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Question 02:

The Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) states that the Monterey Park Market Place EIR found that there would be permanent impacts to gnatcatcher habitat, but review of the Monterey Park Market Place EIR does not support this assertion. Confirm that acreage calculations for areas of impact to gnatcatcher habitat (designated critical habitat and non-designated habitat) assume current baseline conditions.

Response to Question 02:

- 1) The study area for the PEA overlapped areas that would be part of the Monterey Park Market Place permanent impacts; therefore, the SCE surveys found gnatcatcher habitat within permanent impact areas for the Monterey Park Market Place. SCE is aware that the Monterey Park Market Place EIR did not include biological resources because the Initial Study determined that there would be no impact to biological resources. However, as a result of SCE's surveys in support of the PEA, SCE has reached out to the City of Monterey Park, the Market Place developer, and the trust responsible for the adjacent landfill.
- 2) The revised acreage numbers were documented in the letter sent to the CPUC on July 1, 2015: Revisions to Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Based on 2015 Protocol Surveys.
 - a. The project study area overlaps 3.80 acres of critical habitat. There are no anticipated ground disturbance within critical habitat. Project activity within critical habitat will be limited to stringing overhead line during the non-breeding season.
 - b. The amount of occupied breeding habitat in the project area is 1.40 acres (i.e., not critical habitat). This does not include the adjacent habitat within the Market Place footprint, which was surveyed in the PEA.
 - c. The temporal impacts to occupied breeding habitat is 0.98 acres.
 - d. The permanent impacts to occupied breeding habitat is 0.2 acres