



California Public Utilities Commission



March 3, 2026

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project (A.23-03-005); State Clearinghouse No. 2023110218

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) application (A.23-03-005) for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain the Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project (Project).

Lead Agency: California Public Utilities Commission

Project Title: Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project

Project Location: The Project would be located in the Mojave Desert region of California in the city of California City, within unincorporated San Bernardino and Kern counties, and on federal lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Defense, Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB). A portion of the Project would be located on and adjacent to hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, referred to as the Cortese List. Specifically, Draft EIR Section 3.9.1, *Environmental Setting, Hazardous Materials Sites*, identifies eight hazardous materials sites located on or close to proposed Project component sites.

Project Summary: The Project as proposed would include upgrading the transformers at the existing Cal City Substation from 33/12 kV to 115/33 kV and 115/12 kV; and construction of two new 115 kV subtransmission lines, the Kramer–Cal City Subtransmission Line, from Kramer Substation to Cal City Substation, and the Cal City–Edwards-Holgate Subtransmission Line, from Cal City Substation to Holgate Switchyard. The proposed Cal City–Edwards-Holgate 115 kV Subtransmission Line would also include a tap line to serve Edwards Substation located on EAFB. Fourteen new underground 12 kV distribution getaways and two new underground 33 kV distribution getaways from Cal City Substation are also proposed along with installation of telecommunication cable on both new 115 kV subtransmission lines and telecommunication improvements at the existing Holgate Switchyard and Cal City, Kramer, and Edwards Substations.

Significant Environmental Effects: The CPUC has prepared a Draft EIR analyzing the Project's potential environmental effects. The Project would have one or more significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, noise, recreation, and tribal cultural resources that cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The Project would have significant impacts that would be reduced to less-than-significant levels (with or without mitigation measures) related to: biological resources; geology, soils, and paleontology; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; transportation; utilities and service systems; and wildfire.

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Availability of Draft EIR: An electronic copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review on the Project website: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/CalCity/index.html>.

The Draft EIR is also available in electronic format, with computer access available at the following public library: **Kern County California City Branch Library:** 9507 California City Blvd. California City, CA 93505

Public Review: A 45-day comment period for the Draft EIR begins Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2026. Written comments should reference the Cal City Substation Project, A.23-03-005. Please include your name, address, and phone number or email address so we may contact you for clarification if necessary. Note that written comments submitted during the public review period become public information. Send written comments to:

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Or via e-mail: CalCitySub@esassoc.com (Please put: "Draft EIR Comments" in the subject line.)

Public Meeting: In order to explain the Project and alternatives and discuss each of the Project's significant impacts, and for members of the public and regulatory agencies to have an opportunity to submit verbal comments on the Draft EIR, the CPUC will hold two virtual public meetings on Thursday, March 19 at 2 PM and 6 PM. Zoom meeting link, webinar ID, and call in information are provided below. Identical project information will be presented at both meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION		
Two virtual Zoom meetings will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026		
Day and Date	Thursday March 19, 2026	
Times	2:00 p.m. -or- 6:00 p.m.	
Attend by	Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/CalCitySubstationMtg Webinar ID: 868 5610 8962 Or call in by phone: (888) 788-0099 (Toll Free)	