Mailer approved by the CPUC on February 26, 2013. Property owners were notified by SDG&E on June 5, 2013. Evidence of mailing was submitted to the CPUC on June 12, 2013. |
| ECO-NOI-3 | Helicopter operation will be prohibited during construction of the 138 kV transmission line in the immediate vicinity of pole SP-52, located at approximate MP 7.3, and between pole SP-26, located at approximate MP 10.5, and the Rebuilt Boulevard Substation. If helicopter use cannot be avoided in these locations, SDG&E will temporarily relocate the impacted residents, on an as-needed basis, for the duration of the helicopter use that would impact them. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No permanent facilities will be installed as part of this NTP request. |
| ECO-NOI-4 | The use of explosives to assist with the excavation of rock will be prohibited within 600 feet of the boundary of any occupied parcels zoned for residential use and within 430 feet of the boundary of any occupied parcels zoned for agricultural use. If the use of explosives cannot be avoided in these locations, SDG&E will temporarily relocate the impacted occupants on an as-needed basis for the duration of the explosive use in their locations. | See conditions of approval. | See NTP #9 Conditions. |
| ECO-AIR-12 | Routine inspections and preventative maintenance will be performed on all sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) equipment according to the manufacturer's recommendations. SF6 density will be monitored at all equipment and any changes exceeding the manufacturer's recommendations will be reported immediately to SDG&E. These activities will be tracked in SDG&E's substation maintenance software and reported to the California Climate Action Registry and the Assembly Bill 32 mandatory reporting regulation in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's mass-balance equation reporting and tracking method. Substation crews will be trained on these tracking procedures and the significance of SF6 as a greenhouse gas. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | Measure to be implemented as defined during operation and maintenance. |
| ECO-AIR-13 | During final design, SDG&E will consider the feasibility of using rooftop photovoltaic panels on the control shelters to help support operating load at the ECO Substation. SDG&E will also investigate utilizing solar tubes for lighting in the control shelters. SDG&E's Project team will work closely with SDG&E's Sustainable Communities team to implement green building practices at the ECO Substation. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | No activities will occur at the Boulevard Substation as part of this NTP request. |
| ECO-HYD-01 | SDG&E will compensate for permanent impacts to any waters of the U.S. and state-only waters at a minimum ratio of one to one or as required by the USACE, CDFG, and RWQCB through their respective permitting processes. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9 | Compensatory Mitigation Plan (December 2012) approved by the USACE, CDFG and CPUC. |
| ECO-HYD-02 | If groundwater wells at ECO Substation are drilled within 0.5 mile of any local wells used for residential water supply, the water level in existing wells will be monitored and frequent communications will occur with the owner during construction to ensure that water availability is not adversely affected. | N/A to covered activities in NTP Request #9. | No groundwater wells will be drilled. |